

2011-2012 Basketball Schedule of Dates

Registration begins	Oct 3 rd
Registration ends	Oct 24 th
Advisory Council meeting	Oct 24-26 th
	Team building session
Coaches meeting	Oct 30 th 3 pm
	Pick practice times
Coaches clinic	Nov 5 th 9-10:30 am review
	Rules & practice tips
Kids clinic	Nov 5 th 10:30- 12:00 pm
Practice starts	Week of Nov 7 th
Games start	Dec 9/10 th
Team pictures	Dec 5 th -15 th during
	Practice times (in uniform)
Evaluations sent out	Jan 28/29 th
Last regular season	Feb 10/11 th
Evaluations due	Feb 11 th
Tournament	Feb 13-17 th (9-10 & 11-14
	Boys and Girls)
Season ends	Feb 17 th



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PARENT HANDBOOK

Church League Youth
Basketball Program



Sumter Family YMCA

Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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All-Stars

9-12 year old boys will have an opportunity to be voted on by their coach and other coaches in the league to represent the Sumter Family YMCA at Clinton and Anderson for the All-Star tournament. After each game, both coaches will vote on players who showed their best skills and also who represented the values of the YMCA. The tournaments are held usually the last weekend of February and the first weekend of March. These tournaments are held at Clinton and Anderson against other YMCA's in the state.

Parent Evaluations

We appreciate your comments and feedback about staff and programs. Evaluations will be sent out at the end of January which will help us improve different aspects of our program such as new ideas, new guidelines, and ways to prepare our volunteer coaches. Please take time to complete these evaluations when they are distributed so we may use your feedback to make our YMCA Basketball Program even better for the following year.

Advisory Committee

We do have a committee that helps us throughout the pre-season, season and post season on all details. If you would like to be a part of this, contact Matt Bills at (803)773-1404 and will explain how we use your help and what we need.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs and memberships. Scholarships are provided through the YMCA "Open Doors" Program, funded by the "Change a Life" annual campaign. To apply for financial assistance, as for an application the Membership Services Desk.

This annual campaign runs throughout the spring, but the Sumter Family YMCA continues to accept donations throughout the year. If you would like to make a contribution or if you would like more information, please contact us at 803-773-1404.

Improving Health - *Your body is the temple of God. 1 Corinthians 6:19*

Parents' Code of Ethics

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I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge. I will:

- encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events.
- place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- support coaches and officials in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from using any of the above at all youth events.
- remember that the game is for youth and not for adults.
- do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- read the NYSCA (National Standards for Youth Sports) and do what I can to help youth sports organizations implement and enforce them.

Games

Games will be played on Friday evening 5:30 –7:30 pm and Saturdays from 9 am-3 pm. If there is an age division that has an odd number of teams, one team each week will play twice on a weekend.

Tournament

At the end of the season, the week of February 13-18, there will be a single elimination tournament for the older age groups. The top two teams will win a trophy for that team. This will be held throughout the week from 5:30-7:30 pm with the last game starting at 7:30pm.

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Dear Parent,

Welcome to the Sumter Family YMCA Church League Youth Basketball Program. Our volunteers and staff look forward to providing your child with a fun, unique and memorable experience while learning many skills in a Christian environment. We are dedicated to educate and improve healthy life style habits for the future of your young child.

The YMCA staff members are here to serve you. Contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for allowing the us to serve you and your family.

In the "Y" Spirit,

Matt Bills
Athletics Director

Our Mission

"To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all".

Our Values

Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Faith.

Our Methods

Offer high-quality program and services that develop youth and families, promote healthy living and instill social responsibility.

Our Promise

To work side by side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Our Cause

At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. We believe that lasting personal and social change can only come about when we all work together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors.

Serving Others - *Serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13*

Drop-off procedures

Everyone must sign in using the front entrance of the YMCA on Miller Road. Our youth center entrance is used only for our camps and Kidscape programs. Members will use scan cards to access the facility. Potential members, please sign in at the front desk in the guest book. We'd like to encourage parents to come in to assist your child to team practice.

Late Pick Up

Please be aware that your coach is volunteering their time. Call the front desk if there is a problem picking your child up from practice. They can alert the staff here to help with any issues.

Absentee Procedure

Be sure to contact the coach of your team if your child cannot attend team practice due to illness or other activities. They do set up activities and drills for the whole team to practice.

Emergencies

Routine cuts and scrapes are treated by our staff. In the case of serious illness or accident involving your child, the Sumter Family YMCA Athletics Director will contact the parents/guardians listed on the child's registration form. In the event that such can not be reached, your authorization signed on your registration form allows us to secure proper treatment. Please note: in the event of a serious emergency, 911 will be contacted first.

Lost And Found

We make every effort possible to return lost items. Label your children's belongings including shirts, shorts and water bottles. Parents are welcome to check our lost and found at any time. We encourage you to check for lost items as soon as you realize it is missing. Due to an overwhelming amount of lost and found items, we do donate the items to a local charity at the end of every month. The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Inspiring Youth – *Start children off on the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22.6*

Players' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Ethics Pledge. I will:

- encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
- play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.
- do my very best in school.
- remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Practice Times

Your team will be allowed one hour of court space per week Monday through Thursday 5:30–8:30 pm with last practice starting at 7:30 pm during the season until the final weekend on Feb 10–11th. The coach will contact you with this day and time for practice that fits best. There is open gym time for members to use the facility for extra practice time before team practice starts.

Uniforms

Every player in the league will receive a shirt that will be their team color with a number on the back. We prefer players wear shorts that do not have pockets to lessen injuries. Black soled shoes are not allowed on the gym floors.