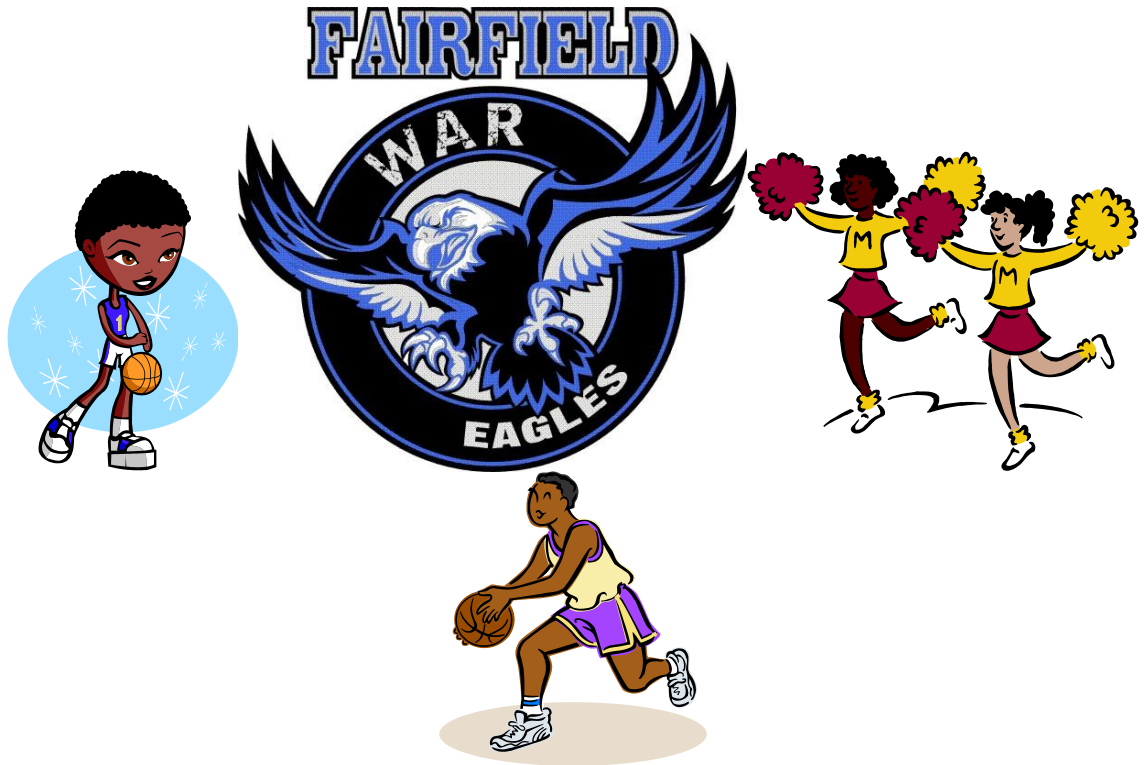


# Fairfield Baptist Church

2016 – 2017

Recreation Ministry  
Basketball/Cheerleaders

## Parent Information Package



**“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”  
Proverbs 29:18**

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## Basketball/Cheerleaders

### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a meaningful opportunity for our young people to engage in competitive sports and cheerleading and to take every opportunity to assist them with issues, teach them good competitive skills and encourage them to keep GOD as “THE” central figure in their lives.

Everyone who competes in the game goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; we do it to get a crown that will last forever. I Corinthians 9:25 (NIV)

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our Pastor Micheal Benton, we would like to thank you for participating in our 2016 – 2017 basketball and cheerleader program. We have taken several steps to make this basketball and cheerleading season the best season yet!

Our goal is to teach them the game of basketball, the art of cheerleading, how to work together as a team, good sportsmanship, and most importantly keeping God in everything they do.

The boys' games will be primarily played on Saturdays. There may be some boys' games scheduled on Fridays. Most of the girls' games will be on Fridays, with some games on Saturdays. Cheerleaders will cheer at each game and perform at all home games. The Cheerleader Coach will provide a schedule at a later date. The players will play at various churches and we will provide directions to each of these locations at a later date. **The season tentatively starts January 7, 2017.** The championship game will be played in mid - March 2017. There is no admission fee to enter the gym. There will be prayer before each game. We encourage you and your child to be mindful of this and respect this time. Parents, we encourage you to cheer and support your children during the games. Be mindful that we do have coaches, and we strongly encourage you to refrain from yelling instructions to players during the course of the game. This may confuse them and disrupt what the coach is trying to accomplish with the team.

**Requirements:** Each child must know “The Model Prayer” and “23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm”. In addition, each child is required to read, sign, and adhere to the Players Code of Ethics. This form will be discussed and given out by the coach. Parents are required to read, sign, and adhere to the Parent Code of Ethics.

- **Practice:** Practice will be coordinated with each Coach. Parents must pick his or her child up on time after practice. If we foresee a problem, we will insist that parents stay the duration of the practice.  
**NOTE: PLEASE BRING CHILD TO PRACTICE ON TIME AND TO EACH GAME ON TIME.**
- **Uniforms:** The uniforms will not be issued unless your registration fee is paid in full. The players will keep the basketball/cheerleader uniforms. Cheerleader uniform cost is not included in fee. There will be additional cost for uniforms.
- **Dress Code:** Proper Uniform etiquette will be strictly enforced during the game. This means that the jersey must be tucked inside the shorts and the shorts must be secured at the waist.  
**NOTE: THIS WILL BE ENFORCED AT PRACTICE AS WELL AS GAMES.**
- **Grades:** Coaches will check report cards at the end of the first semester and the next six weeks progress report. If a child is failing a course, he or she will come to game, dress out, and not play that game. We ask that parents help implement this. If a child needs tutoring, Fairfield offers tutoring through the AEP program. Please contact the church office for assistance.
- **Discipline:** Each coach and child must know that in order to get respect, you must first give respect. Bad attitudes, talking back, and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. The coach will address the child and talk with the parent on each occurrence. If the behavior persists, the child will sit out of a

game. If the parent needs assistance with addressing discipline problems with the child, Fairfield offers help through the Youth Ministry. Please contact the church office for assistance.

- **Concession:** Parents are asked to sign up to volunteer to work on the concession committee.
- **Snacks:** The Team Mom will coordinate a snack date for each child to provide snacks, if desired. Games will be played at different gym locations. Please be considerate of gym rules at each site. Fairfield Baptist Church gym does not allow food items on the gym floor. All food should be eaten in the designated eating area. Only Gatorade (no red) and water are allowed on the gym floor for the team.

### **Important Events**

- **Pep Rally**
- **Sock and Hat**
- **Pictures**
- **Family Night with the Atlanta Hawks**

We encourage you to talk with your child's coach if you have questions or concerns. If the situation is not resolved, we ask that you then see the following:

Keith Benton (Boys Director – **Ages 5-17**)..... (404)309-0425  
Tiffinee McGilberry (Girls' Director- **Ages 5-17**)..... (770)323-5760  
Brittany King (Cheerleader Director - **Ages 4-17**)..... (678)360-8041

We look forward to a wonderful fellowship with you and your child. Have a spirit filled season in Jesus' name.

Sincerely,

Pastor Micheal Benton  
Keith Benton – Boys Director  
Tiffinee McGilberry - Girls' Director  
Brittany King - Cheerleader Director  
Alma Jackmon – Basketball/Cheerleader Administrator  
Ceceila Horne - Basketball/Cheerleader Administrator

## MICHAEL BENTON FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### *Gym Rules*

- Men are not allowed to wear hats, du-rags, or wave caps while inside the gym.
- No outside food or drinks allowed in the building.
- No gambling or betting of any kind is allowed.
- No smoking.
- Dress appropriately at all times.
  - Pants must be pulled up
  - Shirts and shoes must be worn
  - Appropriate gym shoes must be worn
  - Hats off
- No dunking and hanging on the rims of the basketball goals.
- Refrain from rough play and profanity. You may be expelled from the gym immediately.
- When others are waiting to play, please limit play to 1 – hour half – court.
- Display good sportsmanship.
- Balls should never be bounced or played with in the hallways and on the sidelines during games.
- No one is allowed to bring any equipment in the building except for authorized officials or coaches.
- **Do not allow children to run and play in lobby area and in gym during games.**
- Do not bring lawn chairs into the gym. Protect the floors.
- Do not enter kitchen area unless directed by staff.
- Please do not go onto the stage.
- Do not pull fire alarm unless there is a life – threatening emergency (i.e. choking, heart attack, fire, etc.).
- The gym is closed during worship services, please join us in SERVICE.
- No fire arms allowed

## PARENT'S CODE OF ETHICS PLEDGE

Parents also should be held to a standard of behavior that provides a positive environment for their child's sport experience. The *Parent's Code of Ethics* should be read and signed by each parent of your players.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this *Parent's Code of Ethics* Pledge.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sport events.

I will place the emotional and physical well – being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from his/her use at all your sports events.

I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and other officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports' experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sport's coach and that the coach upholds the *Coaches' Code of Ethics*.

I understand and agree that any unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, and verbal or physical abuse of any team member or team member's property, FBC Family Life Center Staff, Coaches, Officials, or parent will result in my being asked to leave premises, until further notice from the Director or such time as the Director may deem fair and necessary.

Child/Player/Athlete Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYERS' CODE OF ETHICS PLEDGE

Coaches and parents have a responsibility to provide the best possible experience for the youth in Sports programs. However, the players also have certain responsibilities related to their participation. The *Players' Code of Ethics* should be read and signed by each member of your team

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sport's experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this *Players' Code of Ethics* Pledge.

I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, parents, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event by demonstrating good sportsmanship.

I will attend every practice and game that I can and will notify my coach if I cannot.

I will expect to receive a fair amount of playing time.

I deserve to have fun during my sport's experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!

I deserve to play in a sport's environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and expect adults to refrain from their use at all sport's events.

I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.

I will do my best in school.

I will treat other players, coaches, fans, and other officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

I will remember that a sport is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

I understand and agree that any unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, and verbal or physical abuse of any team member or team member's property, FBC Family Life Center Staff, Coaches, Officials, or parent will result in my being asked to leave premises, until further notice from the Director or such time as the Director may deem fair and necessary.

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_