

# Hollywood Dodgers

## 2008 Li'l Hoopsters Camp

### General Information

Welcome! We're delighted that you are allowing your child to participate in our Li'l Hoopsters basketball camp. We hope it turns out to be a beneficial experience for your youngster—we know it will be for us! We may need to make some adjustments during the course of the camp, but here's what we're planning:

**Clinics** – There are 3 weeks set aside for clinics which will emphasize fundamental skill development. Participants have different levels of experience, but they can all benefit from the drills. If it looks like the majority of the participants can use additional work, we will run another clinic on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in lieu of the scheduled games. If so, we will post an announcement the week before and will send out an email message. (Please try to check your email messages on Fridays as that is how we will communicate any last minute changes to you.)

**Games** – Players will be divided into teams after the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of clinics. There are a couple of existing teams that are participating this year, so we will try to keep them in tact. We will, however, add a few additional players to fill out their rosters. The remaining players will be divided into teams such that they are as balanced as possible in terms of experience. If you have any special carpooling or childcare needs and you haven't already notified us of them, please do so as soon as possible, so we can avoid making any changes once the rosters are set.

**Jerseys** - Numbered pinnies (vests that the players wear over their shirts) will be provided for the games. The pinnies will be collected and washed after each game. Existing teams may wear their regular team jerseys.

**Coaching/Team Reps** – The clinics will be run by Coaches Dave Uyeshima, Jim Nakabara, and Robert Yamaura (former high school varsity basketball coaches with many years of experience). Assisting them will be numerous Hollywood Dodger players, coaches, and parents. Hoopster parents are also welcome to help out, if they so desire.

For the games, we will need two or three parents from each team to step forward to coach their teams. Coaches will be allowed to run alongside their players, so they can provide immediate instruction to them. If any players are a little uncomfortable and need a parent to be out there with them, that's okay, too.

It would also be nice to have a team rep for each team. There isn't a lot to do—just schedule snacks for the games and get sign-ups for the jamboree potluck.

Anyone interested in volunteering should speak with one of the Hoopsters' staff or email us at [hwd@hollywooddodgers.org](mailto:hwd@hollywooddodgers.org).

**Officiating** – Hollywood Dodger high school students who are officiating for the CYC league games will act as volunteer referees for the Hoopster games. Officiating throughout the league will be adjusted according to the players' needs. For those who have more experience, the referees will make closer calls, so the player can learn what is and isn't allowed. For those who have less experience, the referees will allow a little more room for error, so the players can focus on learning the game and developing basic skills.

**Refreshments** – A water cooler will be available for the players during the clinics, games, and jamboree. Snacks will be provided to them at the close of each clinic. Once the games begin, teams will be expected to organize their own snacks.

Refreshments for the spectators are provided by the various Hollywood Dodger teams and Hoopsters' staff. Please visit the snack stand at the back of the gym. It's a great place to mingle!

**Hollywood Dodger Membership** – If you are interested in joining the Hollywood Dodgers, please notify one of the Hoopster staff members. We'll connect you with Leslie Nicho (Girls Commissioner) or Elaine Miyamoto (Boys Commissioner).

**Contact Us** - Please feel free to share any concerns or suggestions you might have with us, either in person at the gym or by email at [hwd@hollywooddodgers.org](mailto:hwd@hollywooddodgers.org).

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**Thank you for participating in the Li'l Hoopsters Camp!**