

# Fern Creek Optimist Basketball



Basketball season is just around the corner and now is the time to register for what is sure to be another exciting year! Last year we had 500 players, and we expect even more this year. Our basketball league is available to players 4-18 years old. There will be separate divisions for 4/5, 6/7, 8/9, 10/11, 12/13 and 14-18 years old. We will make every effort to have boys, girls and co-ed teams. **The deadline for registration is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (late registrations are an additional \$25, if there is space available).** Like past years everyone has the ability to sign-up by mail. To do that, return the completed registration form and a check for the registration fee to the address listed below. Anyone who wishes to register in person can do so at Fern Creek High School in the lobby of the Big Gym on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 (10AM – 2PM).

## SCHEDULE:

Tryouts will be held at Fern Creek High School on Sunday, October 25th. Ages 4-9 will meet in the Small Gym and ages 10-18 will meet in the Big Gym. Tryout times are as follows:

Ages	9	8	7	6	5	4	17/18	14/16	12/13	10/11
Times	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	1:00	1:30	2:30	3:30

**The eligibility age is the age each player is as of December 31, 2009.**

**All players trying out will make a team.** The purpose of tryouts is to balance the teams as much as possible. Every player is expected to attend tryouts. Practices will begin during the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the first games will be played on Saturday and Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We plan to have a 10-game season that will conclude mid-February.

Games and practices will be held at various gyms in the Fern Creek area. Each team will have a one-hour practice on a weekday evening and a game (approximately 1 hour) on Saturdays or Sundays. There may be some weekends where a team plays more than one game.

## FEES:

The registration fee is \$110 per player (4/5 age group pays \$80). Please make checks payable to: Fern Creek Optimist and return the completed registration form and a check for the registration fee to FCO Basketball 10002 Brighton Springs Court, Louisville, KY 40291.

**NOTE: If more than 2 siblings in a family participate, the cost for the 3rd player is ½ price.**

## *We Need Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Sponsors:*

Volunteers play an integral role in the success of the Fern Creek Optimist Program. We need volunteer coaches and assistant coaches. If you are interested in volunteering, please mark the appropriate section of the registration form.

Sponsors are needed. We need one (1) company sponsorship for each team. The cost to sponsor a team is \$100. As we did last year – if a player finds or provides a sponsor for his/her team, then his/her registration fee is only \$75.00 (\$50 for 4/5). This discount is based on availability, and the sponsor's check must accompany the player's check.

Questions on coaching or sponsorship opportunities or any other matters can be submitted to: Rob Robinson. Contact him at 609-3368 or [roberobincoach@yahoo.com](mailto:roberobincoach@yahoo.com)

Also, if you know of a possible gym that could be rented for team practices, let Rob know about those as soon as possible.

The website for the league is [ferncreekoptimist.org](http://ferncreekoptimist.org)

As a reminder, Fern Creek High School asks that no one park in the Fire Lanes during tryouts, practices or games.

Note: Players who play for school teams in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or below can participate in our league.