

Harvey County State Special Olympics Basketball

- DATES:** Thursday, March 15th -Saturday, March 17th
- DEPARTURE:** Please be at **SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** corner of 1st and Old Main between **1:15 and 1:45 pm on Thursday March 15th**. Check in will **start at 1:15 pm**. **Do not come before 1:15 pm**. We will not be ready for you. At 2:00 pm we will be loaded in vans and leaving the parking lot. If you are not in a van at that time you will not have a ride to Hays.
- CLOTHING:** Come dressed in a t-shirt and jeans.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Tongish vans, agency vans & parent's cars.
- GAME TIMES:** The final brackets will not be sent out until next week.
- RETURN:** Since we have not received the brackets we don't know what time we will be returning. We will have more information available on Thursday. Often the games don't run on time we will call parents/staff before we leave Hays. Allow **2 ½** hours from our call. Your parents/staff need to pick you up at **SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**.
- MOTEL:** **Fort Hays Inn**
2524 Vine Street
Hays, Kansas 67601
785-625-2511
The reservations are listed under
Harvey Co. Special Olympics-
Joey Schmidt
- You are not allowed to call other teams on the phones in the hotel rooms. You are not allowed to give out your room number to anybody but your teammate. You are not allowed to buy any movies or games on the hotel tvs. You are not allowed to run down the halls. You are not allowed out of your room after lights out. You are not allowed to have anybody of the opposite sex in your room. That means no boys in the girls rooms and no girls in the boys room. Coaches and volunteers will be doing room checks.
- FOOD:** Provided

SNACK:

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EXTRA MONEY:

Special Olympic souvenirs will be available. In the past years, the most expensive items were sweatshirts for \$35.00. T-Shirts are usually \$10.00-\$15.00. If you want a souvenir put your name on an envelope, list the amount and your size if you want a shirt. Turn the money in when you check in so a receipt can be given to you for the amount. Coaches will then hold your money.

BANQUET:

The banquet is a casual occasion. Nice jeans are appropriate. Even though this event is casual, we still want you to wear nice clothes.

MEDICATION:

During the day teams often go their separate ways. And you may not go back to the hotel until late evening. To make it easier, **PLEASE** put each dosage in one envelope- Mark it with your **NAME** and the time it is to be taken-then seal it. It will be your responsibility to take your own med. If you have staff they will be responsible for giving your meds to you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **PLEASE** do not overload your big bag. Inappropriate items will be confiscated. You will only be allowed your big blue bag!!! **They are not designed to carry everything you own.**
2. Jewelry/watches and dangling earrings are not to be worn during the game. Do **NOT** bring jewelry.
3. **NO** drinks are allowed in the gyms. We will have water available for each team.
4. WALKMANS/IPODS with Headset and quiet games are allowed. Anything that you bring is **YOUR** responsibility to keep track of.
5. Coaches will not be responsible for any of your personal items. Do **not** ask coaches to watch your stuff.
6. Always keep track of your top and bottom warmup. ***There will be a penalty if coaches pick them up.***
7. Your coaches must know where you are at all times. Do not walk away from them. Do not have other athletes tell the coach that you are going someplace. Your coach must be able to see you at all times.

VERY IMPORTANT:

We are not sending any of the uniforms home for you to wash. Before you leave Hays, you will be asked to change back into the clothes you brought. A volunteer will be washing all uniforms and warm ups for you. They then will be put into the den and ready for you next season. Once we arrive back to Newton, you will be given a trash bag to empty everything out of your big blue bags. The bags will then be checked back in at that time. We are doing this instead of a different day to check in bags due to some athletes not returning bags. The amount of bags we now have has decreased over the years. Before you return them please check all the pockets. It doesn't make a person's day to open one of the compartments and find smelly sports socks or dirty underwear.

ONE MORE THING FROM KARLA-

Remember you are a member of one of the best teams in the state!!! The trip is a fun one, but just because you are away from home doesn't give you the right to act in a manner that would disgrace your team. I expect you to act appropriate at all times. Have pride in yourself and your team. What you do reflects on the whole team. You all have been on enough trips to know the team's rules. The rules are there for the good of the team. I expect you to follow them or you will deal with ME directly!!!! You may ask my sons I do mean what I say. You will have appropriate behavior at all times. If not you will be sent home immediately. Make sure you say thank you to any volunteer you meet.

Your coaches are taking vacation time from their jobs and/or missing school. They are spending lots of money on you. I hope you will show your appreciation to them and to the people who are running the tournament by showing that you deserve the opportunity to compete.

WIN or LOSE let's show the other teams why the **WILDCATS** are #1!!!!

Questions :

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**GO
WILDCATS!!**