

2025 YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAMS CALENDAR



RECREATION &
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE



	GRADE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
YMCA KINDERDUCKS	PK-1	ROLLING SIGN UP						●			SEP – JUN		
YMCA HER TIME TO PLAY	K-6	ROLLING SIGN UP						●			SEP – JUN		
MAPSO SUMMER SLAM CAMP	K-8					●		JUL – AUG					
YMCA BUDDY BASKETBALL	K-8						●	JUL					
SO REC SOMA HOOPS (WINTER)	1-12	DEC – MAR								●			
YMCA IN-HOUSE LEAGUE	1-6	ROLLING SIGN UP						●			SEP – JUN		
YMCA SKILLS CLINIC	1-9	ROLLING SIGN UP						●			SEP – JUN		
SHU SHAHEEN HOLLOWAY CAMP	1-9					●	JUN – JUL						
YMCA BASKETBALL CAMP	2-6	●						JUL – AUG					
CELTICS BASKETBALL CAMP	2-7		●				JUN – AUG						
YMCA ADVANCED CLINIC	3-7	ROLLING SIGN UP						●			SEP – JUN		
YMCA BASKETBALL LAB	3-7	ROLLING SIGN UP						●			SEP – JUN		
YMCA BASKETBALL ACADEMY	3-7	ROLLING SIGN UP						●			SEP – JUN		
MAPSO AAU TRAVEL TEAMS	3-8		●	MAR – JUN									
MAPSO MADNESS	3-8		●	APR – JUN									
MAPSO DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE	3-8							●	SEP – OCT				
MAPSO WINTER TRAVEL	3-8									●	OCT – MAR		
SO REC ORGANIZED PICK-UP	3-8		●	MAR – APR				●	SEP – NOV				
YMCA DUCKS TRAVEL TEAM	3-9									●	OCT – FEB		
SO REC SKILLS TRAINING	5-8		●	MAR – APR				●	SEP – NOV				
SO REC SOMA HOOPS (SPRING)	7-8			●	APR – JUN								
COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL	9-12									●	NOV – FEB		
MPD OPEN GYM AT CHS	9-12	MAR – JUN	●	●	●	●							

2025 YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

columbiacougarsathletics.com

Columbia Cougars (Girls)

GIRLS | GRADES 9-12 | FRESHMAN/JV/VARSITY | CHS GYM

Contact: abreitma@somssd.k12.nj.us

The CHS Girls Basketball Program is built on a foundation of hard work, respect, and accountability. We prioritize the development of fundamental skills and basketball-specific techniques, focusing on a comprehensive understanding of team concepts from the ground up. Our program is inclusive, welcoming high school girls of all skill levels to try out and join a supportive and growth-oriented environment.

Columbia Cougars (Boys)

BOYS | GRADES 9-12 | FRESHMAN/JV/VARSITY | CHS GYM

Contact: teachertwhit@gmail.com

The CHS Boys Basketball Program is rooted in commitment, competition, and accountability. We prioritize the development of fundamental skills in order to effectively teach our team concepts. All 9-12th grade players are welcome to try out and compete as we look to take the program in a new direction.

MAPLEWOOD RECREATION

maplewood.recdesk.com/Community/Program

Contact: mholloway@maplewoodnj.gov

MapSo AAU Travel Teams

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 3-8 | INT/ADV LEVEL | MMS GYM

This program offers young athletes the opportunity to compete at a higher level in an AAU-style travel team. This program is open to all players, regardless of whether they live or attend school in Maplewood-South Orange. Weekly practices at Maplewood Middle School with competitive weekend tournaments.

MapSo Basketball Development League

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 3-8 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | DEHART PARK

This league helps players build their skills, gain confidence, and develop a strong feel for the game. Games are held every Saturday morning, providing a fun environment for players to improve. Whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills, this league is the perfect place to grow.

MapSo Madness

COED | GRADES 3-8 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | DEHART PARK

If your child has an interest in competitive basketball, in a fun, positive, relaxed environment, without the required commitment of a travel team, this is the program for them! Players will learn basic fundamental skills and team concepts. Each player will be evaluated, and teams will be formed to create competitive balance.

MAPLEWOOD RECREATION (CONT'D)

MapSo Summer Slam Basketball Camp

COED | GRADES K-8 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | MEMORIAL PARK

Summer Basketball Camp: Skill-building, teamwork, and fun on the court! We will break into groups for drills, play fun games, learn sportsmanship and more. Every camper will get a basketball and t-shirt.

MapSo Winter Travel Teams

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 3-8 | INT/ADV LEVEL | MMS GYM

This advanced, travel-based program is designed for players looking to enhance their skills and gain competitive game experience. Teams will compete in both the JBL (Junior Basketball League) and the Suburban League, providing a structured and challenging environment to develop fundamentals, teamwork, and game strategy. All teams are coached by MapSo's experienced and dedicated coaches, ensuring high-quality instruction and player development. Players must go through a evaluation process to make the roster.

SAINT JOSEPHS CYO: CELTICS ATHLETICS

stjosephscyo.org/summer-camps/

Contact: celticsbasketballcamp@gmail.com

Celtics Basketball Camp

COED | GRADES 2-7 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | OLS GYM

A summer basketball camp with goal to give each camper, regardless of his/her experience, the opportunity to improve his/her skills. Our staff will provide this through drills concentrating on various basketball fundamentals as well as through contests and game competition.

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

shaheenhollowaybasketball.totalcamps.com

Contact: SHollowayCamps@gmail.com

Shaheen Holloway Basketball Camp

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 1-9 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | SETON HALL UNIV

Seton Hall University summer camp headed by Men's Basketball Head Coach Shaheen Holloway. Campers will receive over 25 hours of training by Coach Holloway and his staff.

Free Basketball SOMA

Everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the fun, growth and connection that comes with playing basketball. Our mission requires us to take on any barriers that may be holding families back from enrolling their children into programs.

To learn more and apply go to: somabasketball.org/freebasketball

2025 YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (CONT'D)

SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

metroymcas.org/south-mountain-ymca/youth-basketball
Contact: mclaughner@metroymcas.org or (973) 762-4145

Advanced Clinic

GIRLS | GRADES 3-7 | INT/ADV LEVEL | ST. JOSEPHS GYM

This class is designed for girls with higher basketball passion or who have taken basketball classes, participated in game play, and want to put in extra work.

Basketball Academy

COED | GRADES 3-7 | INT LEVEL | SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

This clinic is designed for children with higher basketball passion or who have taken basketball classes, participated in game play, and want to put in extra work.

Basketball Lab

COED | GRADES 3-7 | INT LEVEL | SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

Join our young dynamic coaches for weekly advanced skill development beyond the fundamentals. Each week will focus 100% on a specific skill. Lesson plans will include advanced ball handling, court vision, and creating offense in isolation.

Buddy Basketball

COED | GRADES K-8 | BEG LEVEL | SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

Buddy Basketball is a fun, supportive basketball class designed specifically for neurodiverse children to learn, play, and thrive. This inclusive program provides a safe and welcoming space where kids of all abilities can enjoy the game of basketball at their own pace.

Ducks Travel Teams

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADE 3-9 | INT/ADV LEVEL | ST JOSEPHS GYM

The YMCA Ducks travel basketball team offers an opportunity to develop skills, build teamwork, and compete in regional games. Emphasizing sportsmanship and personal growth, the program provides structured practices led by experienced coaches to help players improve their fundamentals and game strategy. Teams will participate in the NJ YMCA Basketball League.

Her Time To Play

GIRLS | GRADE K-6 | BEG/INT LEVEL | SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

This is a fantastic opportunity for girls and gender-expansive youth to develop their skills, and have fun with their peers. This program includes a thoughtful curriculum that encourages participation, engagement and everyday life skills that can be applied on-and-off the court.

In-House League

COED | GRADES 1-6 | BEG/INT LEVEL | SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

Participants will be placed on a team roster, practice during the week, and show off their skills on Saturdays for weekly in-house games.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA (CONT'D)

Kinderducks

COED | GRADES PK-1 | BEG LEVEL | SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

Learn introductory basketball skills, the importance of fair play, teamwork and good sportsmanship all while having lots of fun.

Skills Clinic

COED | GRADES 1-9 | BEG/INT LEVEL | ST. JOSEPHS GYM

Fundamentals of basketball are taught (dribbling, passing, shooting and defense) along with the team concepts of offensive play and zone defense in a fun, values-oriented environment.

Summer Basketball Camp

COED | GRADES 2-6 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | ST. JOSEPHS GYM

Take it to the hoop to learn the fundamentals of basketball. It's a packed day of dribbling, passing, shooting, offensive play, and zone defense along with gameplay. It's teamwork at its best! Players of all ability and experience levels are welcome. After care is available. Week 5 of camp is girls only.

SOUTH ORANGE RECREATION

southorange.org/280/Programs-and-Activities

Contact: recreation@southorange.org

Organized Pick-Up Games (Winter and Spring)

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 3-8 | INT/ADV LEVEL | THE BAIRD

Players explore gameflow and team concepts.

Skills Training (Winter and Spring)

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 5-8 | BEG/INT LEVEL | THE BAIRD

Clinic designed to improve individual basketball skills.

SOMA Hoops

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 1-12 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | SOMS GYM / BAIRD

Led by parent volunteers and coaches, and officiated by local high school & college student referees, SOMA Hoops blends activities which teach skills with true game play. This is a 1-day per week program that mandates equal & even play and welcomes players at all levels and every grade level.

SOMA Hoops (Spring)

COED | GRADES 7-8 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | THE BAIRD

Led by South Orange Recreation staff, and officiated by local high school & college student referees, SOMA Hoops Spring league provides competitive game play for intermediate to advanced players in grades 7-8.

2025 BASKETBALL EVENTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTAS

Contact: sarah.rothman@clintonelementary.org

SOMA Swish

April 6, 2025

12P- 7P | CHS GYM

Teams made up of elementary school teachers and staff take to the court to play a spirited game of basketball. Come cheer at one or all of three basketball games: Marshall vs Delia Bolden, Tuscan vs South Mountain, and Clinton vs Seth Boyden. All funds raised will benefit all SOMSD Elementary Schools.

MAPLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact: sreeves@maplewoodnj.gov

Open Gym at CHS

March 27 | April 24 | May 22 | June 5

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 9-12 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | CHS GYM

Come out to play basketball (and other sports) in a safe environment and meet officers of the PD. Sponsored by YouthNet.

MAPSO LEGENDS

mapsolegends.com | Contact: MapsoLegends@gmail.com

Summer Youth Basketball Tournament

Summer Date TBD

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 6-12 | INT/ADV LEVEL | MEMORIAL PARK

A competitive, structured, and engaging event designed to bring middle and high school athletes together. This tournament promotes teamwork, discipline, and mentorship, providing young athletes with an opportunity to showcase their skills while fostering positive community connections.

MAPSO LEGENDS (CONT'D)

Battle Of The Classes

Fall Date TBD

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 9-12 | INT/ADV LEVEL | CHS GYM

An exciting 2-day basketball competition for high school students. Teams from each grade compete with help of a mentor/coach for the Battle of the Classes trophy. It's more than just a competition—it's about teamwork, mentorship, and community building.

SOUTH ORANGE ELKS LODGE

southorangeelks.com

Elks Hoop Shoot

November 23, 2025

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES 3-8 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | ST JOSEPH'S GYM

A free-throw contest for girls and boys ages 8-13, in six divisions. This program is free to all contestants. Beginning at the local level, winning contestants advance through district, state, regional, and national competitions. The winners at the national level have their names inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in a room dedicated to The Elks Hoop Shoot Contest.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

metroymcas.org/south-mountain-ymca/youth-basketball/

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Shoot-A-Thon

March 16, 2025

GIRLS/BOYS | GRADES K-12 | ALL SKILL LEVELS | SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

Join us for our annual shoot-a-thon, where young athletes can showcase their shooting skills while raising funds to support our local YMCA programs. Participants will gather pledges for each successful basket they make, with proceeds going toward program scholarships.



**SOMA
BASKETBALL
BOOSTERS**

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SOMA Basketball Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of Building a Better Community Through Basketball. We seek to contribute to the fabric and beauty of our two towns, and enhance the impact of our local basketball programs—including those organized by South Orange Recreation, Maplewood Recreation, SOMSD Schools & Supporting Groups, The South Mountain YMCA and any other non-profit organization hosting programs open to all residents in our two towns. We aim to ensure access and resources for all who seek to participate in basketball—regardless of level. We do this by offering financial support in the form of donations, grants and scholarships—and by organizing community based service, events and programs—for SOMA athletes of all ages.

Visit somabasketball.org or email somabasketballboosters@gmail.com to join us on our journey, get involved, and learn more!