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Why should my child get involved in Wintersburg's Sports Ministry?

Who calls my home phone number most often? It's those people who have a phone number that begins with either "800" or "866". Yes, I'm talking about those telemarketers who call my home at least 3 times a day to try and get me to buy or commit to something. Despite hearing many "no, thank you" from my lips, they continue to beseech me. In this letter, I am going to reverse roles a bit, and ask you, the reader, to consider committing to something that I think is quite valuable. I'm talking about the Wintersburg Sports Ministry.

The Wintersburg Sports Ministry will give your family an opportunity to grow in unique ways that most other forms of involvement cannot provide. As a parent, coach,

and pastor, I have seen first hand what a great thing this Ministry is. When you get involved in the Wintersburg Sports Ministry, your family will have an opportunity to learn the important dynamics of being part of a team, learn leadership skills, develop closer relationships in your family, and most importantly, discover Christian truths that are absolutely essential for life.

How do these things happen? When you join any of the teams in the Wintersburg Sports Ministry, you become part of a new "family." Regardless of skills or experience, each person, including the parents, are valued and extended warm hospitality. Your children will learn how to win or lose as a team, learning to affirm,



encourage, support, and challenge each other to grow and improve. Your children will learn important leadership skills, as modeled by the committed coaches, parents, and other family members. You and your children will learn the value of practice, perseverance, and commitment, as part of a team. As part of the Wintersburg Sports Ministry, you and your family will have an opportunity to (continued page 2 top)

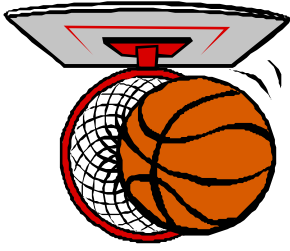
What Is Success?

There is probably no more successful coach in basketball than the legendary coach of the UCLA Bruins, Coach John Wooden. In 40 years of coaching high school and college, Coach Wooden's teams won over 80% of their games. While at UCLA, he

compiled a record of 620-147 which included 19 PAC-10 Championships, 10 National Championships, and an amazing 149-2 record at Pauley Pavilion.

But despite coach Wooden's successes on the

basketball court, what makes him even more successful in my mind is his faith and trust in Jesus Christ. In his book, "They Call Me Coach" he attributes his success to knowing the Savior. He writes, "I always tried to make it clear that basketball is



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engage in an activity together. Life in the 21st century does not provide many opportunities where the entire family can participate, whether it is as an athlete, coach, Team Mom/Dad, or just being an encouraging presence for our young athletes. The Wintersburg Sports Ministry can provide such opportunities on a regular basis.

Finally, and most importantly, your family will have an opportunity to discover and be nurtured by Christian truths.

Here at Wintersburg, we see the Sports Ministry as a vital extension of the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through this ministry, we hope to integrate the critically important truths in the Bible into our lives, through the avenue of sports. We firmly believe that athletics and the Bible belong together. We believe that you and your family will be blessed because of it. As you and your family participate in the life of the church, you will grow spiritually, a dimension that is not

bound by wins and losses, talents or skills, and has eternal consequences for all of us.

We warmly extend our invitation to you to join our Wintersburg Sports Ministry.

In Christ,
Pastor Fred Tanizaki
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Girls Pee Wee Lower "Panthers"



The WPC Lower Pee Wee girl's team is off to a great start this year, under the guidance of Coach Rody Yoshinaka and Assistant Coaches Doug Kuriki and Jeff Amimoto.

We had a chance to talk to the girls and ask them what they enjoy about playing for the WPC Purple Panthers.

"Playing point guard!" was the answer given by Rebecca Yoshinaka and Katie Quon, as they gave each other high-fives.

Three of the players, Kara Kuriki, Kayleen Amimoto, and Katie Kcomt

said they enjoyed shooting. These three girls have taken a lot of shots this year and scored many of the Panthers' points so far this season.

Anna Sasaki and Taylor Wong like to play "any kind of offense." They have worked hard this year practicing the plays Coach Rody has the team learning.

Working hard and staying focused during practices and games can be a challenge for Lower Pee Wee players. But Amanda Liu and Debbie Iwakiri are two players who consistently hang in there, working and playing hard through practices and game.

The Panthers as a team have shown that they are teachable, willing to work hard, and respectful of their coaches and of each other. With

all that going for them, we think they're going to have a great season! (Far Left: front row; Katie Q, Kaylene, Amanda, Katie K, Taylor; 2nd row; Kara, Anna, Rebecca, 3rd row; Coach Rody, Team Mom Kelly, Asst. Coach Jeff, missing Asst. Coach Doug)



Boys Pee Wee Lower #1 “Lakers”



"Lakers" Left to Right: Back Row: Coach Gene Yee, Christopher Tarr (30), Assistant Coach Lillian Chow, Michael Yee, Assistant Coach Craig Uno. Front Row: Matthew Miyagishima, Matthew Matsuo, Alan Yee, David "DJ" Uno, Daniel Santin, Bryan Arevalo, Chas Hornecker

Boys Lower Midget #2 Jets



Left to Right. Top row: Coach Joseph Chiang, Logan Kasper, Wyatt Marlow, Alex Chiang, Daniel Miyagishima, Chris Yano, Assistant Coach Johnny Sawada. Bottom row: Ryan Duong, Shane Sato, Jonathan Sawada, Alec Hasegawa. Player Alex Castaneda is missing.

“There are three keys to winning basketball games: defense, defense, defense”...

...”Magic’s Touch” by Earvin Johnson, Jr.



What Is Success? (continued)

not the ultimate. It is of small importance in comparison to the total life we live. There is only one kind of life that truly succeeds, and that is the one that places faith in the hands of the Savior. Until that is done, we are on an aimless course that runs in circles and goes nowhere. Material possessions, winning scores, and great reputations are meaningless in the eyes of the Lord because He knows what we really are and what we really can be, and that is all that really matters."

What makes Wintersburg different from the other SEYO organiza-

tions is that we seek to help others to come to know the Savior. That is our hope and desire. That is a core value of Wintersburg. We truly hope that everyone who participates in our sports ministry will come to know the Savior. The Savior who was born at Christmas and grew to reveal who God is. This same Christ, died on the cross and rose from the dead three days later to save us from our sins and to conquer death. I truly believe that the most important decision that anyone can ever make in their life is to determine once and for all, who Jesus Christ is. Was he a liar, a lunatic, or who he claimed to be, Lord. Deter-

mining who Jesus Christ is will determine where you will spend eternity. What more meaningful question could be asked, "who is Jesus?" If you have any questions about who Jesus Christ is, I would be happy to talk with you, just give me a call.

Blessings,

Pastor Ted Esaki

Wintersburg SEYO Committee

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Sports Ministry Message

I hope the basketball season is providing enjoyable times for everyone involved, whether it's the fellowship shared with friends or the experience of being part of a team. While winning is fun, our Sports Ministry Program wants to help our kids learn life long lessons that will help them be successful in the bigger game of life, by sharing in the joys of winning and the disappointments of losing, or maybe just for the enjoyment of playing hard and giving your best effort. We look at success not so much in terms of numbers in the win-loss columns, but rather in our ability to teach our kids to enjoy the game of basketball. To feel more confident and self assured in their abilities and knowledge of the game, and to experience mutual respect

from both teammates and coaches. Most importantly, we want everyone to feel appreciation and pride in the opportunity to play a sport while developing a relationship with our Lord and Savior-Jesus Christ.

John Wooden, the legendary UCLA Basketball Coach, illustrated his values and principles of success in what he called his, "Pyramid of Success." He states, "Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming." With this in mind, we want our kids to participate in our program for these reasons: 1) to learn and improve their skills, 2) to make friends or be with

friends, 3) to experience team competition whether winning or losing, 4) to enjoy and have fun playing basketball. And because we are a Sports Ministry, let us not forget to extend our hand of fellowship to everyone within the SEYO Program.

Gordon Gee, Wintersburg Seyo Elder

