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Are you ready for summer basketball and volleyball? The Rib City Shootout boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball will be even greater this year than past years.

The shootouts began officially in Poplar Bluff over the Memorial Day weekend. This Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th the Shootout will feature boys basketball at the Bearcat Event Center, Dexter High School and T.S. Hill Middle School.

"We have 46 teams participating in the two day event this weekend," commented Rib City Shootout creator and Dexter boys basketball coach Chad Allen.

The big weekend of the summer will June 16-17th with the girls shootout to be held at the Libla Family Sports Complex in Poplar Bluff and the boys shootout on June 17th and 18th at Dexter. It is estimated that a record 152 teams are to participate.

"Some of the best teams in our area and across six other states are coming to participate in the Shootout," Allen said.

Here are just a few of the teams coming to Dexter on June 17th and 18th:

- Vashon who were the Missouri Class 4 state champions
- Westminster Christian runner-up for Missouri Class 4 state
- Arkansas Class 5A state champion Jonesboro; Arkansas
- two-time Rib City Shootout tournament champion Center Hill of Olive Branch,

Mississippi;

- Jackson (Tennessee) South Side squad that finished 26-3 last season;
- Missouri Class 4 quarterfinalist New Madrid County Central;
- Fayette-Ware High School of Somerville, Tenn.;
- Marion High School, Illinois;
- Murray High School, Kentucky
- St. Mary's of St. Louis.

The winners of the main varsity boys and girls brackets that weekend will win new uniforms, courtesy of BSN Sports.

There will be a Rib City 3v3 Clinic and Tournament on June 25th and 26th at the Libla Family Sports Complex.

The camp will be run by DigDeep Basketball owner and trainer Stephon Martinez and Kennett stand-out Fred Garmon.

Martinez trains NBA players and top college prospects.

“The event will include an hour and a half 3v3 skill-based clinic provided by myself and assisted by Fred Garmon,” Martinez said in a Facebook post on the Rib City Shootout’s page. “Shortly after the clinic concludes the 3v3 tourney will begin! Each team will have a three-game guarantee and a single-elimination tourney! You are able to bring your own team or join another!”

The session for 5th - 8th grade boys and girls will be at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 25th, and high schools boys and girls’ session will be at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 26th.

The cost is \$40 per player and registration is underway. Register at DigDeepBBall.com or call 573-747-9074.

For sports fans the cost to attend a Rib City Shootout is \$5 per person per day. This will get you into all the buildings on that particular day.

Here is the schedule for shootouts at Dexter.

- June 4-5, boys basketball

- June 9-10, girls basketball
- June 10-11, volleyball
- June 17-18, boys basketball
- June 24-25, girls basketball
- July 7-8, volleyball
- July 8-9, boys basketball
- July 9-10, girls basketball
- July 19-20, girls basketball
- July 19-20, boys basketball

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In addition, Rib City will hold additional shootouts at Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff and Murray, Kentucky this summer. Visit the Rib City Shootout Facebook page for the complete schedule, photos, and scores!

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