

JournalStar JumpBall 2008 Jamboree



Boys & Girls - 5th thru 8th grade

**BE A PART OF THE JOURNAL STAR JUMP BALL JAMBOREE
AT THE MARCH MADNESS EXPERIENCE!**

All boys and girls basketball teams, 5th through 8th grade, representing schools located in the Journal Star circulation area are eligible. **Entry deadline is Friday, January 11, 2008.**

The Journal Star Jump Ball Jamboree is a celebration of the sport's highest ideals among the next generation of players. Participating teams are those whose coaches, players and fans best model good sportsmanship with their honesty, integrity, loyalty, self-restraint, respect for each other and their opponents, fair play and excellence. They compete for the love of the sport. They win without boasting, lose without excuses. They respect and accept the decisions of officials.

Each weekend of the March Madness Experience will feature 16 exhibition games, involving 32 teams, playing on Center Court in the Journal Star Jump Ball Jamboree. The March Madness Experience takes place March 6-8 and 13-15 at the Peoria Civic Center. Eight games will be played Saturday; the other eight will be scheduled Thursday and Friday each weekend.

Each team is limited to a 12-player roster, and all players must see action in each half. Games consist of two 15-minute halves, with running clock. There will be a 5-minute warmup and a 5-minute halftime for each game.



SELECTION PROCESS:

- Fifth- thru eighth-grade students from schools within the Journal Star circulation area are invited to nominate a team from their school by submitting an essay (maximum 400 words) that explains how that team's players, coaches and fans exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Essays must be original work completed between September 2007 and January 2008. Any plagiarized or previously submitted essays will result in the elimination of all teams from that school.
- One nominating essay per team, please. Schools may nominate up to four (4) teams.
- A selection committee determined by the Journal Star will review the nominating essays, make the final selections, and extend the invitations to play in the Jump Ball Jamboree. All decisions are final.

- Each school selected to participate in the Jump Ball Jamboree will receive 15 tickets, good for admission to the March Madness Experience in the Civic Center Exhibit Hall on the day its team is scheduled to play. Each player will receive a Jump Ball Jamboree T-shirt and a certificate.

No schools will be selected without submitting an original essay. E-mail the essays by January 11, 2008 to: krude@pjstar.com.

Please put your school, grade, and gender of team in the e-mail subject line. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of the essay.

Questions? Call (309)686-3023.

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