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DECEMBER 2, 2021

Grand Valley sixth grade girls are all smiles during a fun weekend at the Turkey Bucket.

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It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year...

With Thanksgiving and the Turkey Bucket behind us, it's time to focus on the busiest month of the year. Big Leaf kicks into full gear with 125 league games on the slate this weekend - at 10 different venues on 25 courts in six different counties. We will continue league games through December 18th and then will pause league action, picking back up January 2nd.



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BIG LEAF/TNBA WINTER LEAGUES

Boys 7th/8th Grade League

Sundays starting January 23, 2022
7 game season plus end of year tournament

Cost:

Individual Player: \$125 (will be coached by a Big Leaf/TNBA coach)

Complete Team: \$650 (OHSAA rules apply: only 2 players per school who played on the school team)

 Games played at:

Berkshire HS, Cardinal HS, and Lost Nation Sports Park 

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Boys High School League


2 divisions, JV & Varsity

Cost:

Individual Player: \$125 (will be coached by a Big Leaf/TNBA coach)

Complete Team: \$650 (OHSAA rules apply: only 2 players per school who played on the school team and no players can play who are still in season)

 Games played at:

Berkshire HS, Cardinal HS, and Lost Nation Sports Park 

Registration: TNBABasketball.com/BigLeaf/

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Big Leaf's premier December event is the 8th Annual Jingle Bucket. Pre-Covid the holiday tournament would have a hundred plus teams. We anticipate reaching these numbers again this year. Most divisions will have at least two levels putting an emphasis on dividing teams up based on talent level.

December 26-28. The four best records will then square off Wednesday evening for the championship.

We will have an abundance of social media coverage for the event, a Tournament MVP and All-Tournament-Team for each division.

Register now on the T.N.B.A. app, to ensure your

JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO THE JINGLE BUCKET!

We are switching the format for our main tournaments. In the past we put teams in different pools followed by bracket play but with the uncertainty of Covid on a daily basis this will ensure a more stable schedule for our teams.

All teams will be placed in one large pool based on grade and ability. They will then be scheduled for four pool play games between



December 26-29, 2021

team has a spot. You must be registered by 11:59 p.m. on December 15th. It is not fair to the prompt teams that we make them wait for a schedule so we will be moving our deadlines up in order for teams and families to plan accordingly.

Keep in mind there are two Jingle Buckets. Ours is listed as the original Jingle Bucket on our App.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Hey Big Leaf Nation! Do you want to see your son or daughter's smiling face gracing the pages of the next Big Leaf Full Court Press? Or do you want to prove to them that you know what Instagram is? Well it couldn't be easier... just email us your best action shots of silly team pics from after the big game at bigleafsocialmedia@gmail.com. We want to give the kids the recognition they've been working hard for!

Also, make sure you send us your nominations for the GameChanger Player of the Week or the TNBA Team of the Week. Please include any details on why your player or team had a great week, such as "Sarah hit the game-winning shot against her team's biggest rival," or

"Johnny had a double-double with 12 points and 10 boards and even threw in 3 blocks." There's no Player of the Week or Team of the Week for this week because there were no league games over Thanksgiving weekend. But be on the lookout for the Big Leaf Turkey Bucket Roundup that is due out this weekend!

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THAT YOU RULE
SOCIAL MEDIA AND
ARE SUPER COOL!**

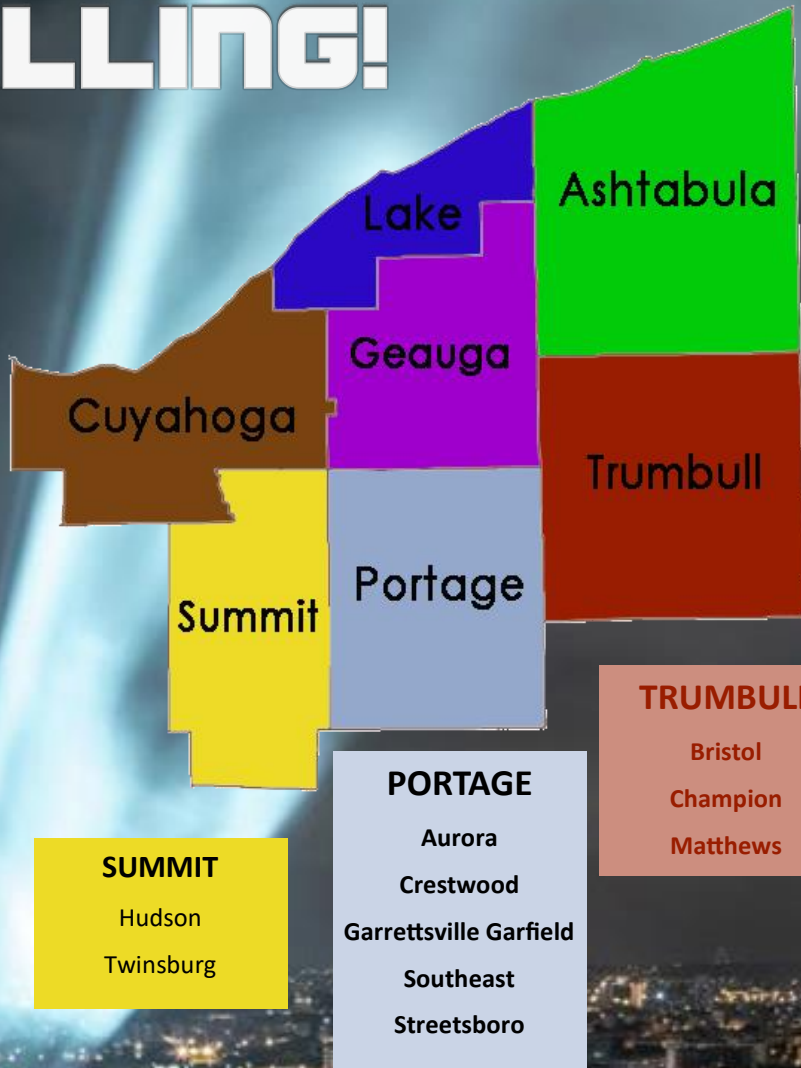
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- CUYAHOGA**
- Bedford
 - Chagrin Falls
 - Cleveland Heights
 - Euclid
 - Garfield Heights
 - Maple Heights
 - Mayfield
 - Rocky River
 - Shaker Heights
 - Shaw
 - Solon
 - Tremont
 - Warrensville Heights

- SUMMIT**
- Hudson
 - Twinsburg

- PORTAGE**
- Aurora
 - Crestwood
 - Garrettsville
 - Garfield
 - Southeast
 - Streetsboro

- TRUMBULL**
- Bristol
 - Champion
 - Matthews

- LAKE**
- Kirtland
 - Madison
 - Mentor
 - Painesville
 - Riverside
 - Perry
 - Willoughby

- ASHTABULA**
- Edgewood
 - Geneva
 - Grand Valley
 - Lakeside

- GEAUGA**
- Berkshire
 - Cardinal
 - Chardon
 - Kenston
 - West Geauga
 - Hawken
 - Ledgemont



Big Leaf is taking over Northeast Ohio! We now proudly represent seven counties and 40 communities! And that doesn't even include all the teams that participate in our tournaments!

LET'S TALK

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2021 JINGLE BUCKET



DECEMBER 26-29

Boys Divisions: Grades 3, 4, 5, 6

Girls Divisions: Grades 4, 5, 6



4 Game Guarantee!
\$245 per team

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- Share exciting moments with photo sharing

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◀ The Turkey Bucket saw rivalries renewed as 5th grade Berkshire squared off with Cardinal.



▶ Fourth grade big time kills on display by Brandon Curtain Jr. of Shaker as he drives to the basket with his head up.



▼ Fifth grade boys Streetsboro defeats Berkshire on the last day of the Turkey Bucket at Martin Fieldhouse.



▲ Avontae Sims of the Tremont Grinders put on a show in the 6th grade Turkey Bucket action.

▲ Grayson Sitasrski takes it strong to the hoop against the Tremont Grinders in 4th grade action.



▶ Streetsboro with the aggressive double team of Ashton Adams of Riverside Gold in an early 4th grade matchup at Garfield Heights High.



▶ Fourth grader Owen Friedrichsen of the Tremont Grinders eurosteps his way to the basket.



▲ Sixth grade girls Grand Valley plays tough D against Kenston in the first of two matchups over the weekend both won by Kenston.



▲ Sixth grade girls Berkshire and Kenston huddle up before day two of the Turkey Bucket at Cardinal Middle School tips off.



▲ Riverside's Mike Volpe stretches for the block against Chagrin in a matchup of 6th grade boys.



▲ Perry Pirates and Tremont Grinders benches and coaches watch the action in this 6th grade battle of heavyweights.

▼ Avon Lake Maroon and Chagrin relax on the first of two free throws in a match-up of 5th graders.



► Fourth grade Solon Runners huddle up to try and come up with a plan to slow down Glenoak Green at Garfield Heights High School.



▲ Hiram College's Martin Fieldhouse was bumpin' over Thanksgiving weekend for the Turkey Bucket.

▼ Grand Valley and Kenston boxout for the rebound in the 6th grade girls Turkey Bucket championship game at Martin Fieldhouse.



▲ Fourth grade boys battle between Riverside and Chardon ends the day at the Turkey Bucket.

► Eastlake's Nathan Keptner led his Rangers' team on an undefeated Turkey Bucket 5th grade championship run.



▲ Riverside Gold's 6th grader Jaxon Moore drives to the hoop against West Geauga.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE MARQUEE MATCHUPS...

BOYS

3RD

HUDSON VIKINGS VS. STREETSBORO ROCKETS
Sunday, December 5th @ 2:45 @ The Edge

4TH

CHESTERLAND VS. CHARDON HILLTOPPERS
Sunday, December 5th @ 2:00 @ Cardinal Middle School

5TH

#7 HUDSON EXPLORERS BLUE VS. #4 MAYFIELD WILDCATS
Friday, December 3rd @ 7:15 @ Christ Community Chapel

6TH

#2 MENTOR RED VS. #1 LONNIE BURTON BRAVES
Sunday, December 5th @ 11:00 @ Spire Court #3

GIRLS

4TH

CHAGRIN FALLS LADY TIGERS VS. PERRY LADY PIRATES
Sunday, December 5th @ 10:00 am @ Perry High School Court #2

5TH

CHARDON LADY TOPPERS VS. KENSTON LADY BOMBERS
Sunday, December 5th @ 1:00 @ Force Sports

6TH

MENTOR LADY CARDINALS WHITE VS. RIVERSIDE LADY BEAVERS
Sunday, December 5th @ 9:00 am @ Force Sports

BIG LEAF BASKETBALL POINTS IN THE PAINT

The Braves solidified the top spot with an impressive run for the championship at the Turkey Bucket.

Marlin Jackson ►, Jaylen Elder and Cornelius Williams led the way and Jackson claimed the MVP award for the weekend. The Braves won all four of their games, including wins over Top 10 teams Tremont and TYA Tojans, by an average of 21.5 points.



FIFTH GRADE BOYS POWER RANKINGS

1. Garfield Heights Bulldogs
2. Solon Runners Blue
3. East Cleveland Warriors
4. Mayfield Wildcats
5. Bedford Bearcats
6. Willoughby Rebels
7. Hudson Explorers Blue
8. Shaker Heights Raiders
9. Perry Pirates
10. Aurora Greenmen

SIXTH GRADE GIRLS POWER RANKINGS

1. Mentor Cardinals Red
2. Hudson Kiwanis
3. Kenston Bombers
4. Aurora Lady Greenmen
5. Mayfield Wildcats
6. Chagrin Falls Tigers
7. Madison Blue Streaks
8. Riverside Beavers
9. Twinsburg Tigers
10. Kirtland Hornets

SIXTH GRADE BOYS POWER RANKINGS

1. Lonnie Burton Braves
 2. Mentor Cardinals Red
 3. Hudson Explorers Blue
 4. Riverside Beavers Black
 5. East Cleveland Warriors
 6. TYA Trojans
 7. Mayfield Wildcats
 8. Willoughby Rebels
 9. Chardon Hilltoppers
 10. Aurora Greenmen Green
- Dropped out: Tremont Grinders

Big Leaf Basketball takes pride in finding the right place for all of it's teams to feel comfortable on the hardwood. The first couple weeks can be rocky with an occasional blowout and some tough matchups for our more developmental teams. Please trust that we will have you where you belong in no time.

Starting December 8th all of our teams will be assessed a grade from the scale below. We will also do the research for every team that signs up for our tournaments and shootouts. The chart will be posted on our website bigleafbasketball.com each Wednesday and be updated each and every week through the end of our season.

Here are the rankings:

Select: The Elite Teams

Advanced:
Highly Com-
petitive

Intermediate:
Average Team

Novice: Developmental

If you want to have the exact record for your team please use the Jot Form on our website to fill us in on games you have played outside of Big Leaf Basketball. This would include games you played in other leagues or tournaments. This will give us the best data to assess your team in our Team Assessment Grading System.

T.A.G. YOU'RE IT

BIG LEAF INTRODUCES TEAM ASSESSMENT GRADE

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2022

MLK MID-SEASON MADNESS

January 15-17, 2022

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WHAT MAKES YOUR GIFTS DIFFERENT?

I haven't changed my focus since then, each box is designed and made with love for your special people in mind and the environment. Products are thoughtfully selected from other small businesses to be reusable, recyclable, and with an eye toward sustainable or recycling packaging. I want to make the recipient feel the love without creating excess environmental waste.

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I help busy women and working professionals send thoughtful and personal gifts in an era in which we simply click and ship gifts over the internet. You can also [build your own gift box](#) or I can work with you to create a [custom box](#) for those going through something important in their lives.

WHY SHOULD PEOPLE GET A MINNIEOLOGY GIFT?

The most significant response received to date is that these aren't your ordinary gift boxes; it's like a hug in a box, and there have been happy tears. It takes it a step further to truly showcase your thoughtfulness and show your people how much you are thinking of them.



TELL US SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT YOURSELF?

I recently moved to Middlefield from Los Angeles to be closer to my in-laws. When I'm not curating gifts, I enjoy the Bachelor franchise shows, TV dramas like Grey's Anatomy, A Million Things, and This Is Us, and traveling to new places. And last but not least, I love Justin Timberlake so much I married a "J.T." (KIDDING).

AT BIG LEAF, WE ARE ALL ABOUT THE COMMUNITY. HOW ARE YOU HELPING THE COMMUNITY?

I definitely noticed that! I contribute a portion of sales proceeds to non-profits throughout the year. In 2020-2021, donations have been made to: Dine11.org, Color of Change, Breast Cancer Resource of Texas, Geauga Sogi Support Network, True Circle Organization.

Holiday sale until Dec 6. Enjoy 15% off your order using code "bigleaf".

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