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Midnight basketball tournament

The East Metro Crime Prevention unit, Office of Crime Prevention and the City of Swan are bringing midnight basketball to the Midland area with the first tournament scheduled for April 2009.

First class Constable Robyn Cottman said midnight basketball was a program designed to positively influence local youth within the community and provide a combination of life skills workshops and basketball competitions held during 'peak crime' times on the weekend.

"This provides young people with an alternative to committing crimes and getting involved in anti-social behaviours," she said.

"An information session is being held on December 9 at 7.30 pm at the Swan Park Leisure Centre for persons interested in becoming involved.

"Everyone is welcome to come along."

Before each basketball game, the young people will be provided with a healthy meal - families included - and a workshop covering various topics such as getting a job, sex

education, anger management and other topics.

The workshops, which will often include presentations from respected mentors, are compulsory to attend before playing backed up by the slogan "no workshop, no jump shot".

"When the games are over, transport home is provided to ensure participants safety and eliminate the opportunity for groups to linger."

Contact the crime prevention unit on 9250 4199 or email east.metro.crime.prevention@police.wa.gov.au.