

# UPWARD BASKETBALL AT FISHERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Upward is more than a game! Your child will have fun learning or improving their sport-specific skills through Upward. Participation will give your child a chance to experience good sportsmanship on and off the court.

Program is for kids currently in grades K-6 and runs January-March 2018

**Registration for Upward Basketball is now closed!** Registration for our 2018 Season will begin August 28, 2017. Check back with us then!!

## Basketball

- Basketball players will receive a reversible mesh jersey, shorts and an Upward T-shirt
- Game day and year end awards
- Equal playing time for basketball players
- A one-hour practice and game each week starting the week of January 8, 2018
- Basketball Fee: \$95 per player if registered by November 15 . \$115 per player after November 15

## Key Dates

- Registration begins August 28, 2017. Registration closes when we reach capacity or December 17, 2017, whichever comes first.
- Players will be notified of team placement by Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.
- Practices begin the week of January 8, 2018
- First game is Saturday, January 20, 2018
- Last game is Saturday, March 10, 2018

## Evaluation/Orientation Nights

- In an attempt to create fair and equal teams, each basketball player must be evaluated according to height, skill and assertiveness
- Evaluations take approximately 20-30 minutes and are held at the Fishers UMC Life Center on the dates listed below
- All basketball players need to attend an Evaluation/Orientation Night.
- Families with more than one child in Upward need only attend one Evaluation/Orientation Night with all their registered children.

- Please contact [fishersupward@yahoo.com](mailto:fishersupward@yahoo.com) if your child will not be able to attend either one of the Evaluation/Orientation Nights to make other arrangements for evaluation and uniform sizing.

Evaluation/Orientations will take place as follows:

**Monday November 6, 2017:**

Last Names beginning with A – E, arrive anytime between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Last Names beginning with F – L, arrive anytime between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

OR

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017:**

Last Names beginning with M – R, arrive anytime between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Last Names beginning with S – Z, arrive anytime between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Or

**Saturday, November 11, 2017:**

Last names beginning with A-L arrive anytime between 9:00 and 10:00 AM

Last names beginning M-Z arrive anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 AM

Open gyms on Saturday

November 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

January 3, from 12:00-4:00

## Practice

- One hour per week (same time each week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday nights, Beginning week of January 8, 2017)
- Kindergarten practices are January 6 and 13, when games start K teams practice a half hour and play a half hour on Saturday.
- Practice times are 6 p.m.-7 p.m., and 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (typically younger grades early/older grades later)
- Team devotional (approximately 5 minutes)

## Game Info

- Eight (8) one hour games on Saturdays
- First game is Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018. Last game is on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

- Game start times vary any time between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays.
- All games will be held at Fishers UMC Family Life Center.

## Team Info

- Maximum 10 players per basketball team
- Each player signs up as an individual – not as a group or team
- Teams are drafted by computer after Evaluation Nights
- Most basketball leagues will have 6-10 teams per league
- Last year we had over 350 basketball players.

## Volunteer

Anyone interested in coaching and/or refereeing may let us know of your interest via any of the following options:

- Indicate your interest on the player registration form or email [fishersupward@yahoo.com](mailto:fishersupward@yahoo.com)
- Email [lcrane@fishersumc.org](mailto:lcrane@fishersumc.org)
- Call the church office at 317-588-3186
- Complete the online background form.
- All applicants will need to be approved to volunteer.

## Concessions

- Concessions are available on game days. The money raised at concessions supports Fishers UMC youth ministry and youth mission trips.
- Tickets are available to purchase to give to the teams for an after the game treat.

## For More Information:

Call 317-588-3186 or email [fishersupward@yahoo.com](mailto:fishersupward@yahoo.com)

Visit the [Upward Sports website](#) for more information, including a parent FAQ.