



# Press Release/Public Service Announcement

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## **SPAR TO HOST 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MLK JR. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**SHREVEPORT, LA**, February 5, 2010: Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation (SPAR), and Caddo Parish Parks & Recreation are in full stride in its preparation for the upcoming 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Basketball Tournament. It takes the efforts of many to put on the annual tournament that includes over 70 teams participating.

The deadline for teams to register for the tournament is rapidly approaching. Registration ends on February 12, 2010. Teams for adults, boys, girls, wheelchair and Job Corp may participate. SPAR encourages all interested teams to register and help make this year the largest and greatest ever.

The MLK Jr. Basketball Tournament is designed to unite men, women and youth of all ethnic backgrounds for three days of fun, fitness and community unity. Over \$3,000 of cash prizes and awards will be given to championship teams. Over 100 teams (Pro Am to Youth) from 5 southern

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states participated in 2009, featuring some of the toughest roundballers in the south. In an effort to make the tournament more competitive, in 2009 the tournament committee added a Men's Pro-Am Division (featuring former collegiate and professional players) and a Wheelchair Division. In 2010 a Job Corps Division will be added to the tournament, highlighting some of the top Job Corps basketball teams in the region.

For continuous updates including contact information, registration details and photo gallery of last year's tournament activities, visit [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org). For more information contact tournament coordinators, Mary Murphy at (318) 673-7776 / Kronski Grigsby at (318) 673-7749.