

# HOOPS & LEADERS BASKETBALL CAMP

August 3-8, 2009

Tony Dapolito Recreation Center  
1 Seventh Avenue South, NY, NY 10004  
212-242-5228

## Camper Application

*“Basketball is an important part of many people’s lives, both as a pursuit and as a past time. It can influence people in subtle ways. Helping shape their ideas about how life works and what is acceptable behavior... Once you’ve seen broad based leadership in basketball you can better appreciate the value of giving a cross section of people in any organization or community, the opportunity to assume responsibility. You learn that within each of us is the ability to excel and lead.”*

-Senator Bill Bradley, from his book *Values of the Game*

### **The Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp**

Entering its 7<sup>th</sup> summer, the Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp (HLBC) is a free weeklong, intensive youth leadership and mentoring program inspired by Bill Bradley’s Values of the Game and the shortage of male volunteer mentors throughout New York City. HLBC is co-sponsored by the NYC Parks and Recreation Department and the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City (BBBS). HLBC leverages the game and popularity of basketball in order to teach leadership skills and values to teenaged boys on mentor program waiting lists while recruiting successful men to volunteer as their mentors for the upcoming school year.

### **Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp Structure**

Through basketball drills, tournament games, off-court activities and guest speakers, HLBC campers will gain and understanding of the following qualities: **Discipline, Fairness, Respect, Leadership, Selflessness, Resilience, Vision and Responsibility.**

### **A Typical Day at HLBC (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)**

4:30pm to 5:00pm – Campers arrive and register at Tony Dapolito Recreation Center

5:00pm to 6:30pm – Theme introduction, icebreakers and basketball drills

#### **6:30pm – Mentors Arrive**

6:30pm to 7:00pm – Dinner for mentors, campers and guest speaker

7:00pm to 7:30 pm- Guest speaker

7:30pm to 9:30pm – Basketball games and off-court activities

9:30pm – Wrap-up, dessert and go home

### **HLBC mentors will...**

- Be college educated males over 21 and living within the five boroughs of New York City
- Enjoy playing basketball and able to work in a team/group environment
- Be committed to developing a mentoring relationship with a camper
- Be available to attend every session

### **HLBC campers will...**

- Be males ages 14-16 affiliated with the NYC Parks Department or BBBS
- Enjoy playing basketball, and be able to work in a team/group environment
- Be interested in having a mentor
- Possess leadership ability or potential
- Be available to attend every session



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To learn more about HLBC please contact Justin Weir, Director of HLBC at 917-650-8245 or at [justin@hoopsandleaders.org](mailto:justin@hoopsandleaders.org)

## Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (if different from camper): \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (if different from camper): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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State your reasons for wanting to join the *Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp*.

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One of the main goals of the *Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp* is to instill leadership skills. Explain what you think makes a good leader and give an example of when you showed leadership skills.

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Another goal for the *Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp* is to match each camper with a mentor. Are you interested in having a mentor and what qualities would you like your mentor to have?

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Do you have any dietary or physical restrictions, which would prevent you from fully participating in HLBC? If so, please describe:

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## HOOPS & LEADERS BASKETBALL CAMP GUIDELINES

### You will be asked to leave camp for:

- Drug use or possession
- Use or possession of weapons of any kind
- Stealing
- Cursing or trash-talking
- Fighting or hitting each other/ flagrant fouls (Keep your hands to yourself)
- Skipping sessions
- Lateness to activities (let a staff member know)

### You must:

- Come dressed and ready to play
- Wear shorts and sneakers (jerseys will provided)
- Remove all jewelry, watches and hats/head coverings
- Participate in drills, dinner ice breakers and leadership sessions
- Show respect to all speakers, mentors, volunteers and teammates
- Sit up during keynote speakers (no talking or lying down)
- Listen to and follow instructions
- Laugh and play hard
- Follow your shot, box out and hustle back on defense
- Get to know other mentors and campers
- View yourself as a leader on your team, in your job, school and community

If you have any problems – please tell a staff member right away and we will help you solve it.

### Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp Camper Acknowledgement

I have read and understood all of the guidelines for Hoops and Leaders Basketball camp.  
I agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations.

**Camper Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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