



CACTUS COURIER

December 29 & 30, 2011

The Daily Newsletter of the Phoenix Cactus Jam Tournament

The 'A' Mountain! If you have a free hour you might take a hike up "A Mountain". If out on the pool deck or tennis courts a nice view of the natural Tempe landmark can be viewed. In 1938 Arizona State Teachers College installed the letter "A" on the butte. In 1952, a bomb blast destroyed the letter. The present letter "A" stands 60 feet tall and was built of reinforced steel and concrete in 1955. Each year, during the week leading up to the ASU vs Uof A football game, the Student Alumni Association coordinates "the guarding" of the beloved gold "A" from being painted red and blue by the Arizona Wildcat students. The view from the top is worth the 15 minute hike! The start of the trail starts near the white grain towers north on Mill Avenue.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 29

Free day to enjoy Arizona

Friday, Dec. 30

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.

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

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 9:30a 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!!!**

BUSES: Thank you so much for your attention to being on time to catch the bus. It is very important to watch the schedule when your game is over so that you can get back to the hotel and enjoy the beautiful Arizona winters.



MILL AVENUE: Over the next couple of days Mill Avenue will be setting up for the Fiesta Bowl Block Party. The stores and restaurants will be open during the setup time so teams will still be able to enjoy the great shops and restaurants.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE HOTSPOT

There is a great burger restaurant on University Avenue that is a Tempe favorite. By walking south on Mill Avenue a couple of blocks you will come to University Avenue. For a great hamburger "The Chuckbox" is just a couple blocks to the east (left

DEC 28 GAME RESULTS:

Girls "Jam" Division

Chugiak (AK)	34
Upper Darby (PA)	58
McCoy (Can)	45
Ponoka (Can)	13
Estrella (AZ)	58
Ponoka (Can)	24

Girls "Cactus" Division

Sonoma (CA)	54
Princeton (Can)	23
Mercyhurst (PA)	60
McCoy (Can)	45

Boys "Jam" Division

Sentinel (Can)	38
Friends (NY)	56
Madras (OR)	68
Sandra Day (AZ)	64
El Toro (CA)	76
Sandra Day JV (AZ)	45

Boys "Cactus" Division

Xaverian (NY)	40
El Toro (CA)	54
San Marino (CA)	60
Eastlake (WA)	73
Estrella Foothills (AZ)	54
Shorewood (WA)	67
Scottsdale Christian (AZ)	53
Sacred Heart (CA)	68

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.



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

VIDEO GAMES:
The Cavetto room will have 3 TVs 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. 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 Friday 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!

COACHES GIFTS –
Coaches! Don't forget to bring your "welcome letter" to the Basketball Travelers front desk to receive a nice gift in appreciation for participating in the 2011 Cactus Jam.

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 30 GAME SCHEDULE:

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

At South Mountain Community College

	Home (light)		Visitors	Time
Girls Cactus	Princeton (Can)	vs.	McCoy (Can)	2:00p
	Sonoma (CA)	vs..	Mercyhurst (PA)	3:30p
Girls Jam	Chugiak (AK)	vs.	McCoy (Can)	9:00a
	Upper Darby (PA)	vs.	Ponoka (Can)	10:30a
	Estrella (AZ)	vs.	McCoy (Can)	12:15p

At Scottsdale Christian

	Home (light)		Visitors	Time
Boys Jam	El Toro JV (CA)	vs.	Shadow Mtn (AZ)	9:00a
	Sentinel (Can)	vs.	Madras (OR)	10:30a
	Sandra Day (AZ)	vs	Friends (NY)	12:15p
Boys Cactus	San Marino (CA)	vs.	Estrella (AZ)	1:30p
	Eastlake (WA)	vs.	Shorewood (WA)	3:15p
	Scottsdale (AZ)	vs	Xaverian (NY)	4:45p
	Sacred Heart (CA)	vs.	El Toro (CA)	6:15p

COLLEGE WOMENS DEC 29- 31 GAME SCHEDULE:

Small College Womens Tourney	Dec 29	U of Wisconsin Waukesha	vs.	Anderson University	1:00p
		VIU	vs.	Glendale CC	6:00p
	Dec 30	U of Saskatchewan	vs	Glendale CC	6:00p
		VIU	vs	South Mountain CC	5:30p
	Dec 31	U of Saskatchewan	vs	South Mountain CC	1:00p
		U of Wisconsin Waukesha	vs	Phoenix College	1:00p