



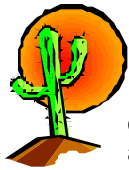
# CACTUS COURIER

## December 26 & 27, 2005

The Daily Newsletter of the Phoenix Cactus Jam Tournament

### WELCOME TO PHOENIX!

We hope your flights and drives went well and that you're excited to be in Arizona! We're excited to have you here and we look



forward to a great tournament. Below are some initial things you should be aware of to help you settle in and plan for today and tomorrow.

### Daily Schedule

#### Monday, Dec. 26

##### COLLEGE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Bus departs 35 minutes prior to practice start time.

Washington & Jefferson	12:45-2 pm
Elmira	2:05-3:20 pm
Ramapo	3:25-4:40pm
PLU	4:45-6:00pm
Linfield	8-9:15pm

#### Tuesday, Dec. 27

7:30a	Booth opens
8:00a	First bus departs for High School site
9:00a	First High School game begins
9:30a	First College bus departs
11:00a	First college games begin
1:00p	Last college game starts
5:00p	Last High School game begins
7:30p	Booth closes

### ARIZONA MILLS SHUTTLE:

Arizona Mills is a HUGE outlet shopping mall with over 180 stores and restaurants:



Gameworks, IMAX, Rainforest Café, Food Court, Movies, etc. The shuttle **leaves from the Main Entrance** to the hotel every hour from 9:30a to 9:30p.

**BUSES:** The buses to the games and special events load from the back lobby. The schedule is designed to get you to your game one hour before tip-off. If you miss the bus to your game, you are responsible for your own transport. Ask at the Tournament Information Desk if you don't understand the schedule. **The bus schedule is the same each day.** Ask the bus driver to make sure you get on the right bus.



### ORIENTATION:

The Tempe Mission Palms is situated in an exciting part of Tempe and Mill Avenue is right in the middle of it all! Dozens of restaurants, movie theaters, and shops are within 4 blocks of the hotel. The tournament information booth has maps of the area.

**Local Site of the day:** The "A" **Mountain** behind our hotel is actually called Tempe Butte. It is 1,495 feet high and offers an impressive view of the area. It can be easily climbed by following the walkways. Those holiday decorations have been in place since the 1930s!

**Coupons for Breakfast Buffet/Black Bracelets for game site access, tourney transportation and the Awards Banquet:** These

are all in your coach's packet for anyone coming in on the "package." *Treat these coupons and bracelets like cash. They can not be replaced if lost!* Extra tickets are available at the Tournament Booth **in limited numbers** for the Banquet on December 30<sup>th</sup>.



### CACTUS JAM TOURNAMENT INFORMATION BOOTH:

If you have any questions or problems, the tournament information booth will be staffed from morning to evening (7:30am to 7:30pm) to help you. It is located in the main lobby. Bus schedules, tournament T-shirts, and other information on the local area will be available there.



**CACTUS JAM TIDBITS:** This year's tournament features 26 high school and Men's Division III teams from the following states: Alaska (2), Arizona (1), California (1), Kentucky (2), Nevada (1) New Jersey (3), New York (2), Ohio (1), Oregon (2), Pennsylvania (2), Washington (3).

### FOOD AT THE HOTEL:

- A Breakfast buffet (\$7.50) that includes eggs, bacon, sausage, bread, fruit, cereal, milk and juice. (6:15am –10:30am)
- Mission Grille will also have ala carte menu.
- Harry's Place, in the lobby, serves sandwiches.



### VERSE FOR TODAY:

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race set out for us." Hebrews 12:1*

**GAME ROOM:**

The **Collonade** Room is set aside for everyone to gather and to play video games.



**CURFEW:** To ensure a positive experience for all participants (and other hotel guests), there will be an **11:00pm** curfew (except for college division). Players should be in their rooms and relatively quiet by that time and we ask everyone for their assistance in helping to enforce this.

**GAME TICKETS:** Players and coaches are admitted free to all games with your black bracelet. All others please pay admission at the door. All proceeds from ticket sales go to the athletic programs at the schools.

**TOURNAMENT SOUVENIRS**

The Cactus Jam tournament information booth in the lobby has great clothing commemorating the event.



- T-shirts (long/short)
- Baseball hats
- Banquet Tickets

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Insight.com Bowl (ASU vs. Rutgers)** 6:30 pm You will need to arrange for transportation for this event via bus or taxi.

**Dec. 28:** DJ'd social for players in the *Ballroom* from 8-10pm.

- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>:**
- Grand Canyon/Sedona tour
  - ASU Women vs. UW (6:30 pm)
  - NHL Coyotes vs. Kings (7:00pm)

**Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
**High School:** 9pm start in the "Ballroom"

**College:** 8pm start in the "Abbey"  
 \*\*There are a limited amount of tickets remaining, so please get your tickets today!

**WHERE DID THE NAME 'ARIZONA' COME FROM?** Some suggested that it came from "arid zone," but much of Arizona is not arid, and Spanish grammar would have dictated "Zona Arida," putting the adjective last. The next suggestion attributed it to an O'odham Indian phrase, "Ali Shonac" meaning shallow, brackish water or spring. However, recent writings present the best cause for the Basque phrase "Aritz ona[c]" meaning 'the good oak tree or trees'.

*ASU Basketball Practice Schedule:  
 All practices are open!*

12/26: MBB 9a & 4p  
 12/27: MBB 10a & 4:30p  
 WBB 1:30p

*Go Sun Devils!!!*

**FROM THE STAFF:** *The staff of Basketball Travelers, Inc., Scottsdale Christian High School, South Mountain Community College and Phoenix College wish to extend to you our best wishes for a fun, exciting, and safe Cactus Jam Tournament. It is our desire that your experience here in Tempe/Phoenix be the best possible! If there is anything we can help you with please contact us at the information booth in the hotel lobby or at the game sites during game times. It is our goal to make the Cactus Jam the best high school and small college tournament in the country and any feedback we receive from you to achieve this goal is greatly appreciated.*

**TOURNAMENT TICKETS:** Game tickets are available at the tournament sites. If you came on the tournament package you should have received your black bracelet for game admission.

**PRACTICE:** The basketball hoops on the hotel tennis courts are reserved for team practices. Reserve time at information booth. Individuals can use the court at other times.



**December 27<sup>th</sup> Schedule:**

**Double-check the home-away bracket to determine your uniform color!**

<b>At South Mountain CC</b>			
	<b>Home (white)</b>		<b>Visitors</b> <b>Time</b>
Girls Cactus Jam	Cresskill (NJ)	vs.	Grant Co (KY)      11:00a
	Ballard (WA)	vs.	Sacred Heart (CA) 1:00p
	Ballard JV (WA)	vs.	Cerritos JV (CA)    2:30p
<b>At Scottsdale Christian</b>			
	<b>Home (white)</b>		<b>Visitors</b> <b>Time</b>
Boys Jam	Lantrop (AK)	vs.	Saint Mary's (CA) 9:00a
	Grant Co (KY)	vs.	Alameda (CA)      10:30a
	Palm Springs (CA)	vs.	Mercyhurst (PA) 12:15p
	Scottsdale Christian	vs.	Vashon (WA)        2:00p
Boys Cactus			
<b>**At South Mtn CC</b>	<b>Heritage (AK)</b>	vs.	<b>Upper Room (NY) 9:30a**</b>
<b>At Scottsdale Christian</b>	Strongville (OH)	vs.	Cherokee (NJ)      3:30p
	Marshall (OR)	vs.	Chaparral (NV)     5:00p
<b>At Phoenix College</b>			
<b>Men's College</b>	<b>Home (white)</b>		<b>Visitors</b> <b>Time</b>
Jam	Biola (CA)	vs.	Elmira (NY)        11:00a
Cactus	Ramapo (NJ)	vs.	PLU (WA)           1:00p

**GOOD LUCK!!!!**