

## **WRANGELL PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **2012-2013 YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

**Dear Parents and Players,**

**Welcome and thank you for participating in our youth basketball league. Here at Wrangell Parks & Recreation, we believe in Athletes First-Winning Second. When the end of the season rolls around, we want these young players to leave with anticipation for the following season because they had such a positive experience learning the fundamentals of basketball. Not to mention, the great feelings and rewards of working together on a team, learning and improving skills, being a good sport and having fun playing basketball. If at anytime during the season you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact Kim Covalt or Victoria Martin at 874-2444. Let's all work together to make this the most positive season ever for our youth.**

**Registration dates are Thursday September 1st through Friday September 28th. This includes all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys who wish to participate in the Parks & Recreation youth basketball program.**

**The fee is \$ 40.00, payable at the time of registration. Jerseys will be checked out to players and must be returned to the Park & Recreation Department at the end of the season. If a player chooses to keep their jersey, it will be an additional \$ 25.00.**

**Please complete the registration forms:**

- 1. Participant Agreement**
- 2. Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet**
- 3. Parents Code of Ethics**

**And please return them to the swim pool office on or before Friday September 28th with the \$ 40.00 fee.**

**Team selection for all players will take place on Tuesday September 11th. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade players will be asked to demonstrate their basketball skills at the Community Center Gym from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be on one end of the gym and all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the opposite end to demonstrate their skills. The coaches will then go to the swim**

pool lobby to pick the teams. All teams will be picked from scratch again this year in an effort to make the teams as even as possible. **WE ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM REQUESTING A COACH AS THIS PUTS THE COACHES IN AN AWKWARD POSITION.** Our main goal is to match the teams up as evenly as possible in both talent and boy-girl ratio.

Practice begins the week of Monday September 17th. Practice schedules will be available at the pool office on Friday September 14th. This will allow each team to have 2 weeks to work together in preparation for the first games. Coaches will notify team members of practice days and times. **PLAYERS MUST ATTEND PRACTICE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE GAME THAT WEEK.**

Games are scheduled to start with a Jamboree to kick off the season on Saturday September 29th at 11AM. Games during the season will follow on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at either 5:15pm or 6:30pm. The first games will be Tuesday October 2nd.

The rules for playing the game for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will vary to encourage and enhance the learning process. We do not keep score for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams. These games will consist of 4 quarters of 6 minutes each, with a 5 minute break at the half. Each player must wear their issued red/white reversible jersey on game day. During the games, coaches are required to allow each player 6 minutes minimum of playing time per game.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade games will be 4 quarters of 8 minutes each with a 5 minute break at the half. During the games, coaches are required to allow each player 8 minutes minimum of playing time per game.

**PLAYERS WHO DO NOT ATTEND PRACTICE DURING THE WEEK WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY DURING THE GAME.**

All participants are encouraged to practice good sportsmanship. **Foul language, alcohol, drugs or tobacco will not be tolerated and may result in your child being removed from the youth basketball program.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINKS INTO THE GYM. WATER IS ALLOWED IN THE GYM FOR THE PLAYERS IN A SPILL FREE CONTAINER. PLEASE HELP US BY CLEANING UP ANY MESS MADE IN THE GYM.**

**As you may know, our youth basketball program runs on volunteer help from the community. If you are able to volunteer to help with any aspect of this program (coach, referee, score book, score clock, playing time keeper) please contact Kim Covalt or Victoria Martin at 874-2444. We also have a volunteer sign up sheet inside this packet that you may fill out. This is a great way for high school students to earn their community service hours. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.**

**We currently have the following meeting and clinic dates set:**

**TEAM SELECTION**

**Tuesday September 11th  
Community Center Player Try-Outs  
6:00pm to 6:30pm  
Coaches-Swim Pool Lobby  
6:30pm to 7:30pm**

**REFEREE CLINIC**

**Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Community Center Gym  
6:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Don't forget to mark your calendars! If we all pitch in and do one game, the season will go a lot smoother.**

**LET'S HAVE A GREAT YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON!**