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Basketball Skills Camp Set for Sept. 21

The City of Perris is hosting a day-long basketball skills camp on Sept. 21 as part of its ongoing “Live Well” campaign.

The free camp features 10 coaches from various City-sponsored leagues and takes place at the Bob Glass Gym on the City Hall Campus, 101 North D Street. The camp is open to boys and girls.

“The Live Well Perris initiative provides something for all residents and this is a great opportunity for our young people to learn the skills of a game that many play,” said Michelle Ogawa, the staff person helping organize the upcoming camp.

The Sept. 21 camp features basic-skills lessons, including dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding and playing defense. The event is broken down by age groups: Players 5 to 7 years of age take the court from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; 8 to 9 year-olds participate from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; youngsters 10 to 13 play from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and participants from 14 to 18 take part from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. As part of the day’s events, players from 10 to 18 also will take part in a scrimmage.

“It’s a great chance for players of all abilities to improve by practicing their skills so they can play to their potential,” said Paulnesha Magee, a City recreation employee who is coordinating the camp.

Don Mills will be coach at the upcoming camp. Mills coaches a recreation-league team as well as a travel-ball squad made up of more skilled players. The re-league team is more challenging—and more rewarding, he said.

“The challenge of teaching those kids the skills makes it more rewarding,” Mills said. “I am excited the City of Perris is offering this skills-camp. It affords Perris kids they need in the future to play the game and to have fun at the same time.”

Mills said the City has expanded greatly the number of recreational programs run out of the Bob Glass Gym, providing more opportunities for Perris youngsters of all ages and skill levels.

“This place gets used a lot,” he said of Glass gym. “I can’t say enough good things about the City of Perris.”

Raffles will take place throughout the day and prizes include basketballs and gym equipment. Registration takes place right up until the start of the camp at the Bob Glass Gym.



Perris recreation employee Paulnesha Magree is coordinating the Sept. 21 basketball skills camp at the Bob Glass Gym.