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Houma Elks Lodge #1193 Hosts Annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest

Houma, LA – The Houma Elks Lodge #1193 is excited to invite local youth to participate in the annual **Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest** on **Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 1:00 PM** at **Houma First United Methodist Church (6109 LA-311, Houma, LA 70360)**.

The **Elks Hoop Shoot** is a nationally recognized free throw competition that has been "**Unleashing Gritty Kids**" for over 50 years. Open to boys and girls ages **8 to 13**, the contest allows young athletes to showcase their basketball skills, build confidence, and compete for a spot in the prestigious **National Finals in Chicago**.

Why Participate?

- **It's Free!** The competition is open to all qualifying youth at no cost.
- **A Test of Grit & Determination.** Contestants will compete in age-based brackets: **8-9, 10-11, and 12-13**.
- **Advance Through the Ranks.** Winners will move on to District, State, and Regional competitions, with a chance to compete in the **National Finals at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame!**
- **A Legacy of Champions.** Six National Champions will have their names enshrined in basketball history.

How to Register

Participants should arrive **at least 30 minutes early** to register and warm up. Parents or guardians must accompany them to sign the necessary forms.

For more information, contact

<https://www.houmaelks.org/committees/activities-committee/hoop-shoot> or visit the [Elks Hoop Shoot Website](#).

Join us on **February 8th** and take your best shot at becoming a champion!

About the Elks Hoop Shoot

Sponsored by the **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**, the Hoop Shoot is a national free throw competition designed to promote sportsmanship, dedication, and perseverance in today's youth. Over one million kids participate yearly, with top competitors earning a trip to the **National Finals in Chicago**.

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UNLEASHING GRITTY KIDS

Participants must advance through multiple rounds of competition, undefeated, to compete at the Wintrust Arena in Chicago. Only six win, and the rest leave with the even more powerful lesson of perseverance and the goal of returning next year!

Kids ages 8-13 are eligible to compete. Find the nearest contest at elks.org/HoopShoot.

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