

Press Release

Greater Springfield Area Sports Commission

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Note to media: Event organizers Tim Flatt and Kurt Talbott are available for interviews Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, or Wednesday morning. If you want photos or video of lots of players and families registering for the event, a good time to be at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday.

National Christian Homeschool Basketball to Bring More Than 10,000 People to Springfield March 14-19

Springfield, Mo. – The 20th Annual National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championship is March 14-19 at gymnasiums throughout Springfield, Republic and Ozark.

The tournament planner is projecting 345 teams from more than 30 states to participate in the tournament. More than 3,200 boys and girls in ten age divisions will compete.

In all, more than 10,000 people are expected to be in the city for the event. More than 7,000 room nights were booked through the Convention & Visitors Bureau's reservation program along with many others booked without using the bureau's service.

The Convention & Visitors Bureau estimates out-of-town participants and spectators will spend about \$3.65 million in the city.

The All-American games, 3 point contest and slam dunk contests begin at 6:30 p.m. March 16 at Hammons Student Center. The championship games begin at 12:30 p.m. March 19 at Hammons Student Center. Four championship games are scheduled.

One of the top players this year is Moriah Jefferson from THESA Riders of Fort Worth, Texas. She is being recruited by nearly every division 1 program in America.

Another top player is Justin Jackson from HCYA Houston, Texas. He is in the top 100 freshman in the United States.

Also, Allanzo Trier is another top player from Oklahoma Storm Oklahoma City. He is the number 1 eighth grader in the United States.

Spectators are welcome. All games are free admission.

This marks the third year the tournament has taken place in Springfield.

For more information or to see updated brackets during the event, visit <http://nchclive.com/>.

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