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JPN to host basketball camp for foster children

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Joynt Production Network (JPN) is holding a basketball camp for children in foster care. This is one of the many leadership programs coordinated by the JPN Leadership Program.



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The co-ed camp for grades 6th-8th will tip off Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Burke County Academy of Success gymnasium, located on Park Drive in Waynesboro.

According to organizer Jackie Bosby, the free camp is a big experience for youth who may not otherwise have the opportunity. She states every year she has a few basketball players sign up for her leadership program and every year she have someone that don't have an idea about a community service project so she tells them about previous activities, which always lead to a basketball camp, or some form of game. The leadership participants are given the opportunity of taking their first love and helping someone else. "The key helping someone else."

When asked, what makes it successful , she say without hesitation, "My husband, we are defiantly a team, no matter how ridicules my ideas are...if I tell him I can do it, he will help me pull it off."

Michael Bosby coaches

"Most camps cost a hundred dollars or more, and their families don't have the resources to allow them to attend," she said. "This camp gives them that opportunity to experience something that may help them try out for their school team."

Head Coach Michael "Silk" Bosby's main objective will be to teach each child how to be a team player.

He will also focus on basic skills like dribbling, free throws, passing, rebounding and layups.

He will be joined by a team of seasoned basketball coaches, including former East Tennessee State forward Jessica Lonon. At 6'1, she played pro ball in Denmark and has been hosting her own girls' basketball camps for four years.

The camp, which will be the fourth for JPN, will also involve Burke County High School students enrolled in the JPN Leadership Program. As part of the program, each student must be involved in three community projects per year, and each senior is in charge of coordinating one.



"One of my little basketball players wanted to do something with basketball that helps other," Jackie Bosby said, explaining that the leadership group researched different ideas to bring children and sports together.

"She chose a basketball camp for foster children."

TIPS FOR TIP-OFF

Students in the JPN Leadership are hoping to raise $2,000 to cover everything from game balls to certificates for the award ceremony. To volunteer, sponsor a foster child ($50) or make a donation, call 706-743-3437 The teens' next big project will be a Christmas party for the homeless.