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Olympian and Lynx basketball star partners with YWCA of Minneapolis

Maya Moore hosting summer youth basketball clinic

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The YWCA of Minneapolis is gearing up for a youth basketball clinic at the Midtown location on August 1 from 2-4 p.m. for girls and boys between the ages 6-12. The clinic will feature Maya Moore, a gold medal Olympian and star forward with Minnesota Lynx. Moore will speak with youth and help lead them through several fundamental drills, including ball handling, shooting and defense. All skill levels are welcome.

"The YWCA of Minneapolis is committed to help lay the groundwork for young athletes," said Lauri Ludeman, league coordinator. "We're excited because this youth basketball clinic will inspire youth in our community, and show them how Maya's commitment to sportsmanship and work ethic has influenced her success with basketball," she added.

Moore is regarded as one of the best women's basketball players of all time. She was the first overall pick in the 2011 WNBA draft and captured Rookie of the Year honors while leading the Minnesota Lynx to its first league championship. Her impressive basketball resume also includes leading Connecticut to back-to-back NCAA championships and winning a gold medal with Team USA 2012.

Ludeman admires Moore's talent and she praised the Lynx star for her excellent character. "I hope the kids will realize not only what a great athlete Maya is, but also what a great person she is," said Ludeman. "This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to develop their skills and learn from one of the best role models in the sport," she said.

The YWCA Youth Basketball Clinic will be a highlight of the YWCA's 10-year relationship with the Minnesota Lynx. To learn more about the YWCA Youth Basketball Clinic visit www.ywcam pls.org or call 612-215-4342.