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Youth basketball teams in grades 4-8 will converge on Imperial this Saturday for the 2009 Longhorn youth basketball tournament.

Brad Moline, who is serving as tournament director, said there will be more than 25 teams competing in the tournament from as far away as Alliance.

Schools represented by teams include Imperial, Perkins County, Dundy County, Wauneta-Palisade, Hershey, McCook, Southern Valley and Alliance.

There will be divisions for 4th and 5th grade boys, 4th and 5th grade girls, 6th grade girls, 6th and 7th grade boys and 7th and 8th grade girls.

The tournament will be played on the Longhorn, Shorthorn and Wellington gym floors.

The Longhorn court will be divided into two floors while the Shorthorn and Wellington floors will be full length.

Tournament games begin in each gym at 8 a.m. and will run through 6 p.m. in the evening.

Admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children will be good for all day. Concessions will also be available.

Moline said the teams will play either in pool play, round robin or bracket play, depending on the teams in each division.

The games will consist of four eight-minute running clock quarters with the clock stopping for free throws, time-outs, injuries and during the last minute of the game.

Moline said they have lined up lots of help for the day-long event but added they could always use more help. People interested in assisting can contact Moline at 308-883-8240 or 882-7802.