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Queen City Wheelchair Basketball comes to Rock Hill, SC

Visit York County welcomes wheelchair basketball teams from across the nation to compete in Queen City Classic Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

Rock Hill, S.C. (November 1, 2019) – On Nov. 9th-10th, the <u>Charlotte Rollin' Hornets</u> will host the <u>Queen City Classic Wheelchair Basketball Tournament</u> at <u>Winthrop University's West Center</u> (Heritage Ln., Rock Hill, SC 29733). The tournament will consist of a total of 19 teams (varsity and prep) including 232 athletes and coaches from different states across the nation.

Varsity teams competing in the Queen City Classic Wheelchair Basketball Tournament will include teams from Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Three teams from North Carolina along with teams from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and New York will make up the prep teams.

The varsity and prep teams are made up of youth athletes. All nine (9) varsity teams competing in the tournament will be ranked in the top 34 in the 2019-20 National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) Pre-season National Ranking.

"Visit York County is excited to bring a new event to the area, and we hope that the local community will come out and support wheelchair basketball," says Andy Clinton, VP of Sales, Visit York County. "We are able to host this event in Rock Hill due to the team effort between Visit York County, Winthrop University and Rock Hill Parks, Recreation & Tourism (RHPRT) to showcase our area as one of the premier sporting-events destinations in the Southeast."

The prep division will include the reigning team champions, Bennet Blazers from Baltimore, MD. Other perennial powerhouse teams that will be present include the Charlotte Rollin' Hornets, Charlotte, NC; Blazesports Jr. Hawks, Atlanta, GA and the N.Y. Rollin Fury, Long Island, NY. <u>Bailey Moody</u>, the 2019 Parapan Silver Medalist from the <u>U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball team</u>, will be present during the tournament.

Over 500 spectators are expected to attend the two-day tournament.

For information regarding teams, contact Mike Godsey, Director, Charlotte Rollin' Hornets at miketeamship@gmail.com or 704-651-9900.

The Charlotte Rollin' Hornets is a Wheelchair Basketball program which gives individuals with physical disabilities an opportunity to be part of a team, learn about life and basketball, and know that a physical disability does not have to mean they are disabled from doing what they want. The Rollin' Hornets consist of two junior and one adult wheelchair basketball teams that compete within the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA). Teams play in tournaments across the country in a season that lasts from October to April. For more information, log on to http://rollinhornets.cloudaccess.net/.

VISIT YORK COUNTY (also known as the Rock Hill/York County Convention & Visitors Bureau)
Visit York County is the destination marketing organization (DMO) responsible for developing an authentic, unified identity for York County, SC. As a DMO, the CVB's goals are to promote the long-term development and marketing of their destination, focusing on convention, sports and leisure sales, tourism marketing and services. The organization works in collaboration with the CVB Board as well as the York County Council and appropriate funding sources. In 2008, the Rock Hill/York County CVB became the first accredited destination marketing organization in South Carolina. For more information, log on to visityorkcounty.com.

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