



# WPC LITTLE HOOPSTERS

## FAQs

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### GENERAL

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**Question:** *What makes Little Hoopsters different from other basketball programs?*

**Answer:** Little Hoopsters is a Christ centered ministry focused on teaching fundamental basketball skills to children in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Our goal is for all children who participate in our Program to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We have devotionals at every practice where we discuss topics such as, God, Jesus, sin and the Holy Spirit. Our Program focuses on the fundamentals of basketball; footwork, dribbling, passing, defense, rebounding and shooting. We believe that these are core skills that all kids need to have in order to play basketball.

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**Question:** *Our son has never played basketball before. Will he have a good experience with Little Hoopsters?*

**Answer:** Yes, since Little Hoopsters is a developmental basketball program most of the kids who join have no prior basketball experience. We believe that your son will have a lot of fun meeting other kids and learning how to play basketball.

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**Question:** *Are there any additional costs that the registration fee does not cover?*

**Answer:** The only additional cost that is not covered by the registration fee is the parent provided snack bag. Every parent, except those who are volunteering to be a head or an assistant coach will provide snacks after one of the practice sessions. The registration fee covers a basketball, league t-shirt, team photo w/certificate, trophy, season ending party, coaches' gifts and a donation to the ETV building program.

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**Question:** *Our daughter will be a 2nd grader and will be playing basketball for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Can she be placed on a team with all girls?*

**Answer:** Unlike some other basketball programs, we place all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls on a girls' team. Kindergarten teams are coed; boys and girls. We have separate sessions for 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys. Based upon feedback from the parents we are planning to have an "all girls" 1<sup>st</sup> grade/2<sup>nd</sup> grade session once again this year.

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**Question:** *Who should we contact if we have questions?*

**Answer:** If you have any questions about Little Hoopsters, please email us at [info.wpclittlehoopsters@gmail.com](mailto:info.wpclittlehoopsters@gmail.com).

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## REGISTRATION

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**Question:** *Can I put in a request to have my son be on the same team as one of his friends?*

**Answer:** Yes, you can put in a special request and we will try our best to grant your request. However, due to the large number of participants and the logistics of our Program we cannot guarantee that your request will be granted.

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**Question:** *Should we wait to sign up our son for Little Hoopsters?*

**Answer:** We strongly suggest that you do not wait to sign up your son for Little Hoopsters. Our Program is very popular and fills up quickly.

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**Question:** *When will the registration period end?*

**Answer:** Registration will end at the end of May or when all of the available spots have been filled; whichever comes first. Last year all spots were taken within the first 2 days.

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**Question:** *When will we find out what team our daughter is on?*

**Answer:** The head coach of your daughter's team will contact you prior to the "Kick-Off" Session in July at Wintersburg Church. This will generally happen during June.

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**Question:** *When will we find out what time our son will be practicing at?*

**Answer:** When the head coach of your son's team contacts you, he/she will let you know what time your son will be practicing. This time will apply to all of the sessions at the Chinese Cultural Center. The coach will also let you know what time your team will be meeting for the "Kick-Off" Session at Wintersburg Church. Information about the actual practice times and the "Kick-Off" Session will also be available on the WPC Little Hoopsters page at: <http://wpcsportsministry.org/wpc-basketball/little-hoopsters-2/>

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## BASKETBALL

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**Question:** *Do we need to purchase special shoes for our son to play Little Hoopsters?*

**Answer:** Your son does not need special basketball shoes to play. We only require that every player wear tennis shoes to the basketball practices. We do not allow kids to practice in open-toed shoes, as this is a significant injury risk.

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**Question:** *What happens at a typical Little Hoopster practice?*

**Answer:** The first part of every practice is devoted to large group drills (footwork, dribbling), as well as a devotional. Following the large group drills will be team drills (passing, defense, rebounding, shooting). After the team drills the kids will play games against other Little Hoopster teams.

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**Question:** *My daughter participated in another basketball program last summer and they practiced on 10 foot baskets. Does Little Hoopsters use 10 foot baskets?*

**Answer:** We do not use 10 foot baskets. All of our baskets are adjusted to 8 feet.

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**Question:** *Our son will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and he is interested in playing for a Wintersburg team this season. Should our son play Little Hoopsters?*

**Answer:** Yes, it will be a good idea for your son to play Little Hoopsters. We provide more advanced drills for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, as we understand that many of the kids will be playing on a Wintersburg team in the winter.

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## SEYO

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**Question:** *What is SEYO?*

**Answer:** SEYO stands for the South East Youth Organization. SEYO is a youth sports organization composed of eight (8) organizations who participate in baseball and basketball. Wintersburg is a member of SEYO.

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**Question:** *We would like some more information about SEYO Basketball. Will there be information available at the practices?*

**Answer:** Yes, we will have information about SEYO Basketball at the practices. We will also have an informational meeting during the Little Hoopsters season for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents who are interested in SEYO.

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