

Thunderbird Basketball



Coaches Pre-Season Meeting

for the

2016-2017 Season

29 Years of Community Service



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Agenda

- TBird Board
- TBird Charter, Player Eligibility, Fees
- Key dates for the 2016-2017 Season
- Coordinators
- Coaching Requirements, Concussion Training
- Team Selection Process, Leagues
- Practice Times, Game Schedules, Schedule Conflicts
- Use of Lakota Schools
- Uniforms & Equipment
- Additional TBird Functions

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Thunderbird Board for 2016-2017

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| • Anthony Stanley | Girls Coordinator | 405-4389 c |
| • Mark Kaiser | Boys Coordinator | 330-5689 h |
| • David Smith | Boy's Coordinator | 560-7818 c |
| • Mike Goldman | Boys Coordinator | 607-9152 c |
| • Fred Bontrager | At-Large | 623-7263 c |

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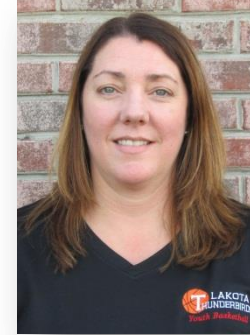
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Boys Coordinator



Mike Goldman
Boys Coordinator



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Thunderbird Charter

- Promote boys and girls basketball in the Lakota School District area.
- Develop individual & team basketball skills in grades 2-8.
- Establish teams based on player skill assessment and formal selection process.
- Require and enforce code of conduct for coaches, parents, and players.
- Work to integrate with Lakota School System and AAU basketball programs.
- Place teams in quality leagues and facilities to provide a successful experience for the players & coaches
- Support Lakota school sports programs

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Player Eligibility

- All players must reside in the Lakota School System boundaries.
- All players must complete a Thunderbird sign-up form.
- All players must attend the skills assessment.
- All players must pay the \$145 sign-up fee, which is due at time of signups.
- All parents must sign player's release & parent's permission agreement.
- All players and their parents must sign a Good Sportsmanship code of conduct agreement.
- A player cannot play for more than one Thunderbird team in a season.
- Players are not permitted to play concurrently on any other basketball team in the same league(s) as their Thunderbird Team.

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Fees

- Fee is \$145 per player
 - Covers entry into one league, referee fees, post-season tournament, uniforms, equipment, 1 practice/week, insurance, etc.
 - Refund policy: full refund on or before 9/16. No refunds after 9/16.
- Budget based on 10 players / team
 - Team fee is \$1,450 per team
- Exceptions
 - For families with more than 2 players: first two siblings (\$290 max), additional siblings (\$35 uniform fee only)
- Ref fees (\$25/game)
 - Fees are **paid by the coach** at each game during the year
 - Fees are refunded at the end of the year when you turn in your equipment

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Sign Up & Skills Assessment Times for Grades 1-6

Saturday, September 10th Liberty Jr.

| | <u>Girls</u> | <u>Boys</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 6 th Grade | 8:30 - 9:00 am | 11:00 - 12:15 pm |
| 5 th Grade | 9:00 - 9:30 am | 12:15 - 1:30 pm |
| 4 th Grade | 9:30 - 10:00 am | 1:30 - 2:45 pm |
| 3 rd Grade | 10:00 - 10:30am | 2:45 - 4:00pm |
| 1 st /2 nd Grade | 10:00 - 10:30 am | 2:45 - 4:00 pm |

(No Girls 1ST Grade)

All coaches are requested to be at the skills assessment to evaluate talent in their grade and to help with sign-ups

Sunday, September 11th Liberty Jr.

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| <u>Girls</u> | 1:00 – 2:00 pm | 2-6 grade |
| <u>Boys</u> | 2:00 – 3:00 pm | 1-4 grade |
| | 3:00 – 4:00 pm | 5-6 grade |

Players can come to the signups at any time if he preferred times above do not work. However, the coaches for that grade usually will not be in attendance to see those players tryout in person.

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Key Dates for 2015-2016 Season

- Tentative team draw dates Sept 24th – Oct 1st
 - coaches must be in attendance to draw teams
 - A coordinator will contact you to set up the final date/time
- Coaches contact players to confirm player participation by Oct 9th
 - Must notify Kathy Steen of any drops. Next available player will be added to your team. In order to assure correct uniform, must provide data by 10/9
- Coaches hold team meeting Oct 9th – 31st
 - Discuss practice, tournament and game plans

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Key Dates for 2016-2017 Season

- Equipment pickup, Saturday Nov 5th, 10:30 - 1:30 pm, Hopewell Jr.
 - Turn in signed coaches codes of conduct.
 - **Last** chance to turn in concussion training documentation
 - Pickup uniforms, equipment, final roster, final practice schedule, conflict schedule
- Coaches Clinics – for coaches & parents – at equipment handout
 - Nov 5th 12:00 - 1:15 pm Hopewell Jr.
 - Children will not be participating on the court but are welcome to attend
 - Drills will be demonstrated for players of all age and skill levels
- Practices start Wed Nov 9th (day after election day)

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Key Dates for 2016-2017 Season

- 7th – 12th grade sign ups scheduled for early November. Final details TBD.
No gym drills, only sign ups
- Draw all teams and hand out equipment no later than Nov 19th
- Uniforms handed out ~ before 1st game
 - call Joe Mills 265-2303 to schedule pickup, jemills68@gmail.com
- Season Starts Dec 3rd
- Lakota Holiday Break, no practices Dec 19 – Jan 3
- Team Photos Jan 13, 14, 15
- Regular Season Ends Feb 26
- Post season Ends Mar 12
- Equipment turn-in Mar 18

Times and locations to be confirmed

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Grade Coordinators

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Boys</u> | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1-2 | David E. Smith | 560-7818 |
| 3 | TBD | |
| 4 | Shawn Mason | 668-2322 |
| 5 | Brandon Cohen | 304-0418 |
| 6 | Daniel Wilbrand | 290-4193 |
| 7-8 | Mike Goldman | 607-9152 |
| 9-12 | Fred Bontrager | 623-7263 |
| | Ron Swift | 910-9673 |
| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Girls</u> | |
| 2-12 | Anthony Stanley | 405-4389 |

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Coaching Requirements

- All head coaches & assistant coaches must fill out coach's sign-up form AND complete concussion training
- All Thunderbird coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the Coaches Clinic
- Looking for coaches with the following qualities
 - Good track record working with children
 - Basketball knowledge
 - Will work within the Thunderbird Charter and rules
 - Be a positive role model and representative for the Tbird program
 - Must be able to pass a background check

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Concussion Training (Ohio's return-to-play law - 4/26/13)

- Requirements for both interscholastic & youth sports
- Youth sports organizations are required to
 - Require coaches & referee's to complete, every three years, an online training program in the recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussions and head injuries
 - Provide parents a 'Concussion and Head Injury' information sheet created by Ohio Department of Health. (You will give this paper to your parents)
- Information is available at:
- The Ohio Department of Health has approved three free online training programs
- For more information see this website under Online Concussion Management Training at: www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/concussion.aspx

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Concussion Training

- All head coaches, assistant coaches and any potential parent helper will be required to complete the concussion training
- You may complete one of three Ohio Department of Health approved online programs.
 - We prefer the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) program
 - Please see handout titled “Ohio’s Return-to-Play Law: What Coaches & Referees Need to Know – Youth Sports Organizations
- You will need to send a copy of your certificate of completion to Kathy Steen by October 31st.

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Team Selection Process

- 1st/2nd grade boys teams and 2nd/3rd grade girls teams
 - drafted to ensure competitive balance
- 3rd grade boys & 4th - 6th grade teams
 - If indicated on sign-up sheet, player will be placed with or with out previous coach (unless coach does not want player)
 - Competitive teams will be drawn first with a focus on competitive balance
 - The goal is for each player to play at the correct level of competition.
- Assessment scores are used as a guideline to place players on team
 - We do not aim to put the top 8-10 scorers on the same team
 - Selection is based on a combination of assessment scores and observed basketball & physical skills (3 on 3 station)

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Leagues

- 1st/2nd grade Boys and 2nd/3rd grade Girls
 - in-house league vs other TBird teams

- 3rd grade boys and 4th-6th grade teams
 - TBirds will sign each team up for 1 league: CAYBL is our primary league
 - We cover the cost of one league, refs, and post season tourney
 - Coach pays for referee fees each game and gets reimbursed at equipment turn in
 - Your team must cover the cost of any additional league
 - You must select the “no home game” option and play all games away
 - Recommended Leagues are: Cincinnati Area Youth Basketball, Kingdom, Sports Plus, Eastern Hills (girls), and Cincinnati Premiere Youth Basketball League

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Practice Times & Game Schedules

- ALL gym time will be coordinated by Kathy Steen
 - email: ksteen@cinci.rr.com 254-4219 c
 - 1-1/2 hr practice slot per week
- Home games coordinated (but not scheduled) by Kathy
- Game conflicts which are the result of participation in multiple leagues are the responsibility of the coach/team
- All communications with League officials are to be through Kathy (ie, complaints, protests, etc.)

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Schedule Conflicts

- Lakota Schools may preempt your practice if there is a school function.
- **Known conflict** schedule will be posted on Web page and communicated via email
- Make-up practices will be communicated via email
- **Additional conflicts will occur**
 - If conflicts occur:
 - Leave the school
 - Check with Kathy for a make-up time
- **Reminder:**
 - If for some reason there is no school on a given day, the gym is also closed
 - If school is cancelled mid-day (e.g. bad weather) the gym is closed
 - Schools are closed during Christmas break and so are the gyms

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Use of Lakota Schools

- Use of Lakota Schools is a privilege
- TBirds must protect school property
- Coaches **must** control their teams
 - *No bouncing basketballs in the school lobbies or hallways*
 - *All visitors, especially siblings, must stay in the gym & be supervised*
 - *Absolutely no wandering around school facilities is permitted*
 - Keep your players in the gym; supervise restroom breaks
 - Discuss & set expectations with players & parents at start of season
- Assign a team Parent to help supervise players
- Report any problems to the Coordinator

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Uniforms & Equipment

- Coordinator is Joe Mills, phone: 265-2303, jemills68@gmail.com
- Uniforms ordered are based on Assessment/Sign Up data
 - We will collect player size data at sign-ups
 - It's important that every participating player try on the uniforms to ensure correct sizing
- Coach's shirts - new coaches and if returning coaches need a replacement one
- Equipment: each coach gets:
 - 3 basketballs
 - mesh bag
 - score book
 - first aid kit

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Additional Thunderbird Functions This Year

- Teams will play at halftime of East and West basketball games
 - Girls at Varsity & JV games, Boys at JV games
 - Coordinators:
 - East: Mike Goldman
 - West: TBD
- Team Photos January 13th, 14th & 15th 2016
 - Mandatory team participation
 - Pam Naber will contact you to arrange a photo time
 - Assign a team parent to organize this if you do not want to

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Good Luck & Have A Great Year!

See you on Saturday, September 10th and 11th for Assessments
@ Liberty Jr. High