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## **YMCA INTRODUCES NEW YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR WINTER!**

**VERSAILLES, OH** (January 31, 2008) – The YMCA of Darke County has a wide variety of classes and programs available for kids of all ages in Versailles this winter.

Indoor soccer will be available for boys and girls in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This program will teach the basic fundamentals of soccer. Players will learn passing, dribbling and shooting. Participants will be able to showcase their new skills during a scrimmage following their weekly practice. These classes meet on Tuesday evenings. Preschool/Kindergarten is from 5:30-6:15 pm and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade is from 6:15-7:00 pm. Maximum enrollment for each class is 20 children.

It's still basketball season so if you are in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade sign up for our Basketball League. There will be separate leagues for boys and girls. Players will continue to learn basketball fundamentals as well as basic rules, player positions and offensive and defensive strategies. Each team will practice once a week for one hour and will play one game each week on Saturday morning. Games will be refereed. Team and individual scores will be kept as well as team and individual fouls. The leagues will conclude with a tournament on Saturday, April 12. Each participant will receive a team t-shirt. Parents are encouraged to coach. Registration deadline for this program is Wednesday, February 20. Practice will begin the week of February 25. Games will begin on Saturday, March 1.

The YMCA will also be offering a 3-on-3 Basketball League for any one in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and under. Think you got game? Put your team together and show us your stuff! The league will consist of a boys division and a girls division. Teams will consist of 3 to 4 players (OHSAA rules mandate that no more than two players from the same school team may participate together in this program). There will be no coaches. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons at the YMCA in Versailles. Games will be supervised but not officiated. Each match will be best of three games. The league will consist of 5 weeks of play beginning on Sunday, March 2 and will conclude with a tournament. Individual registrations will be accepted as free agents and will be assigned to a team if possible. No draft or evaluation will be held. Each team is responsible for wearing matching or like-colored t-shirts. The winners of the leagues will receive a championship shirt and bragging rights! An organizational meeting will be held on Friday, February 29 at 5:30 pm at the YMCA in Versailles. At least one representative from each team must attend this meeting; however, all players are encouraged to attend. Parents are not required to be in attendance but may if they wish. Registration deadline for this league is Monday, February 25.

Friday means the end of the school week and now it also means come to the YMCA for Friday Frenzy! End your week with an hour of crazy gym games like Dodgeball, capture the chicken, SPUD, kickball, and much much more! This program is for any boy or girl in 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades. Don't miss all of the fun! Sign up today!

Members may register for programs beginning on Monday, February 11. All others may register on Thursday, February 14. Stop by the YMCA in Versailles or visit [www.ymcadarkecounty.org](http://www.ymcadarkecounty.org) for more details.

The YMCA of Darke County is a non-profit membership association of over 5,800 members with facilities in Greenville and Versailles. The mission of the YMCA of Darke County is to develop the whole person – spirit, mind and body – through character development programs that reinforce Christian principles and that build strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

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