



Bounce Out The Stigma™ Basketball Program
Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey
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“Unique Kids Have Unique Needs.”

Camp Enrollment Process

Mighty Mike Basketball will make an effort to enroll every child who applies, but we need to make sure that an 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 – enroll early.*
- *A limited number of full/partial scholarships are available.*
- *No child is refused due to inability to pay.*

Camp Fees

1 week: \$300.00 • 2 weeks: \$550.00 • 3 weeks: \$800.00

Bounce Out The Stigma Summer Basketball Camp 2007 is \$300.00 for one week, \$550.00 for two weeks or \$800.00 for three weeks. Every child receives one T-shirt and one 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.

Camps and Locations

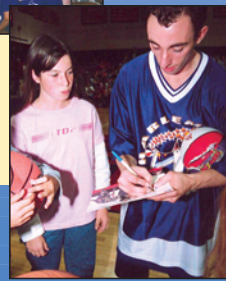
Session 1 • Chatham ECLC School • Aug. 6–10
 21 Lum Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey

Session 2 • The Ho-Ho-Kus Public School • Aug. 13–17
 70 Lloyd Road, Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey

Session 3 • Clifton YMHA • Aug. 20–24
 199 Scoles Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey



“(The children) played and learned together and felt like they fit in somewhere. All children need that kind of experience.” –Elizabeth’s Mom, age 9



A Unique Program for Unique Kids

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; YOU define 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
- Learning Disabilities
- Epilepsy
- Self Esteem Issues
- Adjustment and Emotional Difficulties
- Juvenile Diabetes

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.



**Skills,
 Drills
 & Thrills**

For more information visit us online at www.bounceoutthestigma.com or visit: www.mightymikebasketball.com

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OUR PROGRAMS Empower Youth



“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 challenge*.

The only competition is one’s self-imposed limits.
Mighty Mike Basketball Camp 2007
 Co-ed Ages 9–18
3 Sessions
August 6–10 • August 13–17
August 20–24

In Conjunction with
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION®
 NEW JERSEY
Not another moment lost to seizures™

Bounce Out The Stigma™
Where Everyone Wins.

www.bounceoutthestigma.com



Summer Basketball Camp 2007

About Our Camp

Bounce Out The Stigma Summer Basketball Camp features three, week-long sessions for children ages 9 through 18 with motor and learning 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 9:30 am until 3:00 pm, 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* to gain self empowerment. At the end of a fun-filled week of basketball camp, every camper will also receive special give-aways 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 children and a minimum of 5:1 teacher/mentor student ratio – including high school and college athletes – each child receives extra individual attention. Our professional staff is unequalled in their care for and work with children.**
- **A registered nurse is on staff to administer first aid and 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.**

About Founder Mike Simmel



Known throughout the basketball world as "Mighty Mike" and considered by many to be one of the top basketball dribbling handlers in the country, Mike has toured with the Harlem Wizards entertainment basketball team since October 2001. One of the top speakers on the summer basketball circuit, he additionally tours nearly 70 camps along the East Coast each summer.

"Mighty Mike" also performs at college half-time shows and operates as a spokesperson on behalf of Abbott Pharmaceuticals.

For the past two years Mike has successfully run his own Mighty Mike Basketball Camps in conjunction with the prestigious New York Sports Club while being featured on news and radio shows, including Bloomberg Radio, MSG Sports Network and the RNN News.

Mike's empathy for specially-challenged kids is personal: Mike was diagnosed with epilepsy at age 2. He could not skip and was placed in 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 son may one day develop an interest in sports. The idea worked!

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

Mike is now a spokesperson for Epilepsy Awareness, speaking and appearing at events – including the national Kids Speak Up! and Public Policy Institute each year in Washington, D.C. – for epilepsy organizations throughout the U.S. 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 afflictions or surroundings. To learn more about Mike, please visit his web site at www.mightymikebasketball.com.



The Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey, 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 35 years of service in 2005, 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 www.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 2007 Pre-Registration Form



Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Name _____ Nickname: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade (as of 9/07): _____

Address _____

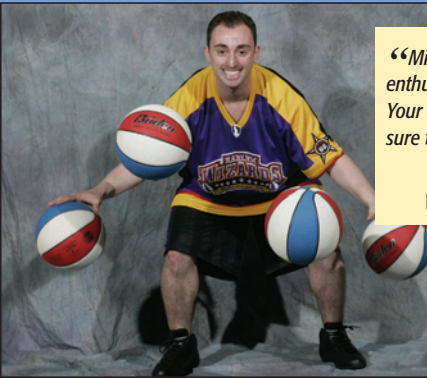
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

T-Shirt Size _____ Please check: Session 1: Aug. 6-10 _____ Session 2: Aug. 13-17 _____ Session 3: Aug. 20-24 _____

A deposit of \$50.00 is required with your application. Please make checks payable to: Epilepsy Foundation of NJ. Please detach, affix first-class postage and mail before 7-15-07 or email information to Mike@mightymikebasketball.com

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"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

