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City of Athens Youth Basketball League
Registration Starts November 1st

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – October 25, 2023 – The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces registration will be open November 1 through November 26 for the 2023-24 Youth Basketball League. The league is for boys and girls from pre-K through 6th grade. The focus of this recreational league is to teach the fundamentals of basketball, introduce new players to the game, and to improve the health of the players through physical exercise. This is done with a maximum two-hour per week commitment, with one hour set aside for practice and one hour for games and with all players playing a minimum of two complete quarters of each game. The cost is \$75 per player, which includes a reversible NBA jersey and matching shorts, a basketball, secondary medical insurance for each player, background checks for coaches, and game official expenses.

There will be a skills assessment on Monday, November 27 at 6 pm, for 3rd through 6th graders at the former Westside Elementary School. Pre-k through 2nd grade do not have a skills assessment. Practices will begin in December and will be held at the former North City and Westside elementary schools during the week. Games are currently scheduled for the following Saturdays: January 6, 13, 20, 27, and February 3, 10, 17, 24, with the possibility of some Friday evening games, at Athens City Middle School.

Applications are also being accepted for volunteer coaches and assistants. Anyone wishing to coach, or assist, will be required to pass a background check, and complete a training course. Applications are available in the Parks and Recreation office and on the City of Athens website, www.athenstn.gov.

“Our main focus of the City of Athens Youth Basketball program is introducing children to the sport and teaching fundamentals. We’re so excited to offer the youth of our community this outlet, and instill in them a love of recreation,” stated Derek Phillips, Program Coordinator.

Players can register online at www.athenstn.gov, by phone or in person at the Athens Parks and Recreation Office, located inside Athens City Hall at 815 N. Jackson Street. Office hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cash, check and credit/debit cards are accepted. For more information, call 744-2704 or email recreation@athenstn.gov.