



August 15, 2024

Dear Homeschooling Family,

This winter, we will be offering boys' & girls' basketball for homeschoolers ages 8+ (by 12/31/24)! We are planning for multiple teams for both boys and girls – 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U (JV) & 18U (Varsity). Team placement practices may be necessary, depending on the numbers. You will be notified if your child should plan to attend. This will help determine which team each player will be placed on (we do not make cuts). Players will be placed on teams at the coaches' discretion based on skill, age, and number of registrants, not necessarily grade. If more teams are needed, based on numbers, we will add more teams. Home Games will be played at Hunter's Creek Community Church of Lapeer and Away Games, will be played at the opposing team's court. It will be the responsibility of the players to obtain transportation to all games and practices. We will be competing against private schools, charter schools, as well as other homeschool groups in the area and surrounding areas.

Due to the nature of "competitive" team sports, it is necessary to practice as a team and to learn technique and important rules of play. A practice schedule and game schedule will be available soon on the website at www.faithhomeschool.net on the calendar tab. Our first official practices are scheduled for **Monday, November 4th**. **Practices to be held at either of these two locations in the month of November: Hunters Creek Community Church or The Baptist Church of Hadley.** Practices will be 2-3 times a week in November. Once games begin, we will continue to practice when games are not scheduled - commitment being 3 times a week, with an occasional 4th day. Games and practices will be in the afternoons and evenings. The regular season's games will conclude at the end of February. All our teams will compete at the State Homeschool Tournament in the middle of February. We will conclude the season with a Winter Sports Awards Program, February 28th, where each player will receive a participation certificate and special awards may be given. Our older teams may participate in Regional & National tournaments, based on interest, that would run into mid-March.

We want our teams to feel and look "official" so we will be using team uniforms at all games. All new players will need to purchase a uniform jersey and shorts (if you participated in basketball last year, no uniform purchase is necessary). New uniforms will be ordered by the F.A.I.T.H. Sports Program and paid for by the player (\$60 for jersey & \$40 for shorts). The players' jerseys will have their last name and number printed on them and will be used for consecutive years of play so keep this in mind when ordering sizes! **BONUS:** These uniforms are reversible, so all teams will have a "home" and "away" uniform (2 uniforms in 1)! Players will keep their uniform and be responsible for laundering between games. Player fees are as follows and include local tournaments and admission to home games this year:

\$250 – 10U & 12U teams

\$350 – 14U & older teams

If you wish to allow your child to participate in the winter, 2024/2025 FAITH Basketball Season, please fill out the online registration form at www.faithhomeschool.net. Regular registration ends **October 15th**. A \$25 late fee will apply if the registration is not received by the 15th of October.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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