

## Youth Basketball | 6<sup>th</sup> grade | Sign up Deadline for **Gopher League** is **Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Hi Parents -

**Youth basketball is back!**

*This form contains information about the 'Gopher League', which is different than the B.A. middle school team*

-**Full Details** are below

-Deadline to sign-up: **Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

-**Click here to sign up:** <https://forms.gle/JdqVZ2nWSqbcnh6n8>

### **Youth Gopher League**

-Approximately 2 games are played on select **Saturdays in December and January**

-The cost is FREE

-This new youth league first formed last year

### **6TH GRADE PLAYING OPTIONS**

I'm currently talking with Ed Friesen (Bethlehem Academy's Athletic Director/Varsity Boys Basketball Coach) to see what the plan is for this year's 6th grade boys and girls.

- **B.A. Middle School Team:** Sometimes, 6th graders 'play up' and join 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders depending on their skill level, interest, and if there aren't enough players on the B.A. middle school team. This is a Monday-Friday practice schedule with several home and away games during the weekdays.
- **Gopher League:** Otherwise, 6th graders who may not be quite ready to play on the middle school team at B.A. can play in this less-intense 'gopher league' – approx. two practices per week (**purpose of this form**)

Even if your child is uncertain if they will play, I encourage you to *fill out the form* so we can get an idea on the approximate # of players.

### **Sign-up Information Required**

-Please [fill in all information in the sign-up form](#) (for the student and parent/guardian)

-Primary form of communication during the basketball season will be EMAIL

-Note: all emails will be included on the team mailing list, with primary phone numbers as the first contact

### **Parent Volunteers Required!**

-Please consider signing up to coach, assistant coach, or simply help out at practices

-You don't need to know anything about basketball - I'll help each coach/team get started

### **Cost**

-As mentioned above, the 'gopher league' is FREE

-If some teams decide to sign up for additional tournaments, there may be a small fee

If your child is interested in playing but isn't sure they want to commit, that's okay! (and is quite common). I encourage everyone to try it out - many who were nervous ended up staying and playing for several years.

Thank you!

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