

2026 PARKS & REC FUTURE BADGER BASKETBALL

Schedule, Location, Etc.

- All practices and games are held at Valley View Elementary School Gym: 6750 August Street Bonners Ferry, ID 83805.
- Separate, clean tennis shoes, appropriate athletic clothing and water are **required** for practices/games. Bleachers will not be available during practices but parents are welcome to watch from sidelines. The gym door will **not** open from the outside once the first practice has started- you will have to be let in by someone inside the gym.
- All schedules are published on our website: www.boundarycountyparksandrec.org/sports-programs and available in the Team Snap app.
- **If school is cancelled, basketball is cancelled as well (except for our start date which is also President's Day, Feb. 16).**

Coaches

You are required to contact the parents on your roster and introduce yourself, make sure parents have the necessary information for practices etc. Background check form is required to be completed prior to your first practice. 1 free "sports package" of photos per team that you coach. Write coach on your order form and Line Point will bill to Parks & Rec. Buttons/posters, etc. are additional cost to you.

Picture Day

- Line Point Printing is our photographer for 2026. Order forms to be sent home at first practice, also available in the app or on our website: www.boundarycountyparksandrec.org/sports-programs
- Cash or check payable to: Line Point Printing; Parks & Rec/ coaches **do not** handle payments or orders for pictures. Photos are distributed to coaches once processed & passed out during practice. All children will get their photo taken regardless of ordering, that way parents can choose to order after if they forgot their form on picture day. Contact Line Point Printing for all orders after picture day.
- Please have your child on time and in their team t-shirt for picture day- **date TBD, email will be sent once it is confirmed.**

Sportsmanship Pledge

Boundary County Parks & Rec asks everyone to make this a great time for all. Please be a good sport in the stands and on the court. Respect your opponents; no talking back to players, coaches or officials. By showing good sportsmanship, you honor our kids, the game and our community.

Game Day

- All participants need to be on time or early for games with clean athletic shoes and water. Warm up starts 10 minutes prior to scheduled game start time. If you are late, you do not get additional warm up time (coaches included).
- **Please do not dribble/play with or shoot basketballs on/off the court if it is not your time to be playing. Basketballs rolling onto the court during a game are a hazard to players and referees- you will be asked to put it away.**
- Teams from the last game of the day are required to help put away chairs, pick up trash and sweep the gym floor, etc. See the ****IMPORTANT INFO**** on the game day schedule for details.
- Please help us by removing your garbage from the bleachers after games.
- Help in setting up/breaking down of equipment and courts is greatly appreciated.

Referees, Score/Time Sign Up Link

If there are no refs or volunteers for score/time, coaches will have to do it. This is not ideal- please sign up or text Kylie @208-304-3603 to sign up.

<https://signup.com/go/xbuBdKt>

Volunteers

- Our coaches are volunteers, please thank them and offer help when you can.
- If you are able to volunteer as a ref or scorekeeper for any games, please contact Kylie@ (208)304-3603 or sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/xbuBdKt>
- **Background check forms are required for all volunteers/assistant coaches and/or parents filling in for coach.**
- Snacks/drinks are a great way to help our kids stay fueled for practices and/or games. If a parent or parents from each team could help their child's coach by coordinating snack sign ups, that would be helpful.

Skills Objectives

Primary Goal: Provide a safe and positive activity that adds value to young minds while teaching or building upon the fundamentals of basketball, teamwork and sportsmanship. Have fun!

Fun & Fundamentals

- Equal opportunities: There will be fair playing time for all, regardless of skill level. All players should be given the opportunity to start throughout the season.
- There are no try outs; teams are built at random, using skills listed at registration in an attempt to keep teams even in skill level.
- Coaches are to work together to create a fun, learning experience for all participants.

3rd & 4th Grade Level Skill Objectives

- Dribble, head up with either hand
- Jump stop
- Understand traveling violations
- Pivot with either foot and practice triple threat position (ready to pass, dribble or shoot)
- Pass types: chest, bounce, overhead, side-step around
- Shooting form, follow through & release
- Defense (man-to-man)
- Offense: motion, pass and screen away, pick and roll, give and go, setting good screens
- Throwing the ball in from out of bounds
- Rotate through all different positions to help find their strengths and improve on their weaknesses
- There will be no press for this age group

5th & 6th Grade Level Skill Objectives

- Continue building on skills from 3rd & 4th grade level
- Rebound positioning, block-out, outlet, get the ball to point guard
- Offense: set up plays, incorporate more options from motion to set, pump-fake, dribble-drive, jab-step, point guard penetrate zone then dish, passing to beat a zone defense
- Defense: continue working on man-to-man, understand and practice zone defense
- Three in the key
- Press during second half of games at coaches' discretion – coaches need to be in agreeance to do this!

Game Regulations

- Warm up clock for games will start 10 minutes **PRIOR** to your scheduled game time. (ie your game is scheduled for 8am, your warm up begins at 7:50am). Teams will be given 10 minutes to warm up. Immediately following the warm up time, the game will begin. Coaches need to have their starting players prepped for their plays, etc. You will not be given additional time after the warm up time is over.
- **Games will have (4) seven-minute quarters, with one minute between quarters and a five-minute half-time.**
- Official basketball rules will be used, with some exceptions for 3rd/4th grade teams.
- Each team is allowed 3 timeouts per game.
- A running clock will be used; only stopping for free throws, timeouts, injuries and instructions. **The clock will be stopped for all infractions during the last minute of the game.**
- Equal playing time, ball-handling, starting positions for all players.
- **There will be no over time.**
- Fouls: Fouls will be called for all games, but only counted for 5th/6th grade teams. **Players foul out at 5 individual fouls.**
- Primary defense will be man-to-man. There will be no press for 3rd/4th grade teams. **5th/6th grade teams can play zone defense and/or full court press AFTER half-time and ONLY IF both coaches are in agreeance; otherwise, no press and man-to-man defense only.**
- The referee has the final say in all calls/problems, if they arise.
- During a game coaches need to work together to help the game proceed in a timely, efficient, and LEARNING manner. Please keep things civil and help the kids learn something from their games rather than focusing on winning or losing.

Score/Time & Refs

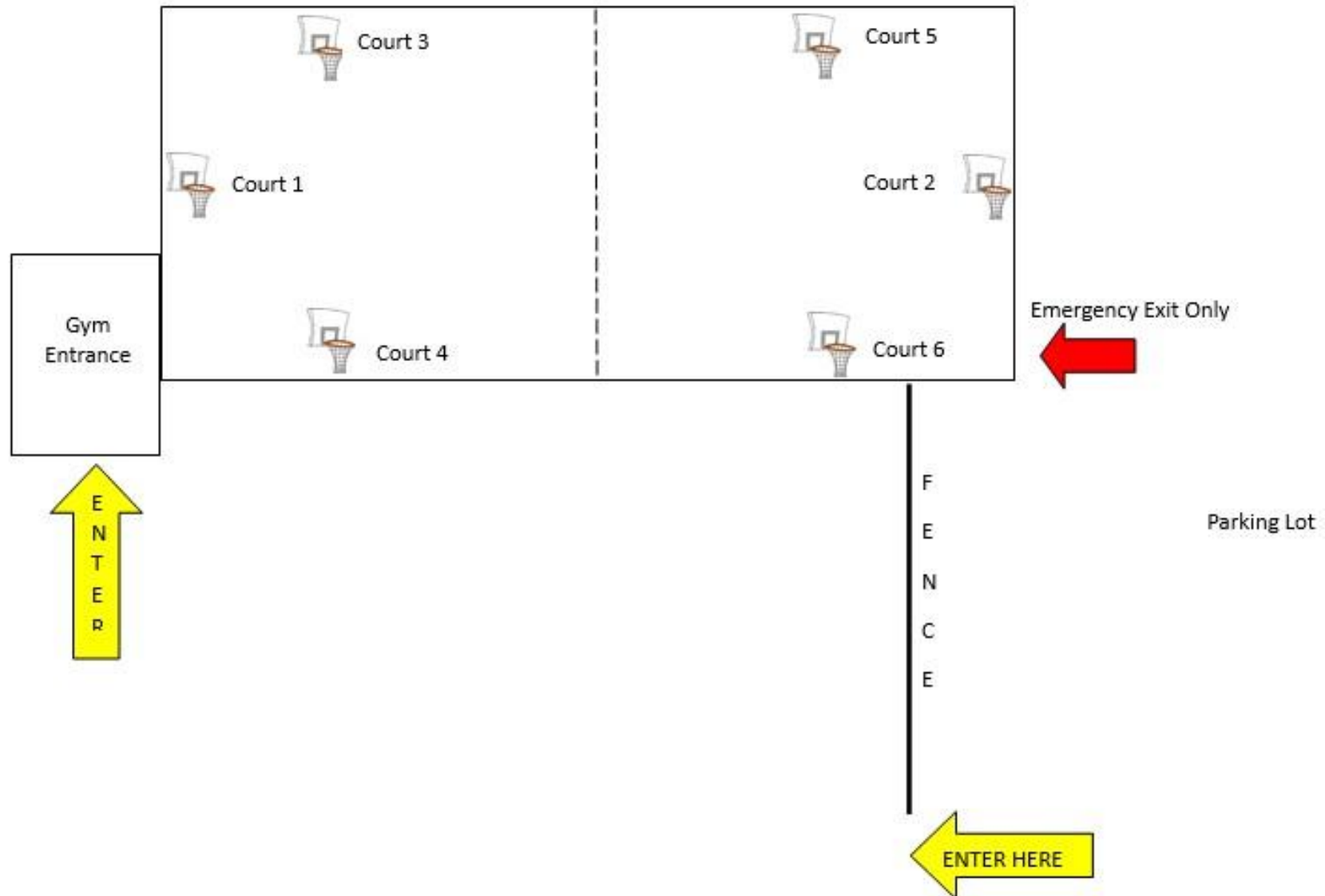
Refs will be given a \$10 gift card/game to a local business. Parks & Recreation thanks you for your volunteer time!

Score/time instructions, whistles and referee shirts will be at the score table.

Please be a few minutes early for your scheduled game time so that you can review the instructions on how to run the clock/review game rules and the game can start on time.

If you are keeping score/time, please stick around for the next parent who is signed up to help give them the rundown on using the clock-this is incredibly helpful for those who have never used it before!

Valley View Elementary



Practices may take place on a shared or half court, but games will always be on a full court (hoops from Court 1 and Court 2).