Families take to the court, shoot free throws for chance to win Thanksgiving birds

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Hannah Babcock, 9, gets some hoops mentoring from her father, Josh Babcock, during the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Nov. 16, 2019 at the Park Center in The Glen in Glenview. (Karie Angell Luc / Pioneer Press)

Nearly 50 people had registered to participate in the Thanksgiving “Turkey Shoot,” an annual offering by the Glenview Park District, where families could showcase their skills sinking three-pointers.
This year’s Turkey Shoot took place Nov. 16 on the basketball courts at the Park Center in The Glen. Each child, age 4 to 13, and their parent attempted 10 free throws and kid-parent duo with the highest total was the winner of their section. Sections were based on age and hoop level height.

“It’s a good opportunity to allow residents and families, whether they live in Glenview, or outside of Glenview, to come to our facility, shoot some baskets and have an opportunity to win a Thanksgiving turkey,” said Daniel Bregman, athletic supervisor and Turkey Shoot event facilitator.
Five section champions won the prize of a turkey donated by Harrison’s Poultry Farm of Glenview. Winners had to visit the business to pick up their prize turkey.

"This event has been going on for a number of years," said Bregman.

Among families taking part was the Galls, of Glenview.
“It’s fun to come out as a family and celebrate Thanksgiving,” said Tonya Gall, who attended with husband, John, and their children Christopher, Samuel and Vivienne.

“It’s a great offering,” John Gall said. “We had a lot of fun.”

Kris Konicek, of Glenview, and his son Tyler, 6, came up as the winner of the section that included the friendly competition of the Gall family.

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“We did!” Kris Konicek said. “We did win! ... It’s really awesome that they do this for the kids.”
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The event was scheduled to last for two hours and wrapped up rapidly as a family memory maker.

“It’s a good way for parents to have fun with their sons and daughters to come out,” Kris Konicek said. “It’s a lot of fun.”

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