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El Cerrito Youth Basketball 2009-10

Dear Players and Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to begin a new season of El Cerrito Youth Basketball! El Cerrito Youth Basketball is a recreational league open to players of all abilities. Beginning players are welcome at any grade. There are four divisions in the league, Boys and Girls 3-5th Grades and 6-8th Grades. Practices will begin the week of November 16th and games will begin on Saturday, December 12th and end on Saturday, February 13th.

We are also very excited to announce that Coach Anthony Billups, will be returning to the league as our Head Coach and League Coordinator! He will oversee coach development and training as well player development and practice plans. Anthony is a seasoned coach who challenges players in a fun and rewarding way and keeps them engaged in the sport.

This season, practices will again be held at Portola Middle School and games will be at Tehiyah Day School. Because of the limited time and space in Tehiyah Day School's gym, we will continue our practice and game format of the past few years where all players from the same age group practice together then are split into different teams each Saturday to play a game. If however, more than 24 players in a particular age group enroll, we will conduct a draft to create equal teams and half of the group will be assigned a new practice time. This is to ensure productive practices and personal attention from coaches for players.

Our basketball league is sandwiched in between soccer and baseball seasons that often mean players are still enrolling after the first few weeks of practice. We believe that it is beneficial to allow for this flexibility to maximize our enrollment so that we can constantly change up the teams. For this reason, the final game schedule usually is not available until the last week of November.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Chris Jones at cjones@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or Anthony Billups at abillups@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call us at (510) 559-7000.

Sincerely,

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