

Upward Information

Does Upward need ME to help this year? Not counting advertising, there are **256** potential positions that will need to be filled this season.

Is Upward a competitive league? You bet! Over the last 2 seasons, we have maintained a level of 187 participants. Within a 15 mile radius of Metro Louisville, there are 57,000 children within the ages that our league accepts. We are competing for the hearts of every single one of these children.

HOW WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Preseason Opportunities

Advertising: If children and their parents do not know that we have a league, they will never come to participate in our league! Yard signs, posters, brochures, and business cards are all available for you to take and spread throughout our community. But, the most important and effective advertising, word of mouth, can be used by anyone. You can direct people to www.upward.org for more information.

Prayer Partner: This is the single most important component to our Upward Sports Ministry. **We need 100 Prayer Partners.** You will receive a list of specific things to pray for each day of our season, and a key chain or pin to serve as a daily reminder. Please fill out an Upward Prayer Partner Commitment Card and return it to the church. The 121 Days of Prayer will begin Monday, Nov. 3, and end on Awards Night, Tuesday, March 3.

Evaluation / Orientation Night Volunteer: We need 20 volunteers each night! We need people to greet, take registrations, take measurements, get sizes, evaluate players, and above all, show that St. Paul is behind this ministry 100%. Basketball Evaluations take place November 3, 6, and 11, from 6-8 pm.

Cheerleading Orientations take place November 13, from 6-8 pm.

Basketball or Cheerleading Coach:- We could have as many as 30 teams! Every team requires a Head Coach and an Assistant Coach. *New for 2008-2009! One (1) of these 2 positions must be filled by a church member. Even if you know nothing about basketball or cheerleading, you can be an assistant coach, a person who can build relationships with players and parents, and lead the team in devotions (provided) during each practice. Coach training is provided and required.

Opportunities Beginning January 10, 2009, (Saturday - Game days)

We may have 6 to 7 hours of games on each of 8 Saturdays.

Give a Halftime Devotion: We may be able to share over 50 devotions over the course of the season. Only need to be 3-5 minutes, shared during halftime of games to parents and fans.

Work the Concession Stand: At least 2 workers for each hour of games. A great way to serve and meet church members, and more importantly, visitors to our church facilities.

Run the Time Clock:- 1 for each hour of games. Best seat in the house- watch 2 exciting games at the same time. Training provided.

Referee:- We need 4 referees for each hour of games. Training required and provided.

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, or if you want to volunteer, contact Brian Wright at 459-1595 or bwright@stpaulchurch.net

Important Upward Dates:

Monday, Oct. 27	6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Evaluation/Orientation Training (Volunteers/Coaches)
Monday, Nov. 3	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Player Evaluation Night #1 (1 st /2 nd Grade boys) 121 Days of Prayer Begins
Thursday, Nov. 6	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Evaluation Night #2 (3 rd / 4 th Grade boys)
Tuesday, Nov. 11	6:00 pm.—8:00 p.m.	Evaluation Night #3 (5 th /6 th Gr. Boys, 1 st – 6 th Gr. Girls)
Thursday, Nov. 13	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Cheerleading Orientation Night (K – 6 th Gr. Girls) Registration Ends
TBD		Coach/Referee Training
Week of Dec. 1 - 4		Practice Begins