

## FUTURE FALCONS BASKETBALL PROGRAM

### A Focus on Skill and Player Development

Dear Parents,

I started the Future Falcons Basketball Program this past year in order to provide an affordable skills and player development program to ALL boys and girls in the 4th through incoming 9th grade at the feeder schools for Glendale. I hoped that we might have 20 families interested in such a program. There have been as many as 108 kids involved so far.

The program is a year round program. The hope is that the boys and girls who join as 4th graders will then stay with the program until they are headed to high school in August of their 9th grade year. I believe that if they do this, then they will have made great progress and will be able to enjoy basketball for a lifetime.

The Future Falcons Program is not an AAU or traveling organization. Instead, the staff focuses on SKILL development and TEAM development every week. The members are invited to be at both sessions every week. The members are also invited to join age appropriate teams at The Courts. However, participation in the leagues is optional. Members can choose to simply attend the weekly sessions. No matter what members choose to do and no matter how many sessions or games they can attend, they always receive the full energy of the staff.

What sets us apart from other programs? FIRST, there is no pressure if a member must miss a session or a game. They do not "lose their place." SECOND, a member may join the program at anytime. THIRD, as stated before, the program is affordable. The monthly program fee is \$45.00 per player. This works out to a little over 5.00 per session and when you add games, it works out to around 3.00 per interaction with our staff. Some programs currently cost as much as \$200.00 to \$300.00 per month. In my opinion, that is unreasonable.

The following are POSITIVE comments from Parents, Players, and Officials; (Parent) "Our family appreciates all of the very hard work and dedication of you and your staff", (Parent) "Thanks for all that you are doing and for your positive feedback", (Parent) "Thanks for your understanding, when we have to miss, and thank you for your hard work", (Parent) "Thank you for everything Coach Baker! I appreciate all that you have done/do to keep this program running. It has been very beneficial.", (Parent) "My son and I both agree that your program is awesome and has been very, very good for his game!", (Official) "The Future Falcons Program is by far the best out here!"

I appreciate the positive comments and I hope you will feel the same way. The Future Falcons Program is based on Respect, Discipline, Hard Work, and Honor. Our staff members must be appropriate role models and we ask that our young members live up to our basic principles. Bad sportsmanship and bad attitudes will NOT be tolerated

If you would like for your child to be a part of The Future Falcons Program, simply send an email to [kbaker@spsmail.org](mailto:kbaker@spsmail.org) or to [bakequad@mchsi.com](mailto:bakequad@mchsi.com). Please include the following information in the email; child's name, grade, and school. You will be added to an email contact group. Your child can join at any session. The program fee of \$45.00 is always due at their first session each month. Skills sessions are on Friday evenings and Team sessions will be on Sundays during the school year. Currently these sessions are during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you,

Coach Baker

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