



CACTUS COURIER

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The Daily Newsletter of the Phoenix Cactus Jam

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

December 26

COLLEGE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Bus departs 35 minutes prior to practice start time.

1:00pm – 2:00pm: Mount Union

2:30pm – 3:30pm:

Baldwin Wallace

3:35pm – 4:35pm: Roanoke

4:40pm – 5:40pm: Simpson

5:45pm – 6:45pm:

Colorado College

6:50pm – 7:50pm: Ramapo

7:55pm – 8:55pm: Linfield

All practices at Brophy Prep HS

5:45p Buses leave for Suns game

December 27

7:00a Booth opens

7:30a First bus for HS site

8:30a First High School game

8:30a First College bus departs

10:00a First college game begins

4:00p Last college game starts

4:30p Last High School game

7:45p Booth closes

8:30p Player Social begins

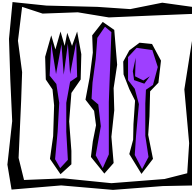
ARIZONA MILLS SHUTTLE:

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.



Food at the Hotel

Breakfast will be in the "ABBEY" at Tempe Mission Palms. The \$7.50 buffet includes scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, potatoes, cereal, breads, and juice.



(6:15 am – 10:30 am).

- Mission Grille will also have an a la carte menu.
- Harry's Place, in the lobby, serves sandwiches.

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. **Teams will be given priority on loading buses.** 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.

PLAYERS' SOCIAL DEC. 27



Get ready to have some fun and meet some of your fellow ballers at the DJ'd social from 8:30-10 in the **Ballroom!** See you there!

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.

CACTUS JAM TOURNAMENT INFORMATION BOOTH:

If you have any questions or problems, the tournament information booth will be staffed from morning to evening (7:00a-7:45p)



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. **Be sure to stop by the info booth to get all your CACTUS JAM Souvenirs!!!!**

Coupons for Breakfast Buffet/ 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 30th.

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.

Phoenix Suns Game Dec. 26:

Bus departs at 5:45 pm

Colony 31
 Monticello 16
 Mount Union 18
 So. Anchorage 19
 Fortuna Union 22

GAME TICKETS:

Players and coaches 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.



CACTUS JAM TIDBITS: This year's tournament features 34 high school and Men's Division III teams from the following states: Alaska (3), Arizona (1), California (6), Colorado (1), Iowa (1), Kentucky (3), New Jersey (1), New York (4), Ohio (2), Oregon (1), Pennsylvania (1), Tennessee (1), Virginia (1), Washington (6), Wisconsin (2)

December 27th Schedule:

Double-check the home-away bracket to determine your uniform color!
At South Mountain CC

	Home (white)	vs.	Visitors	Time
Girls Jam	Blaine(WA)	vs.	Lafayette (KY)	830a
	Eastlake (WA)	vs.	Cerritos (CA)	10:00a
Girls Cactus	Kentwood (WA)	vs.	Cookeville (TN)	11:45p
	Sacred Heart (CA)	vs.	Arch. Prend. (PA)	1:15p
Boys Tempe	Sonoma Valley (CA)	vs.	Fieldston (NY)	3:00p
	So. Anchorage (AK)	vs.	Monticello (KY)	4:30p

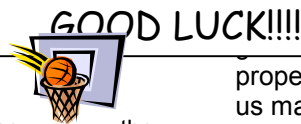
At Scottsdale Christian

	Home (white)	vs.	Visitors	Time
Boys Jam	Carlmont (CA)	vs.	Life Chr. (WA)	3:00p
	Gallatin Cty. (KY)	vs.	Scottsdale Chr.	4:30p
Boys Cactus	Holy Trinity (NY)	vs.	St. Mary's (CA)	8:30a
	Bellevue Chr.(WA)	vs.	Rhineland(WI)	10:00a
	Colony (AK)	vs.	Issaquah (WA)	11:45a
	Upper Room (NY)	vs.	Fortuna (CA)	1:30p

At Brophy Prep

Men's College

	Home (white)	vs.	Visitors	Time
	Mount Union (OH)	vs.	Simpson (IA)	10:00a
	Ramapo (NJ)	vs.	Roanoke (VA)	12:00p
	Linfield (OR)	vs.	Baldw. Wall.(OH)	2:00p
	Edgewood (WI)	vs.	Colorado College	4:00p



practices. Reserve time at information booth. Individuals can use the court at other times.

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property. Coaches, please help us maintain a positive and safe atmosphere throughout the tournament.

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.*

Mark Your Calendars!

Dec 27 – Players' Social
 Dec. 28 – ASU Men vs. Stanford
 Dec. 29 - Insight Bowl
 Texas Tech vs. Minnesota
 Dec. 29 – Cactus Jam Tour Day



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

