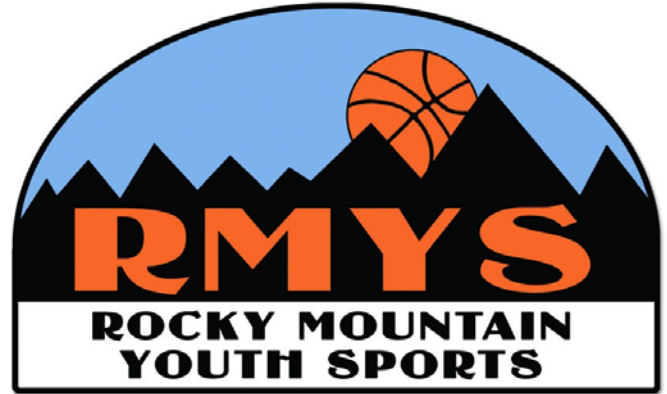


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**Rocky Mountain Youth Sports Basketball Tryouts Start September 8**

***Teams forming for Junior High and Middle School boys and girls***

Fort Collins, Colo. — Rocky Mountain Youth Sports (RMYS), a new local non-profit, is organizing youth basketball teams for boys and girls to play in northern Colorado. Tryouts will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. the week of September 8 in Fort Collins. Teams are forming for boys in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades and for girls in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Founded by Program Director Shannon Lopez and Executive Director Dorsi Smith, RMYS was started in June of this year to address the need to connect coaches and students from elementary through high school ages interested in playing basketball. The program is open to interested students from any school or community.

“There are limited options locally for kids who want to play basketball,” notes Smith. “I grew up in Kentucky, where basketball is everywhere, so we wanted to provide more opportunities for players to learn the game, build their skills and improve their playing abilities.”

Lopez commented, “With the experience Dorsi and I have with sports, running our respective businesses, and working with kids and in the non-profit realm, starting a new group to fill this need just made sense.”

Tryouts are \$15 when pre-registered by September 5th, and each participant will receive a t-shirt and two 90-minute tryout sessions. RMYS teams will play in established local leagues. Practices will begin the week of September 22. Games begin Sunday, October 12, and two games will be played each Sunday through November 16. Tryout registration forms and more details are available at [www.RMYouthSports.com](http://www.RMYouthSports.com) or by calling (970) 631-9310.

Coaches sought: RMYS is interviewing coaches for fall 2008 teams. Interested coaches are asked to please contact Shannon Lopez at [shannon@RMYouthSports.com](mailto:shannon@RMYouthSports.com) for more information. Coaches will be asked to undergo a background check and provide references.

**About Rocky Mountain Youth Sports**

Rocky Mountain Youth Sports is dedicated to providing opportunities for youth of all ages to play basketball. The non-profit strives to advance the game of basketball through a solid organization focused on character and skill development. For more information, visit [www.RMYouthSports.com](http://www.RMYouthSports.com), call (970) 631-9310, or email [dorsi@RMYouthSports.com](mailto:dorsi@RMYouthSports.com).

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