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### AAU 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT BEGINS FRIDAY AT THE PONTCHARTRAIN CENTER

**Kenner, LA.** – The AAU National Championship in Girls Basketball for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Divisions returns to Kenner with pool play beginning on Friday and the tournament concluding on Tuesday.

The tournament will bring 46 teams from throughout the country to the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner - 10 to 12 players per team along with parents and other family members and friends, said Recreation Director Ken Marroccoli.

“We are expecting between 1,200 and 1,500 people in the city for the six days of this tournament,” Marroccoli said.

Kenner has a history of hosting the AAU, although the last championship tournament was held three years ago. Acting Mayor Michael Sigur said credit goes to the Recreation Department, led by Marroccoli, along with officials from the Pontchartrain Center and the Jefferson Convention & Visitors Bureau.

“This is a very prestigious event with a significant economic impact for our city,” Sigur said.

The tournament is attracting teams from throughout the country, including Louisiana, although there are no representatives from the metropolitan area.

Daily admission tickets, as well as length of event passes, can be purchased at the Pontchartrain Center. Children 5 and under are free.

For more information on AAU girls basketball, go to [www.aagirlsbasketball.org](http://www.aagirlsbasketball.org).

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