



We are excited to offer our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade youth RISE team. This will be the eighth year for this competitive basketball team(s). The Rise program has truly helped the basketball program and allowed the program to be competitive year in and year out against the more athletic opponents we face at the high school level. We continue to expect this higher level of competition to foster more competitiveness and basketball knowledge for our Woodruff basketball program. If you wish to be part of this team, you must tryout. We look forward to what you can bring to our basketball family.

Sincerely,  
Coach McConnell  
WHS Varsity Basketball Coach

The Rise Team will be led again by Coach Chris Lea, Rise coach and WMS assistant boys' basketball coach (former D-1 college football player and HS all-area basketball player). He will be assisted by Mr. Hodges (has helped for years with Rise, former college basketball player) and Mr. Casey, (former Woodruff alumni and HS basketball player).

**Rise is for any District Four boy in 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade who has the skills to play on & make a developmental competitive team** (a true basketball experience where you will learn plays, have real officials, etc).

- **Rise will have a 2-day tryout at Woodruff MIDDLE School, November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 635-755pm. This is not just evaluations but tryouts, you need to be at both days of tryouts.** (please enter through the back of the gym, doors will not open until 6:25pm b/c of WMS practice)
- **COVID INFO- Players, Parents, or anyone that enters the gym must have a mask on.**
- Parents may not be in the gym during tryouts, but parents need to walk in to drop off
- Practices will be in Woodruff; games will be played at the Dorman School gyms in the D6 League.
- If you make the team, practices will be 1-2 times a week at a District Four School gym; practice days may vary
- No cost to tryout. Payment is due **ONLY** if you **MAKE** the team. The cost is \$50 if you make it
- We hold our tryouts early, so that if you do not make the team you will have plenty of time to sign up and play at Upward, Hoops for Christ, etc. to further your skills in hope to see you make the middle school team
- Remember, this is to be a competitive team and so playing time will NOT be equal. The coaches will use their judgment on who and when to play the players. (All players, will play every game, but playing time will not be equal) Typically 6<sup>th</sup> will play more than 5<sup>th</sup>.

If any questions feel free to contact Coach McConnell: [bmccconnell@spartanburg4.org](mailto:bmccconnell@spartanburg4.org) or 864-476-3150

Health/Liability: (return this paper on the day of tryouts; if lose, I will have extra copies at tryouts)

\_\_\_\_\_ (print Child's Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (phone #)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship to child), certify that my child is physically healthy and fit to participate in the Woodruff Rise Tryouts. I am aware that no responsibility is placed on the District Four Schools, Coaches, or Instructors in case of health problems or injury (physically, mentally, or socially). This documentation is a legal statement stating that District Four, Coaches, or Instructors will not be held accountable for health problems or injury.

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