

I am inviting your son to participate on a competitive basketball team that will practice and play tournaments October thru early April. The goal is to provide a competitive place to play basketball into High School. The cost to participate will start at \$165 (May require more depending on number of players, number of teams, number of tournaments and tournament cost. I would like to limit the number of kids but we will see the level of interest. We will try to have each player play in **7 tournaments**. (To allow for maximum playing time we will be only taking **8 players** to a tournament at a time. It was very difficult for me to keep up during a game with who has played who hasn't etc. So in order to help with this I am reducing the number taken to **8 players**.) So expect a rotating roster for the tournaments. Please note this rotation will not be even. Some players will play in more tournaments than others but everyone will get at least **7 tournaments** (Weather Cancellations withstanding). If I get more players asking to play then we will look to split into an A and B or 2 Teams. With some players moving between the two teams. It is not my intention to omit anyone but I am trying to contact the players where parents have spoken to me about playing competitively or coaches have made suggestioned players or players that have shown an interest in playing (attending camps, playing aau basketball, 3 on 3 tournaments etc) and would benefit from playing more competitively. If you are interested in having your son participate and feel your son is ready for this level and would benefit from playing competitively please contact me. If you are not interested please let me know as soon as possible, so that I can offer this opportunity to someone else that maybe is interested. I realize this may not be for everyone so please do not feel bad about turning this down. This team is not linked to Western Christian High School or its basketball programs or coaches in any way; other then the fact that some of the kids may end up going to high school there. I will be having around 20+ practices. We will try to have one practice a week. I am looking at using these various locations. This cost has not been included in the entry fee.

1. First Reformed Church Gym – Free if Available.
2. Western Christian High School – Free if Available.
3. Dordt Rec Center – (Each player must pay \$5 or have a pass to the rec center(\$160?))
4. Sheldon Christian School – (\$15 if Mediema's or Granstra's Reserve it)
4. Hull Community Center – I think the cost is \$35 to rent this.

We will do what ever is available and relatively in-expensive. We will try to find competitive tournaments to play in. The schedule will contain more then 7 tournaments in order to get everyone at least **7 tournaments**. Please let me know ahead of time if there is a tournament weekend you can not attend. I will then try to switch with someone. The closer to the tournament date this happens, the more difficult it becomes to switch with someone as people often make plans. So please keep this in mind. Late notice may mean forfeiting a tournament for your son.

With high school, church and grade school activities the schedule will have to be fairly dynamic to accommodate for conflicts. As I do not regularly check the schedule at your local school or church please keep me up to date on potential scheduling problems.

We do not intend to conflict with or take the place of your local Christian school AAU basketball team and/or the local Christian School Junior High Basketball team but provide an additional place to play competitively. The local Christian school Junior High Team and/or local Christian School AAU team should take precedent with regards to attending practice and tournaments. I do schedule well in advance and enter tournaments early. We will try and schedule around 8th grade school practices and games.

The schedule can be found at the following web site and will be updated on an on going basis. <http://www.mtcnet.net/~vanlingn/aaubb.htm>. Click the Tournament Team Schedule button under the 8th boys Section. Also, please let me know if you as parents have any questions or if you would also like to participate in some form. I look forward to working with your son! Parents please be on time when picking up your son after practice is done. I often have a meeting or other practices to attend after the boys are done. Please check the schedule regularly as times and locations may change.

Thanks

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"Success is not about talent, it's about commitment."



8th Grade W-Pack Basketball Team Entry Form



Instructions: Mark one of the options. Fill in the rest of the entry form with the medial release form. Checks can be made payable to Jeff Van Lingen . 328 2nd St NE Sioux Center IA. Please let me know by email by **Sept 19** if you plan to participate. **Money must be to me by Sept 23.** If you sign up late there will be an additional \$10 charge. I will begin entering tournaments as soon as they become open

\$165 – This does not include the cost of a Reversible Jersey for games. Add \$30 if a jersey needs to be ordered.

Participants Name: _____ Shirt Size: _____ (Please Order the Shirt larger then your son needs. Shirts can be sewn up to make then fit better and then let out as needed. This will allow for use for the next few years. If your son needs a larger shirt in a year or two you will have to purchase another one at that time.)

Jersey Number: 1st Choice ____ 2ND Choice: ____ 3rd Choice: ____
(Valid Numbers are 00 to 05, 10 to 15, 20 to 25, 30 to 35, 40 to 45 and 50 to 55. Numbers will be handed out on a first come basis. Note Some Numbers are Taken Already.) If you do not write a number down one will be assigned.

Participants Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ Email: _____

Player Weight: _____ Lbs Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Height: _____

Parents Signature: _____ will allow the posting of my sons name and pictures to our web site.

Web Site: <http://www.mtcnet.net/~vanlingn/aaubb.htm>

As a parent/guardian of the above named participant of 8th grade W-Pack basketball team, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations set up by the 8th grade W-Pack basketball team. I further agree to accept complete responsibility in matters of physical injury or loss that might result from such participation in games, practices or travel to or from such activities. I further agree that in the event of such injury or loss, there shall be no liability on the part of the Practice locations, Coaches, team volunteers or any of the sponsoring bodies associated with the sponsorship of this activity.

8th Grade W-Pack Basketball Team Medical Release/Liability Waiver Form

In the case of emergency, I authorize the 8th Grade W-Pack Basketball Team and/or volunteer coach to give permission for appropriate medical or surgical care for the above named player. In the event I cannot be reached, it is understood that a conscientious effort will be made to locate my child's emergency contact person or me.

<u>Order of Contact</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Home Number</u>	<u>Work Number</u>	<u>Cell Number</u>
1 st					
2 nd					
3 rd					

Parents/Guardian Signature: _____

Doctor: _____

If you have any comments or concerns please feel free to contact me.