

KEARNEY SNOW JAM

February 20-21, 2021 • Kearney, Nebraska
Open to Boys & Girls 3rd-8th Grade Teams!

The 28th Annual Kearney Snow Jam is slated for February 20-21, 2021, and is open to 3rd-8th grade boys and girls teams. Whether you are competitive tryout team, or a rec team, we have a division for you! The Snow Jam is large enough to offer multiple brackets in almost every grade, insuring competitive games throughout.

The Kearney Snow Jam will set the standard by which you measure all other tournaments. Nobody can beat our facilities, three game guarantee, organization, officiating crew, scoring staff and more. Our central location allows us to draw teams from all parts of Nebraska, and a number of out-of-state teams take part each year.

The tournament is organized by Mr. Basketball, Inc. Each year nearly 1,200 teams from 15-20 states compete in tournaments organized by Mr. Basketball. Our experienced staff will run the best organized & operated tournaments you play in.



- **Unbeatable facilities!** The Snow Jam is played in the 6,000 seat UNK Health & Sports Center main arena, as well as courts at several nice high school and middle school gyms.

- **Multiple Brackets in Most Divisions!** One of the best features of this event is the fact that we have 2-6 brackets in nearly every age group. This allows us to split teams by competitive level and makes it an attractive event for teams of all ability levels.

- **3 game guarantee!** Some tournaments only guarantee two games, at the Snow Jam everyone plays three!

- **Later start for distant teams!** We take travel distance into consideration when bracketing so that teams from a distance only need a motel room on Saturday evening. For example, teams from 3 hours (Omaha) won't play until 12 PM or later.

- **Experienced officials!** We hire and pay only experienced officials for all age levels. We have referees that come to Kearney to work from all over the state.

- **New competition!** 200 teams from Nebraska and several surrounding states will take part in the Snow Jam! We usually have 50-60 Nebraska communities represented, along with our out-of-state participants.

- **Digital scoreboards on all courts!** Every court has a digital scoreboard.

- **Medals!** We award medals to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places and Consolation Champs in the 8-team brackets and the top half of the teams in 4 and 6-team brackets!

Register your team early & make plans to participate in the state's premier youth tournament!

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KEARNEY SNOW JAM INFO

DATES: February 20-21, 2021 (Sat.-Sun.)

DIVISIONS: Boys Teams: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade

Girls Teams: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade

ENTRY FEES: Registration fee for all teams is \$140. We ask that each team pay with one check payable to Mr. Basketball Inc. Sorry, no refunds after registration submitted. A \$95 fee will be retained if the event is cancelled due to weather. If the 2021 event is cancelled due to Covid-19, registration fees will be refunded less the 3% Paypal online handling fee.

BRACKETS: These will consist of 8 teams, single elimination. All teams are guaranteed 3 games, as consolation games are played to determine 3rd, 5th and 7th places. Although very rare that we need to, we reserve the right to combine two grades if necessary to complete a bracket.

PLAYERS: Players must compete in their grade classification. Exception: Younger players may participate in older divisions. Players can compete on only one team in the tournament. If incorrect information is provided, the player and team may be ineligible.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Approximately January 24. After this date, contact Doug at 308-440-7267 or doug@misterbasketball.com to inquire about any open spots.

RULES: Games will consist of 8 minute quarters. The clock will stop on all free throws, time-outs, and injuries, and the last minute of each quarter. All teams must have numbered jerseys. A team may only press to a 10 point lead (no press in 3rd boys, and 3rd, 4th, 5th grade girls). Intermediate size ball (28.5) used for all divisions.

AWARDS: Large die-cast medals will be presented to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and Consolation Champ in 8-team brackets, and the top half of the teams in 4 & 6 team brackets.

NOTIFICATION: Schedule packets will be posted on our website at misterbasketball.com on February 12. Teams not accepted will be notified at the earliest date possible.

MOTELS

Kearney is a popular convention destination and offers many great motels. With the basketball tournament and other activities there will be very few extra rooms. It is very important that you and your team make reservations as soon as possible!! Our web site has a special page dedicated to motels with links to each property & has all of the phone numbers. The next page in this packet has information about the room blocks we have established at various motels.

MISTERBASKETBALL.COM & MISSBASKETBALL.COM

Visit our web sites to print out entry forms for all of our events. The site also has a great deal of information for your visit to Kearney, including ads & links to local restaurants, entertainment and more! Schedules will be posted on our web site February 12.

KEARNEY SNOW JAM TEAM ENTRY FORM

Please circle your team's division (grade):

Boys: 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

Girls: 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th



Email address for team rep or coach (required):

Team Name _____

Head Coach _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mobile Phone _____ *Please provide in case we need to reach you during event.

Assistant Coach (if you have one) _____

Honestly Rate Your Team (Weak) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Strong)

Please circle, does your team plan to COMMUTE or STAY IN MOTEL?

Return form & check payable for \$140 to:

MR. BASKETBALL, INC.
5003 AVE G PLACE
KEARNEY, NE 68847

We offer online registration on our website. Please consider using this option if registering at the last minute!
Visit misterbasketball.com.

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

Coaches & parents will be provided a detailed list of safety guidelines that will be in place at the facilities being used for each of our tournaments within each event's schedule packet. Schedule packets are typically available on our website 7-14 days prior to an event.

Spectators will be welcome at our events. If you are part of the high risk population, we encourage you to stay home.

We encourage spectators to wear masks while entering and exiting schools where the flow of traffic will be highest.

In the schools, if you are seated around family or have 6-foot social distancing, spectators may remove masks.

We will work with our local health officials and facilities to update safety measures as we approach the event dates. We ask for your cooperation and understanding as the conditions change between now (September) and the actual event dates this winter.

If an event must be cancelled due to Covid-19 local, state or federal measures, we will issue full refunds (online payment refunds will be less the 3% Paypal handling fee).

Snow Jam Motel Information

We have established a number of room blocks for the 2021 Kearney Snow Jam. Most of the motels are holding rooms for our group, but they are first-come, first-served. I would encourage you to call and put rooms in your team's name as soon as possible. Teams travelling from 3-5 hours away can safely plan to only need a motel room on Saturday evening. If you are travelling farther than this, you should contact Doug to see if you should get rooms for Friday and Saturday or if Saturday will do. If you have any problems making reservations, don't hesitate to contact Doug Koster at doug@misterbasketball.com for assistance. We believe all information below to be accurate but please confirm with each property. Rates are subject to change until reservation is confirmed with the motel. **BOOK YOUR ROOMS EARLY!!!**

BEST WESTERN PLUS 308-234-2541 has an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room and complimentary breakfast. Call the Sales Manager, Kelly Krier at 308.440.5488 during regular business hours to setup a room block for your team. If booking a single room in a block, please contact the front desk. Rooms are \$119.99 per night plus tax.

AMERICINN LODGE & SUITES 308-234-7800 complimentary hot, home-style breakfast, high speed internet, 24 hour coffee bar. Large indoor pool, hot tub, sauna. Spacious guest rooms with queen beds, fridge/micro, HDTV. Rooms are \$119 for double queen rooms (up to 4 people). Ask about Hospitality Suite for a team gathering and our late check-out options. Make sure you tell them you are with the Snow Jam room block.

COUNTRY INN & SUITES 308-236-7500 Indoor pool, hot tub, complimentary hot breakfast. Indicate that you are reserving rooms for the Mr. Basketball tournament and receive a 15% discount.

RAMADA INN 308-237-3141 indoor pool & hot tub that is a great gathering area for teams. Rooms are \$129 per night plus tax with free hot breakfast buffet. Tell them you are with the Snow Jam room block!

HAMPTON INN 308-234-3400 provides rooms for \$129.95 Friday, \$159.95 Saturday with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs.

LAQUINTA INN 308-237-4400 provides rooms for \$104.95 Friday, \$139.95 Saturday night with four persons per room, plus tax. Indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs.

FAIRFIELD INN 308-236-4200 provides rooms for \$129.95 Friday, \$149.95 Saturday night with four persons per room, plus tax. Indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 308-234-8100 provides rooms for \$119.95 Friday, \$149.95 Saturday night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub, free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs.

COMFORT INN 308-236-3400 provides rooms for \$109.95 Friday, \$139.95 Saturday night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub, breakfast & free wi-fi.

HOLIDAY INN 308-237-5971 provides rooms for \$119.95 Friday, \$139.95 Saturday night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor waterslide, pool, hot tub, free wi-fi, fridge & microwave, HDTVs.

MICROTEL INNS & SUITES 308-698-3003 offers rooms with 2 queens or a suite with 1 queen & a sofa pullout (microwave, fridge, sink) with continental breakfast & hot waffles. Indicate that they are reserving rooms for the Mr. Basketball tournament and receive a 15% discount.

NEW VICTORIAN INN 308-237-5858 Complimentary breakfast from 5am to 11am, fridges & microwaves in all rooms, free wifi, complimentary coffee & cookies. Indicate you are with the Snow Jam when you call. Rate is \$74.99 plus tax.

DAYS INN & SUITES 308-708-7456 JUST OPENED IN 2018! Rooms are \$__ per night with four persons per room, plus tax. Days Inn has pillow top mattresses, 48" TV, fitness room & hot continental breakfast.

CANDLEWOOD SUITES 308-237-5971 provides rooms for \$99.95 Friday, \$129.95 Saturday night with four persons per room, plus tax.



Holiday Inn
308.237.5971

The Holiday Inn indoor pool features two adult slides, and a children's slide!



All of our hotels offer:

- Complimentary breakfast
- Indoor pool and fitness center
- Coffee makers, microwaves & refrigerators
- Complimentary wireless internet
- Complimentary parking



Comfort Inn
308.236.3400



Fairfield Inn & Suites
308.236.4200



Holiday Inn Express
308.234.8100



Candlewood Suites
308.234.1100



Hampton Inn
308.234.3400



LaQuinta Inn & Suites
308.237.4400

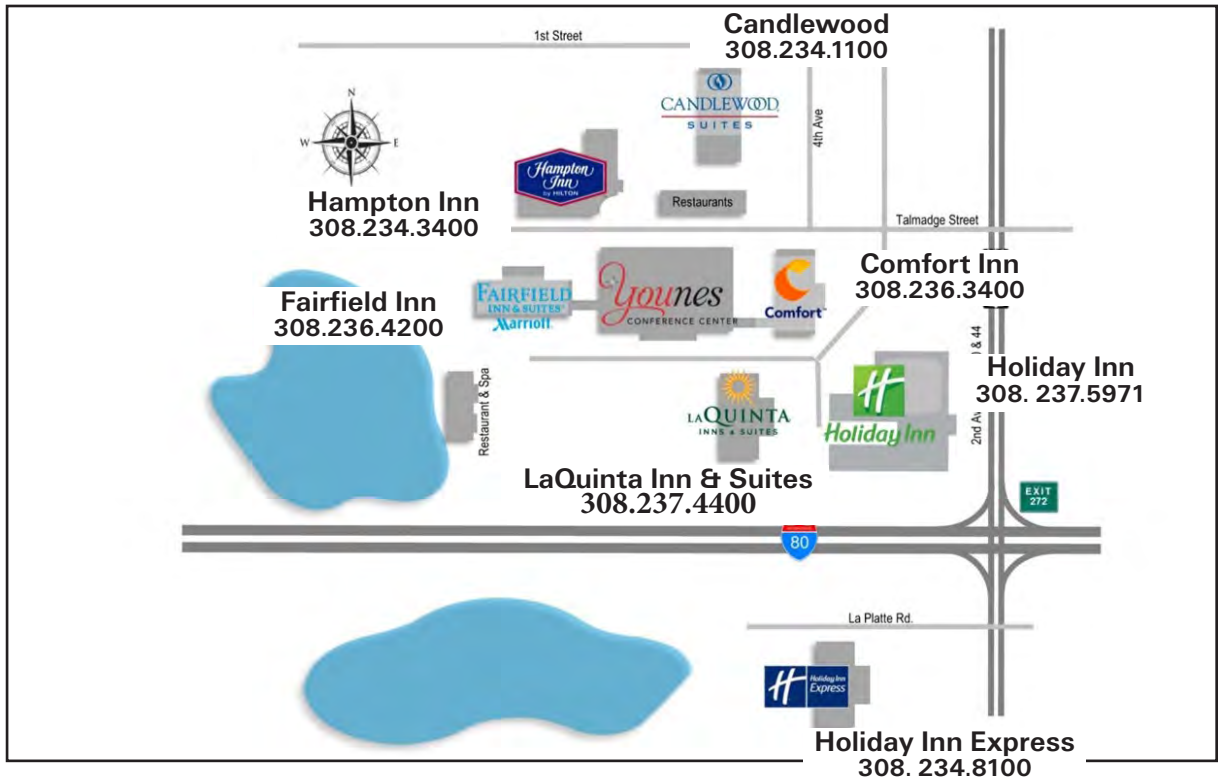
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To make your reservations...

Restaurants on the Younes Campus

...call the hotel of your choice and tell them you are attending the Mr. Basketball Tournament. You will receive the tournament rate.

Angus Burger and Shakes
Coppermill Steakhouse
Cunningham's on the Lake
Joy' Table



We look forward to seeing you!