

How You Can Help

On behalf of children and adolescents, Fun and Freedom Basketball invites you to partner with us and support our faith-based youth program. Your donation will help to continue our current program as well as expand our areas of influence.

We are committed to continuing to develop and direct activities that will provide opportunities for youth, targeting key areas of their growth and development. All activities are carried out in a positive environment implementing sound sports instruction as well as incorporating Christian ethics, morals and godly principles.

Fun and Freedom Basketball, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Organization, therefore all contributions are tax-deductible. Should you be interested in partnering with us financially, you can download, print & complete the "Reply Card" (available on our website), enclose your donation, and mail to our address which is listed in this brochure or simply just mail a check or money order. (A receipt for tax purposes will be sent to you promptly.)

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Faith Based
BASKETBALL
Program
For YOUTH & ADOLESCENTS

"Our mission is to use sports, primarily basketball, to positively impact youth - physically, socially, morally, & spiritually as well as increase self esteem.

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Dedicated to the Memory Of
Fun and Freedom's Co-Founder
Coach Deeni Riddle

Who passed away 9/2/2006 after a 7 month
hard fought battle against leukemia.

After spending 30 years as a Health & Physical Education Instructor, High School Basketball Coach and volunteer Coach of collegiate women with Athletes in Action International Ministries - Coach Riddle understood the positive impact sports can have in a life. In addition - after becoming a Christian (in 1979) Coach Riddle also understood the positive impact Jesus Christ can have in a life.

It was in 2002 - a few years after taking an early retirement - Coach Riddle felt God leading her to start a Christian Basketball Ministry. Soon after, she co-founded Fun and Freedom Basketball, Inc. (a 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Faith-Based Organization) which is devoted to using sports to positively impact young lives physically, socially, morally and spiritually.

LEAD COACHES



Coach Marcene Guerrero - an experienced collegiate basketball player and High School Basketball Coach - is Fun and Freedom's Advanced Skills Lead Coach and Missions Director.

Coach Guerrero graduated from Azusa Pacific University where she played basketball 4 years as a starter—3 of those 4 years Azusa Pacific ranked 15th or higher in the nation. She also played basketball internationally with Athletes in Action traveling to Bolivia, Greece, the Philippines & Switzerland. In addition, during the summers of 2006, 2007 & 2008, she conducted Fun and Freedom's Advanced Skills Perimeter/Post Camp, led our 2008 Mission Trip and is currently in the preliminary stages of planning a 2009 Fun and Freedom Mission Trip. Coach Guerrero teaches and coaches at the High School level.



Coach Kathy Kotlinski - is an experienced Youth Basketball Coach. Prior to coming to Fun & Freedom - Coach "K" worked as an Assistant High School Varsity Coach, Jr. Varsity, Jr. High & Youth League Coach.

She has worked with Fun and Freedom Basketball for over 5 years and is the Lead Fundamental Skills Coach, Activities & Memorial Tournament Director.

Activities Conducted

Age appropriate Basketball Instruction as well as fun Gym Activities.



5 yrs. old - 2nd Grade

Instructional Camps, Clinics & "3 on 3" Play



3rd - 5th Grades

6th - 10th Grades

International Mission Trips



2008 Summer Mission Team

Sports have the unique ability to breakdown social, economic and cultural barriers enabling our Mission Team to travel internationally and promote good will, present the Gospel of Jesus Christ & encourage Christian growth.

Anticipated Outcomes

Participants are given the opportunity to:

- ⇒ Become More Physically Fit
- ⇒ Become More Socially Well Adjusted
- ⇒ Increase Their Self Esteem
- ⇒ Become More Spiritually/Morally Aware

Measuring Success

⇒ Physical Fitness

The coaching staff is able to visually measure the increased endurance, strength, hand/eye coordination, flexibility and agility of each participant

⇒ Social Adjustment, Self-Esteem, Spiritual/Moral Awareness

Although success in these areas is more difficult to measure we look to professional studies such as the one done by Michigan State University Sports Psychologist Dr. Marty Ewing, PhD., which strongly indicates how the relationship between the proper and positive use of sports and sports instruction can have a direct and positive impact on important character issues.

Social Adjustment: learning to take turns, share, value rules, cooperate with teammates as well as opponents

Increased Self-Esteem: helping participants gain confidence in their personal abilities and individual worth through positive coaching feedback resulting in a strong foundation built to resist negative peer pressure (saying "no" to harmful influences like alcohol, drugs, immorality, and gangs)

Spiritual/Moral Awareness: learning right from wrong, fair play, to abide by the rules, respect for teammates, opponents, officials and that there is a God who loves them