



## **All-Star Basketball Summer League**

### **YFC All-Star Basketball?**

A community collaborative basketball league designed for youth ages 10 – 18.

The purpose of the league is to simultaneously create an environment for the healthy athletic competition and holistic personal development of the young person.

The league is a mentoring program designed to link urban children and teens with caring adult mentors/coaches and referees and trained volunteers from the Erie community. Their primary role is to encourage each player, build healthy positive relationships, teach basic basketball skills and share life principals through “Hoop Talk”, which is a 25 minute character discussion. This talk is facilitated by some team coaches and/or a league volunteers before or after weekly practice time.

### **What is our mission?**

- ✓ To encourage each player to grow spiritually, socially, educationally and vocationally.
- ✓ To encourage each player to become an active member of a local church and their community.
- ✓ To create opportunities for character development through sports, competition, and relationships with their peers and adult mentor.
- ✓ To encourage opportunities for those struggling in school to get plugged into a tutoring program.
- ✓ To create opportunities and experiences for teens beyond basketball.

### **How can you be a part?**

- ✓ Be a host church or business, which sponsors a team and recruits players.
- ✓ Become a trained coach, who will act as a mentor to a team of boys and girls.
- ✓ Become a trained referee who will encourage teamwork, the rules of the game, and respect for others.
- ✓ Become a community volunteer to sponsor a player, or a team.
- ✓ Give financially to help cover the cost of players, coaches’ kit, and other league expense.

### **What can you expect from us?**

- ✓ To provide a safe, fun environment to Erie teens and their families.
- ✓ To train and outfit coaches, referees and volunteers.
- ✓ To provide business, community organizations and churches advertising materials and sponsorship information.
- ✓ To outfit teams with uniforms and individual kits: (which include game jersey, Bible-base character lesson, league organization, schedule, mentoring and lots of fun.)