



# HILLCREST INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

## Hillcrest Lutheran Academy

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Dear Pastor/Team Manager:

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Hillcrest Lutheran Academy announces its 46th Annual Hillcrest Invitational Basketball Tournament for Lutheran Brethren churches, Hillcrest alumni, and their families to be held on the weekend of **Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, 2012**. We will use the same division format as last year:

		(Avg. Team Age)
• Division I	(college age/ability)	19-28
• Classic	(older players - trad. LB church teams)	25-37
• Division II	(high school age/ability)	16-22
• Division III	(just for fun/girls/45+ men/junior high)	12-16, 45-60

If your church or alumni group intends to participate in the year 2012 tournament, please complete the following:

- 1. By March 2nd, send an entry fee of \$200.00 per team, and indicate the division of play your team wishes to participate. Make checks payable to: HILLCREST INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT.**
- 2. Send a roster for each team being represented by your church.**

- Each roster may have up to 15 players. but not less than 7 players.
- Rosters will be accepted only if they are approved with the pastor's or congregational chairman's signature. Alumni will be approved here with our records at school.
- This tournament will fill up. **We are unable to allow more than 64 teams into the tournament** because of gym space.
- If you were in the tournament last year, we will guarantee you a spot if you send roster and payment by **March 2nd**.  
New teams will be added on a first-come-first-serve basis.

**Team members must be in the 7th grade or older; male or female and meet any of the following criteria:**

- A member of your Lutheran Brethren church, (he/she may be off to college, etc. that's OK) or a person that attends your LB church on a regular basis or is currently attending a church served by an LB pastor.
  - An alumnus of LBS, or spouse or child of an alumnus of LBS, or currently attending LBS.
- In addition, *your team may bring up to two (2) members that do not meet the above criteria but would like to include them as part of your team for **ministry purposes**.*
  - With the four-divisional format, late entries may not be considered if gymnasium space becomes a problem. Make good use of the time between now and Friday, March 2nd to determine who might be available for your team. Names may be placed on the roster even if you aren't sure the person(s) will be able to play or not.
- 3. Bring the 2012 H.I.T. Release form to the first game of your tournament. Your team may not play unless everyone has signed the release form.**

**The \$200.00 entry fee must accompany the Roster Form for a team to be considered as an entry in the tournament.** Make the check out to: Hillcrest Invitational Tournament. (Small Print: No refunds will be given within 20 days prior to the tournament unless another team wants in. We will not cancel this tournament because of weather. Four years ago a blizzard almost got us, but we have no way to reschedule this event. If the weather is bad, we will restructure the tournament for any who can make it - but please don't die trying to get here. If you can't make it because of weather, we will refund \$100.)

**PLEASE GET YOUR TEAM ENTRY IN EARLY THIS YEAR!** A Roster Form and Release Form are also enclosed in this mailing. If your church is sending more than one team, please duplicate this information and disperse to the people responsible in your church. Early motel reservations are recommended. Each team should be prepared to play as early as 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2011. Send all materials for your team entry to:

**Hillcrest Invitational Tournament, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy  
610 Hillcrest Drive, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. 218-737-6424**

Forms may also be faxed to the school at: **218-739-3372**. My e-mail address is: **cbrue@ffhillcrest.org**

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