



The Pioneer Elite basketball program will provide future Pioneers an opportunity to learn fundamentals and strategies, challenge themselves in competitive basketball practices and games, while playing with future high school teammates.

In order to participate, those trying out must live in the Kirkwood High School attendance area and plan on attending KHS. If chosen for the team, at least one parent or guardian must attend a mandatory parent meeting, which will be announced following try-outs.

Entering our 4th year, demand to play in the Pioneer Elite program continues to increase. We will add teams when possible when we have secured outstanding coaching and facilities. This year there is a possibility of having two teams at each grade level.

Nick Strubhar will be coaching the 8th grade Pioneer Elite Squad this season. Strubhar coached in the Kirkwood Basketball program in the ninth grade two seasons and has worked with Coach Gunn coaching youth basketball for ten seasons.

Bill Gunn, head varsity basketball coach at Kirkwood High School will be coaching the 7th grade Pioneer Elite squad. Gunn is in his 20th season coaching high school basketball.

Corey Dowden, assistant basketball coach at Kirkwood High School will also be coaching at the 7th grade level.

Armeake Estes and **Ben Woolf**, assistant basketball coaches at Kirkwood High School will be coaching the 6th grade Pioneer Elite team.

We are still in the process of gaining commitments from our 4th and 5th grade coaches for the 2011-2012 school year. Both teams will coordinate gym and practice schedules with other coaches from the Pioneer Elite program.

Skill Workouts: Sep 11,18,25 Oct. 2,16,23 KHS
Information can be found at www.kirkwoodbasketball.com

Try Outs: October 9, 2011 Kirkwood High School
Grades 4,5,6 5:00 - 6:30 Grades 7,8 6:45 - 8:15

Commitment: Expect your sons to spend two days a week with the Elite, three days on some limited occasions. We will practice two days per week from late October until the first games in late November. Once games begin we will practice one day per week.

Practice & Games: Teams will practice at Kirkwood High School. Players and staff from Kirkwood High School will assist with the Pioneer Elite Program. The practice schedule is located on the website for the entire season.

Elite teams will participate in the CNR league, which will play most games at Kirkwood High School this season. We will play approximately 10 league games and will compete in three tournaments giving us a total of 20 practices and 25 games.

Cost: Cost will include league fees, tournament fees, practice fees, uniform, and other Pioneer Elite gear. The fee for the winter season (Oct-March) will again be 250.00 per player.

Updates/Information: Practices, games, results, and Pioneer Elite information will be updated on the elite website currently hosted at www.kirkwoodbasketball.com.

Questions: If you have further questions please contact us via email at pioneerelitebasketball@yahoo.com or you may call. Nick Strubhar 314-368-8882



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