



CACTUS COURIER

December 28, 2009

Good Morning!

We hope you enjoyed your day off in the Valley of the Sun. All tournaments begin today and we wish you all great success on the court.



Daily Schedule

Dec. 28

- 7:45a Booth opens
- 8:25a First bus for South Mtn CC
- 9:00a First bus for Scottsdale Chr.
- 10:0a Mall shuttle begins
- 1:30p First college bus departs
- 6:00p Booth closes
- 6:30p ASU Women vs. Furman
(see tournament booth for pass lists)

ATTENTION ALL COACHES

Teams must arrive BEFORE the scheduled bus departure times. Please arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled time so our bus-shuttle system can stay on time. THANKS!

FOOD AT THE HOTEL:A

breakfast buffet (\$12.50) will be available from 6:15am –10:30am at Mission Grille. *Three coupons per person come with the package.*

Mission Grille will also have ala carte menu. Harry's Place, in the lobby, serves sandwiches.



CACTUS JAM TOURNAMENT INFORMATION BOOTH:

If you have any questions or problems, the tournament information booth will be staffed from morning to evening 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.



VERSE FOR TODAY: Isaiah 40:31

-- But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Local Site of the day:

Tempe Town Lake -- Recognized as a top attraction in Arizona, visitors and local families spend their time enjoying nature, recreational activities, and cultural events. New office buildings and high-rise housing are under construction and create an active, urban environment in which people live near their work and play near their homes.

Basketball Trivia:

This former Cal men's basketball coach is well known for leading teams to both the NCAA, NIT, and Olympic Championships. (Answer below 2nd page)

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, coaches, parents are admitted free to all games **with your 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 items commemorating the event (Sorry, cash only).



VIDEO GAMES:

Feel free to play your video games in the Campanile room. 3 TVs are ready for console hookups!! Unfortunately, we can't be responsible for lost or stolen items.

ORBIT Mall Shuttle:

The Orbit shuttle runs continuously to the Tempe Marketplace all day long. Go left out of the hotel, and find the Orbit "EARTH" shuttle at the Transit Center.

ASU Women's Basketball Practices

The ASU Women's team is inviting all teams to watch a practice this week. Their practice schedule is listed below.

Tue. Dec. 28 12:30-3:30pm
 Wed. Dec. 29 12:30-3:30pm
 Thu. Dec. 30 12:30-3:30pm


All practices take place at Wells Fargo Arena (a short walk from the hotel)



Call 480-965-6086 to confirm practice times as they are subject to change.

Meeting Room: 2 rooms for team meetings/film review will be available for checkout at the information booth (in half hour increments). One will contain a TV and VCR/DVD for reviewing game film.

OUTDOOR PRACTICE COURT:

There will be two hoops set up on the outdoor tennis court at the hotel.  COACHES ONLY may sign up for walkthrough times at the information desk. Balls will also be available (hotel front desk on the 28th)

Bracelets for game site access, and tourney transportation, breakfast buffet coupons.

These are all in your coach's packet for anyone coming in on the "package." *Treat these coupons and bracelets like cash. They cannot be replaced if they are lost.*

ASU Women vs. Furman

Any team wishing to attend tonight's ASU women's game should have a pass list on file with the university. Pass lists must be submitted prior to 9:00 am TODAY (Dec. 28). *Each person needs to have a photo ID.* Teams will check in at the pass gate at the west side of Wells Fargo Arena on game day. Any family and friends of the teams can get in for \$3 group rate price at the door by referencing that their team is on a pass list.



Trivia Answer: The late Pete Newell

Charli Turner-Thorne

ASU Women's Head Coach
 The winningest coach in Sun Devil history (251-154) and No. 4 in the Pac-10 in most career wins, Charli Turner Thorne has led the Arizona State women's basketball team to the NCAA Tournament seven times in the last nine years, including the last five seasons in a row. The seven NCAA appearances are four more than what ASU had in the 15 years prior to Turner Thorne's arrival in Tempe.

Turner-Thorne is a 1988 graduate of Stanford University who earned her Master's in Education from the University of Washington in 1990.

DECEMBER 28 GAME SCHEDULE:

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

At South Mountain Community College

	<u>Home (light)</u>	vs.	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Time</u>
<i>Girls Cactus</i>	Winegrass (FL)	vs.	Dorsey (CA)	9:30a
	St. Thomas (Canada)	vs.	Redmond (WA)	11:00a
<i>Girls Jam</i>	Chelan (WA)	vs.	Buckley (CA)	12:30p
	Hayden (AZ)	vs.	Chestermere (Canada)	2:15p

At Scottsdale Christian

	<u>Home (light)</u>	vs.	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Time</u>
<i>Boys Cactus</i>	Mercyhurst Prep (PA)	vs.	North Pointe Prep (AZ)	10:00a
	Grant County (KY)	vs.	Valley (AZ)	11:30a
	Scottsdale Christian (AZ)	vs.	Oak Bay (Canada)	1:15p
	Woodinville (WA)	vs.	Precision (AZ)	3:00p

At Southwestern College

	<u>Home (light)</u>	vs.	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Time</u>
<i>Men's College</i>	Calvin College	vs.	Lewis and Clark	3:00p