



2021 WARREN COUNTY YMCA Pre-K-1st Grade Bidy Basketball

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Pre-K-1st Grade Bidy Basketball at the Warren County YMCA. Thank you for having your youth in our program! First things first, our YMCA Basketball Leagues are all about the kids. It's all about teaching them the `fun`damentals of the great sport of basketball. We thank you for the opportunity in allowing us to help lead your kids!

For our Pre-K group, we will meet on Saturday mornings from 9-9:50am. Each week, your player will work on learning basketball fundamentals at several different stations as well as play fun games/activities with coaches and parent volunteers. These activities will help develop the initial skills needed for basketball. Later in the winter, depending on skill development levels, we may begin to play short quick basketball games with them towards the end of our time in the gym. Depending on the number of signups, we may split this group in 2 and have a 9am and 10am spot (depending on any COVID guidelines). IF this happens, I will let you know asap! Those of you who had kids in our mini session at the beginning of the year, you will remember we did this very thing. For now, we are sticking with this current schedule with EVERYONE at 9am!

For our Kindergarten-1st grade group, we will run stationary clinic style practices for the first 2 weeks prior to Thanksgiving doing the same stations as mentioned above. Starting week 3 (December 11), the kids will be placed on teams and will play a game of basketball for the majority of our gym time with 10 minutes of warm up prior to games. I will let you know on Week 2 which team your child will be on and will give you a game schedule for the remaining 5 weeks. These teams will be coached by Y staff and myself. I will also `ref` on the floor so any parents who want to help on the bench and rotate players in and out would be extremely appreciated. Staff will help coach, ref and run the clock. This will also be similar to how we did it in early 2021.

**The program schedule (dates) for both groups will be as follows:
November 13, 20, December 11, 18, January 8**, 15, and 22.**

We will not have the program on the following dates:

November 27 (Thanksgiving Weekend), December 4 (Splash Bash 2021 – Y Swim Meet), December 25 (Christmas), and January 1 (New Year’s).

Picture Day* – The asterisk on January 8th means it is Picture Day! We will hand out picture forms before Christmas. Please make sure your players come on January 8 with their program T-Shirt. Shyvel and Beckie from Shyvel’s Photography will be taking our pictures again this year!

T Shirts – I will plan on having your youth’s t shirts in and available on Saturday Dec. 11th at the latest.

Make-up Days/Cancellations – There will be 2 make up day options at the end of the session (Jan 29 & Feb 5). These will be used only if we have to cancel one of the above dates due to weather/any other issues. Cancellations will be made ONLY if the Winter Weather is deemed too dangerous. If I feel like we won’t be able to have the program, I will cancel, otherwise it is on. If you live out of town, and don’t think you can make it, but I have not cancelled, it is on you to decide if you want to come. I will wait as long as I can before making the call. I will send you all an automatic text from our computer system that will let you know if a cancellation is happening. Please avoid bombarding the Y with calls.

Thank you so much for reading this letter. I hope you and your child enjoy our program! If you have any questions, call me at the Y at 309-734-3183, or email me at ben@warrencountymca.org.

**Thank You,
Ben Davis
Youth Development/Member Services Director**

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