

## Profile: Samantha Fried

Samantha Fried has been playing, and then assistant coaching, with the Girls' Basketball League since she was in 5th grade.

"I enjoy just coming to practice, getting to know the kids, watching them grow from day one to the last day of the playoff round," says Samantha, who credits the league and the opportunities it has given her with increasing her confidence.

"It's a very dedicated bunch of coaches who want to be good role models," she says. "It shows girls you can play basketball as much as the boys can."

## Testimonials

"Chelsea had never played basketball... Not only does she love basketball now, I believe this experience will forever change how she will view life on a team sport. Knowing early on that a competitive team sport can be successful with... compassionate coaching, supportive and hard-working teammates, focused skill building, continuous teamwork and a whole lot of fun is an invaluable lesson." — *Catherine Ryan, parent*

"In the beginning of the season Talia didn't want to keep playing because she didn't feel like she was any good and now she's asking for a basketball and high tops for next season!! I'm...so thankful that the gentle, non-competitive but extremely competent coaching made her love the game!! Thank you!!" — *Karen Wolff, parent*

"Thank you all...for a tremendous season... The joy that you practiced and played with, the smiles on your faces, and the tears that you shed represent your enthusiasm for each other and for the game of basketball." — *Shannon Carr, Congirls coach*

## The Greenwich Village Girls' Basketball League



In 1995, when local parent Harry Malakoff couldn't find a basketball league for his then 10-year-old daughter, he and GVYC Executive Director John Pettinato founded the Girls' Basketball League. Today, they still run this unique league which combines volunteer coaching, mentorship opportunities, and strong community and parental support with a well-run basketball league for 9-15 year old girls.

The League emphasizes fun, teamwork, and a chance for everyone to play. Winning is NOT the most important goal.

## About GVYC

The Girls' Basketball League is just one program of the Greenwich Village Youth Council (GVYC).

Our mission is to engage at-risk young people in activities, mentoring, and counseling in a warm and supportive community in order to help them avoid substance abuse, delinquency, and other risky behaviors.

## Contact

For more information, or if you are interested in playing, volunteering or sponsoring a team, please contact:  
**Harry Malakoff, Program Director**  
212-255-6948 or [girlsbball@gvyc.net](mailto:girlsbball@gvyc.net)

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### Greenwich Village Girls' Basketball League, 2011-2012

For girls ages 9-15 **\*\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS October 20, 2011\*\***

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my donation of \$100 for participation in the GVGBL.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am pleased to donate an additional \$\_\_\_\_ in support of those who cannot afford to contribute.

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot contribute \$100, but enclosed is a \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation.

Youth Name:	Guardian/Parent Name:
Address:	DOB:
Phone Number:	School:
Last Year's Team (if any):	Grade as of Sept 2011:
Parent's Email:	Participants Email:

**\*If you are interested in being a coach , please let us know.**

Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization: I hereby authorize the Greenwich Village Youth Council Inc., to take my daughter for emergency medical treatment in the event that neither our alternative emergency contact, nor we, can be reached.

**Medical Restrictions or Allergies:**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

To Be Signed By Participant: I understand that there will be Saturday games and practices on Friday evenings and that my failure to attend either or both will hurt my fellow teammates. I agree to give my best effort to attend all practices and games.

*Please Note: do not have your ear pierced at the beginning or during the season as no jewelry is allowed by the referees.*

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

#### Alternative Emergency Contact

Please print all information

Please return to: Harry Malakoff, 340 West 28<sup>th</sup> Street #21B, New York, NY 10001. He can also be contacted at [girlsbball@gvyc.net](mailto:girlsbball@gvyc.net).

**\*Mandatory Evaluation Session for ALL Players is Saturday, November 5, 2011. Space cannot be held for anyone who does not attend this evaluation session unless previous alternative arrangements have been made.**

Juniors (ages 9-11) begins at 9:00am

Seniors (ages 12-15) begins at 12:00pm