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Rec Department hosts youth basketball camps ahead of 2019-20 season

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The Towns County Recreation Department and Young Harris College held a three-day joint basketball camp June 11 through June 13 for more than 70 kids ages 6 to 12 years old.

Young Harris College Basketball Coaches Jeremy Currier, Calvin Walker and Lindsey Huffman provided skills training over the three days of the camp.

With school out for the summer and the baseball season having wrapped up a few weeks ago, the three-day youth basketball camp was a welcome addition at the rec department.

Campers would start each day with skills development – dribbling, passing, ball handling, rebounding, etc. – and then the coaches would divide the participants into teams to play a game.

“Instruction from the college coaches was phenomenal,” said Towns County Recreation Director Matthew Youngblood. “They really hit on fundamentals but also let the kids have fun, which is important.”

“I think it is very important to have collegiate coaches, former players and current players interact with the basketball players. They get to hear and see different coaching philosophies, which is great for the kids.”



The Towns County Recreation Department hosted a three-day basketball camp for ages 6-12. Another camp will be held next month for ages 8-17. Photos/Chad Stack

Currier and Huffman just finished their first seasons as head coaches, him for the Mountain Lions and her for the Lady Mountain Lions, and they came together with Youngblood to organize this event for the kids in the community.

“The coaches were very pleased with the energy levels of the campers and their attitudes and willingness to learn and get better,” said Youngblood. “All the parents were very pleased and impressed with the coaches and the way the camp was run.”

Following the three-day camp, Towns County Middle School Head Basketball Coach Shea Taylor hosted the Indians’ Second Annual Mountain Madness Camp.

The Mountain Madness Camp ran from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on both Monday, June 17, and Tuesday, June 18.

“Eight schools from North Georgia and North Carolina came to compete for two days for two 20-minute halves to help our players get some good quality playing time during the offseason,” Taylor



said. Several Towns County High School coaches and former players volunteered to help as referees throughout both days.

In other news, the rec department at Foster Park will be hosting the 5-Star Basketball Camp, which is directed by Ray Porredon of Lumpkin County.

Camp Director Porredon has more than 40 years of basketball coaching experience and knowledge that he hopes to pass on to the basketball talents in North Georgia.

Since retiring as a high school coach in South Florida several years ago, Porredon has hosted All-Star camps all over

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Open House rescheduled for July 9

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf Association Open House has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 9th due to weather. Tee off 9 a.m. shot gun start for 9 holes \$10, lunch \$10, game \$5. The game will be a Shamble.

Georgia. “During my years as a coach, I have coached All-Americans and built relationships with current and former college coaches,” Porredon said.

The camp is designed for kids ages 8 to 17 and will take place July 22 through July 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp attendance will cost \$75, with registration forms available inside the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center.

For more information on the 5-Star Basketball Camp, call Porredon at 706-304-8402.

Saturday, June 22, was the last day for rec football signups, though it’s not looking good as of now, Youngblood said.

“In order for us to have programs, we need numbers,” said Youngblood. “Fall soccer signups have begun, and basketball season will be coming up soon.”

Come join our league and check out our beautiful golf course and have some fun. Contact Glenda Geddings frank_geddings@yahoo.com or Vicky Healy Vhealy55@gmail.com.

Football: Summer workout sessions preparing Indians for autumn



Indians football has been busy preparing for the upcoming season in recent weeks. However, The GHSA’s mandatory dead period begins on June 26 until July 7 when no teams can workout. Photos/Chad Stack



3V3 Soccer Tournament

3V3 Soccer Tournament!
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5-Star Basketball Camp

5-Star Basketball Camp with Director: Ray Porredon and Asst. Coach: Lowell Hamilton. Date: July 22nd, 23rd, & 24th. Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ages: 8-17. Location: Towns County Recreation Department. Cost: \$75. Call: (706) 304-8402 to register.