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Greensburg Y Offering Unique Basketball for Beginners Program

GREENSBURG — There are many youth basketball programs available for developed and experienced aspiring basketball players in the area, but the Greensburg YMCA is offering a unique program for newcomers and less-experienced players to the game.

The Greensburg YMCA's Basketball for Beginners program was the creation of Sports and Wellness Director Scott Brown. The month-long program for youth, ages 5-10, runs Jan. 18 through Feb. 18. Registration is now open.

"There are many opportunities out there for experienced and established players, but there really are no grassroots learning programs for those who are just beginning to play or are relatively new to the game, especially in this age group," said Brown. "First and foremost, we want to create a fun environment for the kids, so they actually develop a love for the sport. But, we also want to expose them to the basic skills and rules of the game in an age category that is a priority of our Y's mission. Maybe someday, these kids will take what they learn through this program and develop their skills to the point where they compete at higher-level teams."

The sessions will be held Wednesdays and Saturdays. Wednesdays will be game nights, beginning at 6:45 p.m., while Saturdays will be for the practices and begin at 11 a.m. Costs is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Registration can be completed on-line at <u>www.greensburgymca.org</u>. For more information, contact Brown at (724) 834-0150, ext. 113, or email at <u>s.brown@gbgymca.org</u>.

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