

NBA champion Oklahoma City Thunder will hold basketball camps in Kansas City

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Kansas City isn't exactly ground zero for Oklahoma City Thunder fandom, but the NBA team does have support in the area. That's helped in part by FanDuel Sports Kansas City airing the Thunder's games during the regular season. And the Thunder winning the NBA Finals also doesn't hurt. The Thunder will be bringing a pair of youth camps in Kansas City at Hy-Vee Arena on July 29 and 30. Here is what is planned.

HUSTLE CAMP
This is a one-day event for kids ages 6-14. The three-hour camp "focuses on beginning to mid-level fundamentals and drills such as defense, ball-handling, shooting, layups and more," the Thunder said. Participants will receive a t-shirt, basketball, water bottle and a ticket to a Thunder home game. The cost is \$65. "Thunder Youth Basketball camps focus on defined fundamentals: instilling the importance of teamwork, creating a positive learning environment, and increasing campers' self-confidence to encourage hard work,



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Oklahoma City center Brandon Carlson (15) shoots from the logo during an NBA Finals practice session ahead of Game 2 at Paycom Center Oklahoma City, on June 7.

focus, and persistence," the team said. **DANCE CAMP** These one-day camps also will be held on July 29 and 30 at Hy-Vee Arena. The Thunder said a session is three hours long and kids can learn "dance techniques and improve their skills with the O-City

Harrington wins second US Senior Open in 4 years

Field Level Media
Ireland's Padraig Harrington parlayed four front-nine birdies Sunday into steady back-nine play that resulted in a one-shot victory at the U.S. Senior Open at Broadmoor Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colo. Harrington fired a 3-under-par 67 to assure a single-stroke victory at 11-under 269 over runner-up Stewart Cink. "It was entertaining, wasn't it?" Harrington asked rhetorically after the victory. It was his first win on the PGA Tour Champions in 2025 after previously tying for second at the Senior PGA Championship in May.



Padraig Harrington
straight birdies over Nos. 2-5. But Harrington's birdie on the par-5, 530-yard ninth pulled him back into a tie. Harrington had a bogey at No. 10, a birdie at No. 11, and then made par on every hole the rest of the way. Cink, in contrast, had two bad holes - the 11th and 15th - and just one birdie to compensate (14th), leaving him a shot shy of what he needed to force a playoff. He cited two missed putt opportunities on the 16th and 17th as being the difference.

"Those are two putts where the break on the green is going against that mountain," Cink said. "There's not a lot on this course that goes against that mountain. You have to decide which one's going to win out. You can feel it in your feet and you can see where the mountain is and you know where the valley is. It's just really, really hard to commit. "That typifies what you get here, and it's frustrating because I hit really good iron shots there to put myself in position to get up there and force Harrington to make a little bit more of a heroic finish than just pars. But it wasn't to be. I don't know, that's Broadmoor for you. I wish I could have those two putts over." Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez made a tremendous charge and got to 10 under, tied with Cink headed into the final hole. But he bogeyed No. 18 to drop him into a third-place finish at 9 under, despite shooting 6-under 64 on the day.

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"I just want to win," Bates told reporters during his watch party in Kansas City, per Nathalie Jones of ABC 17 News. "I'm more of (a) 'I'm going to show you' (type of player). There ain't really too much to talk about." Bates' leadership has been lauded by his coaches and peers throughout the 2024-25 season, with MU coach Dennis Gates referring to the Kansas City, Kansas, product as "a great leader, a great young man" in a postgame news conference Feb. 19. During the NABC DI All-Star Game on April 4, Bates shouted instructions on defense and fostered cohesiveness with the East team despite the contest's exhibition nature. "They wouldn't leave me alone (and let me) break out of the huddle. I appreciate it," former Marquette forward David Joplin said of his teammates bringing the huddle to him during his halftime interview. "That's Tamar (Bates). He's a leader." The Nuggets may lose some locker room presence as veteran guard Russell Westbrook and center DeAndre Jordan are set to become unrestricted free agents. Westbrook's possible departure would leave Denver with just four guards currently contracted: Jamal Murray, Christian Braun, Jalen Pickett and Julian Strawther. Two-way guards Spencer Jones and Trey Alexander will be restricted free agents in

the offseason. Bates could fill the gap left by Westbrook, bringing his win-now mentality and leadership to a team that finished 50-32 in the 2024-25 regular season. The Nuggets fell in seven games to the eventual NBA champion Oklahoma City Thunder in the second round of the playoffs. Scoring prowess is another aspect of Bates' game that could shine with Denver. Bates averaged 13.3 points, 2.6 rebounds, 1.0 assists and 1.3 steals per game in his senior campaign at Mizzou. He led Division I in free-throw percentage at 94.6% and shot 50.8% from the field and 39.7% from 3. "Bates thrives in transition, finds scoring windows off the ball and can finish effectively at the rim," Bleacher Report's NBA staff wrote Friday in a scouting report. "Still, questions remain about his athleticism, ability to create for others and pull-up shooting, which could limit his upside if he's asked to do more than play within a system." Bates' ability to adapt to the NBA's faster pace remains to be seen. However, his shooting splits last season seem to have enticed the Nuggets.

CALEB GRILL, CHICAGO BULLS
Grill's road to an NBA regular-season roster spot might be more tumultuous. An Exhibit 10 deal is a one-year, non-guaranteed contract, with signees rarely making it past training camp. If a player signs an Exhibit 10 deal and is

waived after training camp, the team can retain their rights for a contract with its G League affiliate. That reality makes strong performances in the Summer League and training camp that much more important for Grill, as he will be auditioning to take someone else's two-way deal. Unfortunately for the Wichita product, the Bulls are expected to bring back all five currently contracted guards for the 2025-26 season in Ayo Dosunmu, Dalen Terry, Jahmir Dialyn, Coby White and Kevin Huerter. Chicago traded point guard Lonzo Ball to the Cleveland Cavaliers for forward Isaac Okoro on Saturday, which opened up another guard spot on the Bulls' roster. The only question mark was whether Chicago planned to re-sign restricted free agent guard Josh Giddey, but NBA analyst Jake Weinbach reported that the two parties are nearing a multi-year deal. If Giddey returns, the team will have six guards on the roster. A logjam at the guard position has not deterred the Bulls before, as they had 10 guards on the team at the end of last season. The 25-year-old's efficient marksmanship from 3-point range off the bench in the 2024-25 campaign showcased his ability to thrive in the low-usage, high-impact role he may be expected to play in the NBA. "All these NBA teams have their superstars, pretty much, so the ball's going to be in their hands ... and to put yourself in

the best situation to be on the court, you have to be able to know how to move off the ball," Grill said Friday in an interview with Ben Arnet of KOMU 8 News. "You're going to have to be able to play off those players, and I think at Mizzou, they do a really good job at teaching us spacing." Grill averaged 13.7 points, 3.6 rebounds, 1.1 assists and 1.7 steals per game in his graduate campaign at Mizzou. The SEC Sixth Man of the Year finished the season ranked No. 44 nationally in 3-point percentage with a clip of 39.6%. "(I'm) an everyday guy who plays hard on both ends of the floor," Grill said Friday in an interview with Kyle Helms of ABC 17 News. "A guy who can have the ability to go for five, six, seven 3s in a game and can change the game from the way I can space it and the way I can knock down shots." Grill told Arnet that his keys to success in the NBA are shooting a 40% clip from deep and bringing intensity on both ends of the floor. Grill's shooting could help the Bulls, as they finished 39-43 in the 2024-25 regular season and have not made the playoffs (beyond the play-in round) since 2022. "All these teams are trying to win, and they're just looking for small pieces they can fit in a puzzle," Grill said to Arnet. "Hopefully I can be a small piece in a bigger picture and do what I can do to help the Bulls out in the Summer League and maybe going forward."

Steelers, Dolphins swap Ramsey, Fitzpatrick

Field Level Media
The Steelers acquired All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey from the Dolphins, multiple news outlets reported Monday. Ramsey confirmed the development on X, posting: "Break my own news! #HereWeGo @steelers." The Steelers also will receive tight end Jonnu

Smith, ESPN reported. Pittsburgh is sending All-Pro safety Minkah Fitzpatrick and an unspecified late-round draft pick to Miami to complete the blockbuster trade, per ESPN. Ramsey, 30, did not attend Miami's mandatory minicamp earlier this month while the team attempted to secure a trade partner. The Steelers and Rams were considered the most likely destinations.

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Bids for REBID Replace Fire Alarm Panels - Multiple Assets, Project No. C2325-01 will be received by FMDC, State of MO, UNTIL 1:30 PM, 7/31/25. Project information available at: <http://oa.mo.gov/facilities> IPL0247601 Jun 23-27,29-Jul 3 2025

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ACTION: Invitation for Oral Bids

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of the Miami Agency, Eastern Oklahoma Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, is announcing the sale of Restricted Indian Chat Interests, along with an associated Business Lease for the Restricted Surface Allotment(s) where the chat pile is located in Ottawa County, Oklahoma. This sale will be conducted through an oral bidding process.

DATE: The auction is scheduled to be held on or about August 11, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mr. Randall Trickey, Superintendent, Miami Agency, at (918) 542-3396.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All bids will be accepted in the Court Room of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Miami Agency, at the following address:

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T2338-01 Jefferson City LAASF Readiness Ctr Install Solar Array

T2412-01 Ft Wood Readiness Ctr Construct Solar Array Bldg 1029

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