## James Island Elite team Invitation (2012)

*Sophomore Girls basketball (JV & Varsity teams to be developed)*

**You have been invited to try out for the new 'James Island Elite' team, are you interested?** This is an (Amateur Athletic Union) AAU sanctioned 16U player development team (16U: AAU Age limit, 10th grade or under, can be no older than 17 on 8/31/12, or 11th grade born on or after 9/1/96). Players will be presently enrolled in 8th 9th or 10th grade. Additional players may be considered. Practices are once or twice a week as gym space is available, usually on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Games/Scrimmages will be sporadically planned with other area teams. Summer camps and tournaments will be included in the Elite Team schedule. Each player that tries out must pay $20 AAU player sanction fee and in most cases be allowed to practice with the team. If player makes the travel team, a minimum of an additional $200 per player is required to participate. (Payment of $100 per month is acceptable). If less than 10 players participate, fees may be no more than $350 for season. These fees include AAU player registration, AAU T-shirt, and 6-8 tournaments. An additional uniform rental/replacement fee is $60 first year of participation, $30 each year after. This uniform is turned in at end of each AAU season and if player does not continue participation. Bonus: uniform may be kept after 3 years of JI Elite participation. Sponsor supplied shooter shirts and AAU T-shirt are kept by players. (estimated total: $250 returning players, $280 First year players) Travel and lodging may be additional cost to players, and will be responsibility of parents that travel to tournaments. Participation in Summer basketball camps would be up to individual players at an additional cost. (tax deductible sponsors can be sought by players to cover fees and additional team support. Sponsor information and forms on web site). Practices are always open to parents and Coach Kent is available at any time outside of practice and games.

**Interested? Try outs begin February 23rd** (practices @ JICHS, if available)
**Connect with Coach Kent Williams** to receive more information at Pastorkent316@aol.com, or call 843-743-4471. **OR, simply fill out registration form and return ASAP if interested. Game and practice schedule will be posted on web site.** (for more information and forms, go to www.jielite.org )

## Potential 2012 AAU Tournaments:

*Participation in tournaments is dependent on availability of players. All tournaments tentative, subject to change*

Columbia Basketball Invitational, March 16-17
Super Regional Tournament, Furman University, Timmons Arena, Greenville, March 23-24
Spring Fever Hoop Fest Tournament, Greenville, SC @ Potential Sports Academy, April
AAU Super Regional Tournament, Aiken, SC, (or) Midlands Invitational, Columbia, April 20-21
SC AAU District Championship Columbia, SC, April 27-28
Spartanburg Bucks Invitational, Spartanburg, (or) AAU Div II/III District Championship, Columbia, May 18-19
AAU Low-Country Ballers Invitational, Charleston, SC, May (TBD)
AAU Super Regional Tournament, Columbia, May 25-26
8th Annual Spartanburg Jr. Pro Invitational Spartanburg, SC, June 22-23

## Elite Team Summer Basketball options considered:

The cost of camps is additional expense to participating player.
**Charleston Southern University Women's Basketball Camp June**
**College of Charleston Team Camp June**
**College of Charleston Women's Elite Camp - August**
*Additional camps possible. JI Elite Team participation will yield to High School Team participation in any camp.*

**2012 James Island Elite coaching staff:**

**Coach Kent Williams.** Coach Kent has coached basketball and football and officiated for over 25 years including reaching Varsity playoffs 3 years in a row at the 5th largest High School in Michigan. He is presently a SCHSL basketball official. Kent serves as Pastor of Youth/Missions at Ashley River Baptist Church.

**Coach Jodie Runner**. Coach Runner served as the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Shepherd University (NCAA, Division II – WVIAC). She was 2008 WVIAC Coach of the year, Conference Champions, ranked #25 nationally and led team to the Division II NCAA Sweet Sixteen. Coached team to school record 24-7. She is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association since 1997. Coach Runner played basketball for Division I, West Virginia University, reaching national ranking of #11 and reaching the NCAA Sweet Sixteen as Co-Captain. A dean's list, honor roll Student-Athlete at WVU, her team ranked nationally in the top 20 for highest GPA. She has coached AAU select teams, volunteers with United Way, participates in Coaches for Cancer and other community services. She presently is a Charleston School District Teacher and coaches Varsity Girls Basketball at Ashley Hall Academy.