Mount Mercy Holds Girls Basketball Camp

Mount Mercy’s first summer basketball camp for girls ended its successful run on July 1st. The five day camp consisted of two three hour sessions each day. The morning session was for girls in grades three through six and the afternoon session was for seventh through ninth grade girls. This is the eighth year for the camp, but it was the inaugural year for a summer camp.

John Glose, Mount Mercy’s successful varsity basketball coach, is the camp’s director. He felt that the camp would be more beneficial for everyone if it was moved from Saturdays during the winter to the one week summer session. Fifty girls from approximately 15 different schools, both private and public, attended the camp.

The camp stressed not only fundamentals and skill work, but it also encouraged teamwork and becoming a great teammate. “If we can teach them to love the game and to like playing it, we feel that the girls will continue playing and develop into competitive players,” Glose commented.

Each day the campers competed in various contests, three on three games as well as five on five games. Bob Gainey, Springville’s varsity basketball coach, served as the assistant camp director. Members of the Mount Mercy basketball program also volunteered to help develop the basketball players of tomorrow.