

Dear All-Stars,

Congratulations! I am happy to announce that you have been selected to participate in the 18th Clarion County YMCA “Sportsmanship I” All-Star Basketball Games.

This year’s games will be held at Keystone High School on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The Girls’ All-Star Game will be held at 2:00 PM, followed by the Boys’ All-Star Game at 4:00 PM.

We call these All-Star Games “Sportsmanship I” because we want to emphasize Sportsmanship first. If you don’t practice good sportsmanship, but play to win at all cost, it is a very shallow victory, for you are sacrificing the true meaning of what sports and athletics are all about.

You are receiving this letter because you have been selected to play in the 2018 “Sportsmanship I” All-Star Games and have accepted our invitation to play in the game. Therefore, you need to submit via email to Rich Rhoades, at richrhoades1969@yahoo.com as soon as possible, and no later than Friday, March 26, 2018, your senior wallet-sized photo or action shot, and a personal 3 paragraph write-up consisting of 150 words or less on the following:

- Your academic and athletic accomplishments
- Your future plans
- The person who has been the most influential personal in your basketball career and why.

This information will be used in the 2018 “Sportsmanship I” All-Star Basketball Games Program. This gives you the chance to thank someone for all the support they have given you throughout the years. If you do not submit this information by March 26, 2018, only your name will appear in the program, as the program must be prepared and submitted for print in a timely manner to be ready for the event.

Parents - if you would like to have a congratulatory message to your son or daughter included in the program we have a backboard level donation this year to ensure a spot in the program. The recommended donation is \$25 for a 1/8” page ad, up to 100 words. It is not a mandatory requirement to participate in the game. Please send donations to the Clarion County YMCA – Sportsmanship 1 – 15952 Route 322, Suite 1, Clarion, PA 16214 - Attention Jesse Kelley. Email your write-up to Jesse at jkelley@clarionymca.net by March 26th, 2018 and he will make sure it’s in the program.

Attached, in addition to this introductory letter, please find information and documents regarding the 2018 Clarion County YMCA “Sportsmanship 1” All-Star Basketball Games. These include the following:

- Sportsmanship in Our Society, & History of “Sportsmanship I” All-Star Games by Norbert Baschnagel
- 2018 “Sportsmanship I” All-Star Games Schedule of Events
- “32-Point shooting contest” rules
- Waiver Release Form – This form must be signed by a parent or guardian and submitted at registration (12:00 – 12:30 PM) on April 7, 2018. **If the waiver form is not signed and submitted by this time, you will not be permitted to participate. No exceptions.**
- NCAA Tournament Acknowledgement Form. This form must be signed by the participant and submitted at registration (12:00 – 12:30 PM) on April 7, 2018. **If the NCAA Tournament Acknowledgement Form is not signed and submitted by this time, you will not be permitted to participate. No exceptions.**

I am looking forward to meeting you at the games. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Good luck.

Sincerely,

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