



## **2013/2014 Boys Basketball Travel Tryouts & Little Cougar League Information**

**Goal:** The primary goal of the Greenfield-Central Youth Basketball (GCYBB) program is to develop your son's enthusiasm for basketball and improve his basketball skills. We strive to create a team approach while improving the understanding of fundamentals and practice within healthy competition.

**Travel League:** For those players interested and who demonstrate advanced basketball skills, a travel league exists for grades 1-6. The evaluations will be performed on two days by a panel of evaluators watching tryouts. These evaluators determine which boys make the GCYBB Travel Program. The number of teams for an age group will be dependent on the number of participants, skill level, and the recommendations of the evaluation panel for the GCYBB Travel teams. If more than one team is necessary and enough coaches are available, the teams will be divided according to skill level with more advanced players on the "Blue" team.

### **What type of time commitment can you expect for Travel Basketball?**

The travel basketball teams will usually practice 2 times per week, typically beginning in October and play competitive games on Saturday or Sunday. The 1st grade team will practice once weekly as a team and participate in Little Cougar (LCL) with separate LCL teams November-December. After completion of LCL, a typical schedule would be to practice twice weekly and travel to Fishers for league play from January thru the end of February. Typically, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams play at the Fieldhouse in Fishers, Indiana on Saturdays from November-February. The 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade Blue Travel Teams play in the Indy Hoops League throughout the Indianapolis area and the Gold Teams could play in the HBA League which usually plays in Shelbyville or Southport. While playing on a travel team does require a commitment to a greater number of practices and games, it is intended to provide skill development and exposure to higher competition. This schedule runs from November thru the end of February.

### **How much does it cost to participate in the Travel League?**

The cost to participate in the travel league is approximately \$120.00 per player. These fees are used to cover the costs of uniforms, shoes, league entry fees and tournaments. We encourage you to not let the cost be an obstacle in your son's participation. We run a fundraiser through the program and last year almost every player ended up playing for free by raising money through the fundraiser.

### **Does my son need to attend both travel team evaluation days?**

**YES.** Every player should attend both evaluation sessions.

### **What do I wear to the travel team tryouts? *PLEASE WEAR WHITE T-SHIRTS- NO GC GEAR***

Prior participation in the Travel program is not a consideration during the tryouts. To assist in helping this not be a consideration, we are asking for all of the boys to please wear white T-shirts and non-GC basketball shorts or shirts of any kind to tryouts. We will provide reversible jersey's for all of the boys to use during 3 vs. 3 and 5 vs. 5 scrimmages. In particular, no GC basketball gear (shooting shirts, practice / game shorts or shirts) from previous years allowed.

**Travel tryouts will be at the Cougar Fieldhouse on the following dates and times:**

#### **Friday, September 13, 2013**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**  
**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**

#### **Saturday, September 21, 2013**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade from 12:00pm to 1:30pm**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade from 2:00pm to 3:30pm**  
**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**

**Little Cougar League – LCL - (Recreational League):** To offer other alternatives to travel basketball, the Little Cougar recreational league runs from the first of November to the week before Christmas Break. Typically, the teams will practice 1 time per week and play games on Saturdays. The primary goal is for all players to learn the fundamentals of basketball in a competitive but enjoyable atmosphere while developing interest in the game. This league is offered for all boys in grades K-8. The registration form can be downloaded or register online from the GCYBB website at [www.gcybb.com](http://www.gcybb.com). Registration for the LCL boys' basketball begins in September and closes approximately the second week of October. After registration is closed, a waiting list will be started.

Please visit [www.gcybb.com](http://www.gcybb.com) for more detailed information on the Greenfield-Central Youth Basketball Program. You may contact Aaron Willard @ 317-448-5571(Email [awillard@gcybb.com](mailto:awillard@gcybb.com)) or Greg Roland @ 317-538-3842(Email [groland@gcybb.com](mailto:groland@gcybb.com)) for more information.

