

Announcing Open Tryouts for 2018-2019 Lake Boys Accelerated Basketball

To: All 5th & 6th grade boys participating on a 2018-19 Lake YMCA basketball team and who attend Lake Local Schools or reside in Lake Twp. and attend Lake Center Christian School. (Players must meet both requirements above to be eligible for participation.)

If you are a player who has a strong desire to learn to play basketball at a higher and more competitive level, then you are encouraged to come to an open tryout session and tryout for the opportunity to participate on one of the Lake Boys accelerated/travel teams for the 2018-19 basketball season. The tryout sessions are conducted by the coaching staff of the Lake Blue Streaks along with accelerated team coaches selected and led by Varsity Head Basketball Coach, Tom McBride. This season Lake 5th/6th grade accelerated/travel teams will begin play in December in the Tallmadge Allstar League, followed by weekend tournaments beginning in February. The Tallmadge Allstar League play on Sundays December through January and the weekend tournaments (played at various locations around NE Ohio) begin in February and run through mid-March. These teams will play a minimum of 28 games and as many as 40 games during the travel basketball season. The youth accelerated teams are supported by the Lake Varsity Boys Basketball program under the direction of Coach McBride and are not associated with the Lake YMCA except through the use of shared facilities. Lake boys accelerated basketball is also not in any way sanctioned by or associated with the Lake YMCA, Lake Local Schools or Lake Center Christian School.

Tryout Sessions for Grades 5 & 6: Sunday, October 28, 2018 @ Lake High School Varsity Gym (Enter Door #4)

- 5th Grade (1:45-3:30PM)
- 6th Grade (3:15-5:00PM)

Players & Parents please arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of the assigned times for check-in. All tryout sessions are "closed", meaning "no" spectators permitted. Also, there will be a "mandatory" parent meeting at the beginning of each session outside the gym. Parents should plan on staying for at least 10-15 minutes at the beginning of their player's respective tryout session.

Two teams will be formed for each grade level, a "Blue Team" and a "White Team". Each team at every grade will be comprised of up to 10 players and all teams will be of balanced skill level. **All players "MUST" attend a tryout session to be considered for one of the available player slots and placement on a team. Any exception "must" be reviewed and discussed prior to the scheduled tryout dates.**

Players and parents who are interested must be willing to commit to the following:

- One extra practice each week during the Lake YMCA season held on Sunday afternoon's beginning in December.
- Up to (2) practices each week beginning in January through the end of the end of the tournament season in March.
- Must be available to play in up to 5 weekend tournaments starting in February through mid-March. (Tournaments and corresponding dates yet to be determined)
- All parents of accelerated players will be required to work an assigned shift or shifts in the concession stand and/or at the entry gate during the Lake Youth Boys Basketball Tournament scheduled February 21st -24th, 2019. This tournament helps to support Lake Boys Basketball.
- **Cost per player \$190. Each player will receive a uniform (jersey, shorts & warm-up shirt). Player fees also help to cover costs for use of gym space for practice and also to offset the team fee for Tallmadge Allstar League as well as team tournament entry fees which average about \$230 per team per tournament. All costs of youth boys accelerated basketball are subsidized by the Lake Varsity Boys Basketball program.**

It is important that all players and parents understand that accelerated team coaches will make every attempt to ensure playing time for all players in every game but that playing time may not be equal for all players. This is an opportunity to learn to play basketball at an advanced, competitive level and is "not" simply recreational play. All players selected should consider it a privilege to participate regardless of the amount of playing time they get during tournament play and consider this to be a great opportunity to advance their basketball IQ, skills and learning the value of team work.

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