



CACTUS COURIER

December 29, 2009

Good Morning!

Day one of the tournament was full of excitement! Now it's time to rise again and make today even better.



Daily Schedule

Dec. 29

The tournament booth will be open from 7:45am - 6:00 pm to answer any questions you may have about the tournament or local things to do.

Day two of games - good luck!

ASU Women's Practice @ Wells Fargo Arena 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Tempe Marketplace Shuttle runs from 10:00am – 10:00 pm

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. If you have any questions about the schedule or which bus to take, ask the bus driver before boarding. THANKS!

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.

Day One Results

-Mens D III	
Lewis and Clark	78
Calvin College	79
-Boys Cactus	
North Pointe Prep (AZ)	37
Mercyhurst Prep (PA)	63
Valley (AZ)	29
Grant County (KY)	72
Oak Bay (Canada)	48
Scottsdale Christian (AZ)	56
Precision (AZ)	54
Woodinville (WA)	60
-Girls Cactus	
Dorsey (CA)	74
Wiregrass (FL)	60
Redmond (WA)	55
St. Thomas (Canada)	20
-Girls Jam	
Buckley (CA)	43
Chelan (WA)	47
Chestermere (Canada)	31
Hayden (AZ)	35

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.



Basketball Trivia: How many PAC-10 titles has the ASU Men's Basketball team won?

Local Site of the day:

"A" Mountain (Hayden Butte) Elev. 1495 ft. -- The Tempe Normal School class of 1918 was responsible for installing the first letter on Tempe Butte. When the school changed its name to Tempe State Teachers College in 1925, students retained one side of the "N" to form the stem of the "T." The school changed its name to Arizona State Teachers College, and in 1938, the letter "A" was installed on the butte. In 1952, a bomb blast destroyed the letter. The present "A" stands 60 feet tall and was built of reinforced steel and concrete in 1955.

Guarding the "A": Each year, during the week leading up to the ASU vs. U of A football game, the ASU Student Alumni Association coordinates the guarding of their beloved gold "A" from being painted by U of A students.

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.

Things TO DO:
Dec. 29
ASU Women Practice 12:30-3:30 pm
Phoenix Coyotes vs. Vanc. 7:00 pm
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Phoenix Suns vs. Boston 7:00 pm
High School Awards Ceremony 8-9pm (hotel ballroom)
Karaoke – Following Awards Ceremony

Other sightseeing options: Golf, Horseback Riding, River Floating, Desert Safari Four Wheelin', Hot Air Balloon Rides, etc. These can be booked through the Mission Palms Concierge Desk. (480) 894 -1400

OUTDOOR COURT PRACTICE:
There are 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.



VERSE FOR TODAY:
1 Corinthians 15:57 – But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Trivia Answer:** ASU men's basketball has *never* won a PAC-10 title.

Phoenix Light Rail
There are two stations within a short walk of our hotel: Mill Ave/3rd St. and Veteran's Way/College Ave. One way fares are \$1.75, \$3.50 for a full day pass. Check in the hotel lobby for more information on riding the rails through the Valley.

FROM THE STAFF: *The staff of Basketball Travelers, Inc., 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.*

Bracelets: game site access, and tourney transportation.
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.*

Check back on the 30th for the next version of the Cactus Courier and updated game schedules!!!

DECEMBER 29 GAME SCHEDULE:

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

At Scottsdale Christian

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

At South Mountain CC

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

At Southwestern College

	<u>Home (white)</u>	vs.	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Time</u>
Men's College	Calvin College		Ohio Northern Univ.	4:00p
	Lewis and Clark College		UW-Platteville	6:00p