

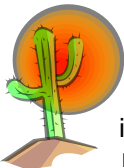


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The Daily Newsletter of the Phoenix Cactus Jam Tournament

WELCOME TO PHOENIX! We hope your flights and drives went well and that you're excited to be in Arizona! We have done everything possible to make sure this tournament is a success. Everything you need to know for the first two days is included in this newsletter. Now sit back, relax, and get ready for some hoops!



DAILY SCHEDULE

Tuesday Dec. 28

7:30a Tournament Booth opens
 9:00a Games Begin!!
 9:30a Tempe Marketplace shuttle begins
 7:00p Tournament Booth closes
 10:00p Last Marketplace shuttle departs from Tempe Marketplace.

TEMPE MARKETPLACE AND SHUTTLE INFORMATION:

Tempe Marketplace is a HUGE outdoor shopping mall with stores, restaurants and movies, Dave and Busters, etc. You can pick up a brochure at the Tournament Desk that will give you a map and list of stores. The Cactus Jam Shuttle leaves from the Main Entrance to the hotel every hour from 9:00a to 10:00p. The last bus returns at 10:00p from the Mall. A complete shuttle schedule is posted at the lobby entrance. **After 6pm: under 16 must have an adult with them to board the shuttle!!!**



MEETING ROOMS will be available for checkout at the information booth (in half hour increments). Xavier room for film review, Dolores room for team meetings.



BUSES: 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. The schedule can be confusing, so if you don't understand how to read the schedule, ask at the tournament information desk. **The bus schedule is the same each day.** Check with the bus driver when boarding to make sure you get on the right bus. **PLEASE BE EARLY to catch the 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. Be sure to get out and enjoy the holiday decorations, great food, and sizzling post-Christmas sales!

FOOD AT THE HOTEL:

•A full breakfast buffet (\$12.50 - incl. tax and tip) will be available from 6:15am -10:30am at Mission Grille. *Each person traveling on the package will receive three (3) breakfast coupons to be used at your discretion.* Also **Mission Grille** and **Harry's Place** have nice menu options.



DEC 27 GAME RESULTS:

Girls "Jam" Division

McCoy (Can)	23
Upper Darby (PA)	46
Ponoka (Can)	7
Chuglak (AK)	59
Estrella (AZ)	40
Princeton (Can)	19

Girls "Cactus" Division

McCoy (Can)	49
Sonoma (CA)	41
Princeton (Can)	18
Mercyhurst (PA)	58

Boys "Jam" Division

El Toro (CA)	67
Sentinel (Can)	38
Friends (NY)	46
Madras (OR)	63
Sentinel (Can)	38
Sandra Day (AZ)	67

Boys "Cactus" Division

Shorewood (WA)	34
El Toro (CA)	66
Xaverian (NY)	83
Estrella Foothills (AZ)	56
Eastlake (WA)	57
Sacred Heart (CA)	73
San Marino (CA)	25
Scottsdale Christian (AZ)	56

TEAM PACKETS - Upon arrival, coaches received a packet with breakfast coupons, tournament bracelets for game site access and tourney transportation, and t-shirts for everyone traveling on the package. *Treat these coupons and bracelets like cash. They cannot be replaced if they are lost.*

TEMPE PALMS 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 every one, especially coaches, 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.



VIDEO GAMES:
The Cavetto room has a TV ready for video game console hookups!! Bring them if you wish but unfortunately, we can't be responsible for lost or stolen items. The game room is open from 7am-11pm daily!!

PHOENIX SPORTS EVENTS:

Dec. 28th
ASU vs UTEP Womens @ Wells Fargo Arena, 6:30 pm

SUNS vs 76ers @ US Airways at 7:00 pm

Dec. 30th
Insight Bowl: Oklahoma vs Iowa @ Sun Devil Stadium 8 pm

PHOENIX AREA RECREATION Dec 29
Visit the Grand Canyon or Sedona. Check the Cactus Jam Manual for info regarding planning a trip!

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

TOURNAMENT AWARDS
High School Awards will be given for divisional Champions, MVP's, and All Tournament Teams. The awards ceremony will be on Thursday night at approximately 9:00 pm in the Ballroom.

LIGHT RAIL -
Single fares start at \$1.75 with one- and three-day passes available. This is the best way to go to downtown Phoenix!

Verse of the Day:
"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." Ephesians 6:10

FROM THE STAFF: *The staff of Basketball Travelers, Inc. extend to you our best wishes for a fun, exciting, and safe Cactus Jam Tournament. We 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.*

OUTDOOR COURT PRACTICE: 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.



Check back on the 29th for the next version of the Cactus Courier and updated game schedules!!!

DECEMBER 28 GAME SCHEDULE:				
<i>Double-check the home-away bracket to determine your uniform color!</i>				
At South Mountain Community College				
	Home (light)		Visitors	Time
Girls Cactus	Sonoma (CA)	vs.	Princeton (Can)	2:00p
	Mercyhurst (PA)	vs..	McCoy (Can)	3:30p
Girls Jam	Chuglak (AK)	vs.	Upper Darby (PA)	9:00a
	McCoy (Can)	vs.	Ponoka (Can)	10:30a
	Estrella (AZ)	vs.	Ponoka (Can)	12:15p
At Scottsdale Christian				
	Home (light)		Visitors	Time
Boys Jam	Sentinel (Can)	vs.	Friends (NY)	9:00a
	Madras (OR)	vs.	Sandra Day (AZ)	10:30a
	El Toro JV (CA)	vs.	Sandra Day JV (AZ)	12:00p
Boys Cactus	Xaverian (NY)	vs.	El Toro (CA)	1:30p
	San Marino (CA)	vs.	Eastlake (WA)	3:15p
	Estrella (AZ)	vs	Shorewood (WA)	4:45p
	Scottsdale Christian	vs.	Sacred Heart	6:15p