



I am writing to invite your family to be a part of the 2011-12 Signal Mountain Youth Basketball League. Last year, we had over 470 players – our largest number ever – play in our league, and we hope you'll be a part of the fun this season.

We have separate leagues for boys and girls in grades K-8, grouped by grade levels. The games begin in early January and conclude with our league tournaments in early March. Here's a little information about each league:

Kindergarten-1st grade – As an introductory, instructional league, these teams have a combined practice and game one night per week and **do not keep score**. They play on 8-foot goals, with the coaches out on the court, instructing as the game is played.

2nd grade & 3rd grade – This league uses referees and a scoreboard and plays on 8-foot goals. Each team will practice once every week, with a game every Saturday.

4th grade & 5th grade – This league uses 10-foot goals and a regulation sized court. Each team will practice once every week, with a game every Saturday.

6th grade - 8th grade – This league uses 10-foot goals and a regulation sized court. Each team will practice once every week, with a game every Saturday.

This is a recreational league that provides opportunities for kids to learn the game, develop their skills, and have fun. One of our most important rules is that all players must play at least half of each game, so regardless of skill level and experience, your child will get to play, which is one of the keys to our league's success and popularity.

There are two ways to register your child:

1. Drop off your registration form and payment during sign-ups at the Signal Mountain Town Hall on **Saturday, November 12, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**, or
2. Mail your registration form and payment to SMYBL, P.O. Box 32, Signal Mountain, TN 37377.

Registration forms must be submitted by Wednesday, Nov. 16. Leagues can fill up, so please make sure you sign up early to secure a spot for your child. If you have any questions about the league or the registration process, please contact me during the day at 488-7358 or by e-mail at mmurphy@rocktenn.com. Until then, we hope you and your child will join us for another fun season of hoops!

Mark Murphy
President, Signal Mountain Youth Basketball

P.S. For grades 2 through 8, our "evaluation days" will be on Sat., Nov. 19, and Sun., Nov. 20, at the Town Hall gym. You'll receive more details later, but for now, please put these dates on your calendar. There is no evaluation day for grades K & 1.