

# HOOPS & LEADERS BASKETBALL CAMP

August 3-8, 2008

TONY DAPOLITO RECREATION CENTER

1 Seventh Avenue South, NY, NY 10004

212-242-5228

## Mentor 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 6<sup>th</sup> summer, the Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp (HLBC) is a free one-week, 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.

### **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 values: **Discipline, Respect, Fairness, Selflessness, Resilience, Vision and Responsibility.**

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

5:00pm to 5:30pm – Campers arrive and register at Tony Dapolito (formerly Carmine) Recreation Center

5:30pm 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 living within the five boroughs of New York City
- Enjoy playing basketball and able to work in a team/group environment
- Be committed to participating in follow-up activities during the year
- 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
- Possess leadership ability or potential
- Be interested in having a mentor
- Be available to attend every session



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Please return completed Mentor Application to Justin Weir at [justin@hoopsandleaders.org](mailto:justin@hoopsandleaders.org)

**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 in the campers. Explain leadership qualities that you possess and how you can assist a young man in developing his leadership skills.**

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**Another goal for the *Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp* is to provide mentorship and guidance to the young men in the camp. Indicate if you have ever have been a mentor (list the organization), why you would be a good mentor and in your opinion what qualities a good mentor possesses.**

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## Personal Information

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

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

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

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please List 2 References:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Availability

**Hoops and Leaders Basketball Camp requires all campers and mentors to attend every session.**

Weekday Sessions run from 6:30pm-9:30pm; on August 8th, there will most likely be a trip to a community service project, which will be followed by a Camp Awards Banquet. Please place a check next to those dates you **will be able to attend**.

August 3 (Mon) \_\_\_\_ August 4 (Tue) \_\_\_\_ August 5 (Wed) \_\_\_\_

August 6 (Thurs) \_\_\_\_ August 8 (Sat) \_\_\_\_

*There is also a special orientation/introductory session July 29<sup>st</sup>, 2009.*



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