



Mighty Mike Summer Basketball Camp 2011

About Our Camp

Bounce Out the Stigma Summer Basketball Camp features three, week-long sessions for children **ages 8 through 18** with learning and motor deficiencies. Our Co-Director screens all children and their parents to ensure all campers can undergo a challenging but structured camp week.

Our daily programs are from **9:30am until 3:00pm, Monday through Friday**. Campers participate in workshops with drills to develop motor skills and coordination to build confidence and self-esteem. Through playing games and many other activities, campers develop team work. Our campers play basketball—to have fun and gain self empowerment. At the end of a fun-filled week of basketball camp, every camper will also receive special giveaways and prizes!

Guest lecturers highlight daily themes and answer campers questions. Our entire staff is committed to a high-energy program with the following significant points:

- With a **maximum of 35 campers** and a minimum of **4:1 student/teacher ratio**—including high school and college athletes — each child receives extra individual attention. Our professional staff is unequalled in their care, concern, and diligence with each camper.
- A **full time registered nurse is on staff daily** to administer first aid and any parent-authorized medications to campers.
- **Special guest speakers** will include athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, nutritionists, and childhood counselors.
- Throughout the week, workshops conducted by our experts are offered for parents on specific topics of interest, such as nutrition and childhood behavior. All parents will be encouraged to participate in their child's activities.

“Mike Simmel’s energy and enthusiasm are contagious. Your experience with Mike is sure to be an unforgettable one”.
— Mike Saunders,
Head Trainer, New York Knicks

About Our Founder Mike Simmel



Known throughout the basketball world as **“Mighty Mike”** and considered by many to be one of the top basketball handlers in the country, Mike has been a member of the Harlem Wizards basketball team since 2001. Each summer, Mike speaks at 50 basketball camps throughout the East Coast. In addition, Mike has performed at professional and collegiate halftime shows, and toured as a spokesperson for major pharmaceutical companies.

Mike started this program with just one small camp in 2005 and 18 smiling faces. His empathy for specially-challenged kids is personal: Mike was diagnosed with epilepsy at age 2. He could not skip, wore a helmet, and was placed in a special education gym class. However, at age 7, Mike outgrew his initial “drop attacks” and his motor skills slowly improved. His father then gave him a basketball hoping his may some day develop an interest in sports, the idea worked!

Nevertheless, Mike had setbacks. At 16, he suffered a grand mal seizure at a basketball camp and the directors wanted to bounce him out of their program. The young teen refused to leave and won the battle. He also vowed to make a difference: his epilepsy would never hold him back and if he could ever help others in this situation, he would.

Mike is now a national spokesperson for Epilepsy Awareness, speaking and appearing at events—including the National Kids Speak Up and US Public Policy Institute held every year in Washington, DC—for organizations throughout the US. For his work, he has won numerous awards. He is even the subject of a children story book. Mike now turns his attention to this inspirational camp program. He wants children to feel that they belong, without apprehensions or restrictions because of their surroundings.

For more info on Mighty Mike please visit mightymikebasketball.com or call Mike at 201.725.7224 to discuss our Programs.



The Epilepsy Foundation of NJ, an affiliate of the National Epilepsy Foundation, is a state-wide, non-profit charitable agency dedicated to helping to improve the quality of life for people affected by epilepsy and their loved ones.

Celebrating 40 years of service in 2010, the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey continues to provide innovative and needed services to the over 125,000 New Jersey residents living with epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey is also affiliated with the Family Resource Network. Other affiliates include: Autism Family Services of New Jersey, Caregivers of New Jersey and the Family Support Center of New Jersey.

To learn more about the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey go to efnj.com.



“I would highly recommend participating in the Mighty Mike Bounce Out The Stigma Program to any parent with a child needing a boost in self-esteem and a reminder that overcoming challenges should never be a long shot.” — Ryan’s Mom, age 13

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Bounce Out The Stigma Summer Basketball Camp 2011 Pre-Registration Form

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Name _____ Nickname: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade (as of 9/11) : _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt Size _____ Attending (check) Session1: _____ Session 2: _____ Session3: _____



Space is Limited - Please Enroll Early

A Limited Number of Full/Partial Scholarships May Be Available No Child is Refused Due to Inability To Pay

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required with your application. Please make checks payable to the Epilepsy Foundation of NJ.
Please detach this form, affix a first class postage stamp and mail before 7-20-11 or email information to mike@mightymikebasketball.com

Designed to Empower Kids

Mighty Mike 2011 Basketball Camps



“Unique Kids Have Unique Needs”

WE teach kids to have good feelings about themselves. OUR programs are never competitive; but always fun. Where other programs discourage, WE encourage. Where other programs create peer pressure, WE create peer support. Where other programs use challenge for competition, OUR kids learn to find the fun in the challenge. The only competition is one's self-imposed limits which WE seek to have the child overcome through support.

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Co-ed Ages 8 – 18
3 Great Sessions & Locations
August 1 - 5
August 8 - 12 • August 22 - 26



Bounce Out The Stigma™
Where Everyone Wins

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mightyMikeBasketball.com

A Truly Unique Program

Bounce Out The Stigma Summer Basketball Camp, the first and only camp of its kind, creates an inviting atmosphere of counselor and peer support — and peer interaction — in which special children experience a fresh sense of freedom. In developing new motor skills through participation and personal success, our campers are taught to aim higher, tackling everyday challenges and troubles with greater confidence.

Providing education, athletics and fun — in an environment that nourishes self-confidence and mutual support rather than competition — we strive to deliver a uniquely inclusive summer program that enables every child to feel like a true champion!

Kids will learn...

Your limits never define you; **YOUR WILL** defines your limits.

Teaching kids the fun in challenging their limits...

- Slow Motor Skills
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Slow Childhood Development
- Athletic Anxieties
- Peer Mistrust
- Social Unease
- Aspergers Syndrome
- Learning Disabilities
- Epilepsy
- Self Esteem Issues
- Adjustment and Emotional Difficulties
- Juvenile Diabetes
- Childhood Autism

Encouragement, fun and support are the foundation of what we do. Read about our founder, a kid who overcame the stigma of epilepsy, and you will understand our program's message and mission.



For more information visit us online at bounceoutthestigma.com or mightyMikeBasketball.com

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Camp Enrollment Process

Mighty Mike Basketball will make an effort to enroll every child who applies, but we need to make sure that each applicant can undergo the rigors of a wonderfully challenging and fun-filled week. When we receive a completed Pre-Registration Form, our Co-Director will contact and screen the applicant.

When it is decided that the applicant is a viable candidate for camp, medical forms will be mailed to the the applicant. We want every child to work in a carefree, fun environment, and we must make sure that all applicants are ready to be a part of the camp.

- Space is Limited — Please Enroll Early.
- A limited number of full/partial scholarships are available.
- No child is refused due to inability to pay.

Camp Fees

1 wk: \$325.00 • 2 wks: \$590.00 • 3 wks: \$900.00

Bounce Out The Stigma Summer Basketball Camp 2011 is \$325.00 for 1 week, \$590.00 for 2 weeks, or \$900.00 for 3 weeks.

Every child receives one Camp T-shirt and 1 basketball per camp session. A child who signs up for more than one session will receive an autographed photo of Mighty Mike and additional goodies to be determined. Daily camp snacks are furnished by Whole Foods.

Camp Dates & Locations

Session 1 • **Chatham ECLC School**
 Aug 1 - 5 21 Lum Rd. **Chatham, NJ**

Session 2 • **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**
 Aug 8 - 12 467 Grandview Ave. **Wyckoff, NJ**

Session 3 • **Bloomfield Middle School**
 Aug 22 - 26 60 Huck Rd. **Bloomfield, NJ**

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