



4th – 8th Grade Basketball Club Coppell, Texas

The Texas Xpress is the only year-round boys and girls youth basketball club in Coppell, Texas. Established in 2001, the club currently consists of seven teams: 4th through 8th grades including a new 6th & 7th grade girls teams that will start in the Spring '08. Every fall season, a new 4th grade team will be added to the club. Teams hold tryouts to supplement and improve their team as needed. The following is the Mission Statement and Goal for the Texas Xpress Club:

Mission Statement

The mission of the team is to prepare young athletes for basketball in the Junior High and Senior High levels by teaching individual and team fundamentals as well as building character so that they can deal with future obstacles in life.

Goal

The goal of the club is to establish a very competitive boys and girls year-round Non-Profit Basketball Organization based in Coppell with its own practice facilities for grades 3 through 12 to compete in competitive tournaments and leagues throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex.

Coaching Philosophy

At some point in a young player's development, a parent-coach relationship is not the best scenario. A young player tends to take advantage of the relationship and misbehaves during practice when others are trying to learn. On the other hand, a parent-coach could tend to put too much emphasis on his/her son and does not develop all the team members. Similar to the Select Soccer model here in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex, we have hired a Director of Coaches and a staff. These coaches will participate in practices and if there is a conflict in games, the coaches will split up and each one will coach a team. Playing time during games is spread out evenly throughout the seasons. We play to win all games, but everyone gets to play.

Director of Coaches – Coach Jim Wall

Coach Wall has been coaching for the last 40 years at various levels of competition. At the collegiate level, Jim was the assistant coach at Texas Tech, which won the Southwest Conference Championship and participated in the NCAA playoffs in 1985 and 1986. Jim also coached at Sam Houston State and West Texas State. At the High School level, Coach Wall was at Pascal HS, which reached the Texas State HS Finals in 1974 and 1983. He also coached at Colleyville Heritage, Grand Prairie and is currently at Western Hills located in Fort Worth. Jim coached his son's team, the Texas Tornadoes that competed in the AAU/BCI level for the past 6 years and took his AAU team to the National Tournament in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Assistant Coach – Coach Tim Moore

Coach Moore is currently the Head Coach at Northside High School in Ft. Worth and was an assistant Coach at OD Wyatt High School in Ft. Worth. Coach Moore is a graduate of Eastern Hills HS in Ft. Worth where he lettered in Basketball for two years. He has 19 years of coaching experience and a record of 302 wins and 92 losses. Coach Moore has been with the Texas Xpress Basketball Club for three year.

Assistant Coach – Coach Steve Thomas

Coach Thomas has been coaching AAU teams for the past 9 years. Currently, he is coaching his daughter's AAU team and has been doing this for the past 4 years. Prior to this, he was coaching the Colleyville/Heritage Varsity team in the spring and summer for 5 years. He was the roommate to the varsity coach at Colleyville/Heritage in college. He also has a 7th grade son on the Texas Xpress team. He will help tremendously with individual skills and also help coach when we have multiple conflicts.



2008-09 Season Schedule

(Not Finalized)

May 2008	Try-outs for rising 4 th through 8 th grade teams
August 2008	Practice begins on Sunday & Thursday evenings
September 2008	Pre-Season Fall Tournament within the DFW area - Three game minimum Coppell Hoops League begins for five weeks - Double headers on Saturday Practices continues on Sunday & Thursday evenings
October 2008	Post-Season Fall Tournament Practices continues on Sunday & Thursday evenings
November 2008	Pre-Season Winter Tournament Practice times TBD (Sunday evenings plus one night during week)
December 2008	Winter League Begins (several leagues to choose from) - IAD League in Carrollton - Coppell Rec Center League o Games are played on Saturday for eight weeks - Plano Sports Authority League or any other Competitive League o Games on Saturdays Practice times TBD (Sunday evenings plus one night during week)
January 2009	Winter League continues Practice times TBD (Sunday evenings plus one night during week)
February 2009	Post Winter League Tournament Practice times TBD (Sunday evenings plus one night during week)
March 2009	TAAF Regional & State Tournament Pre Spring Season Tournament Practices continues on Sunday & Thursday evenings
April 2009	Coppell Hoops League begins for five weeks Houston Kingwood Classic Tournament (mid April) Practices continues on Sunday & Thursday evenings
May 2009	Post Spring Season Tournament Practices continues on Sunday & Thursday evenings

2008-09 Estimated Cost

7+ Tournaments
3+ Leagues

Practice Facilities
Coach's Fee

Uniforms, duffle bags
Coaching tools

Approximately \$1500

If expenses run less, a refund will be provided at the end of the Spring Season. Fund raising events could also offset this amount.

Try-Out Results

If selected for the Texas Xpress Basketball Team, you will be contacted by phone no later than June 15. The results of the try-outs will be posted on the website by the number the player was given during try-outs.

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