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Think Safe – Love and Basketball

COLUMBIA, MO - Columbia Parks and Recreation, along with other community agencies, is holding a basketball challenge/tournament for teens between the ages of 13 and 17, called Think Safe - Love and Basketball.

This event will be held from 5:30-10:30 p.m. on Friday, August 7 and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 8 at the Armory Sports Center. Basketball teams will compete in tournament pools with their age groups (League 1 - 13-14 year-olds, League 2 - 15-17 year-olds), as well as learn about healthy life direction from successful former basketball players. Female teens are encouraged to compete also. Team entry fees are \$50 and T-shirts and door prizes to be given away. Medals will honor the top three teams. Parents are invited to attend and will also learn skills to communicate more effectively with their teen.

Interested teams must register at the Parks and Recreation website (www.GoColumbiaMo.com) or by phone at 874-7460 by July 17.

This event is also sponsored by YC2, The Boone Electric Community Trust and the First Ward Ambassadors, Columbia/Boone County Dept. of Public Health and Human Services, Urban Empowerment, United Community Cathedral, Boone County Community Partnership and Center for Adolescent Sexuality, Pregnancy and Parenting.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.