

BE YOU STAY TRUE

The current pandemic has affected all of us. So many things--school, sports, social gatherings, have had to be changed or cancelled. The virus has changed our whole way of life. We have to accept that and move on, in the best way that we can. My dear friend Father Derivan, tells people we have to do three things: stay strong, stay safe and pray hard for one another. We hope and pray for better days to come, hopefully soon!

I am writing to tell you that, because of this health crisis and because of the restrictions placed on children's summer programs, I must regretfully tell you that we will not be able to have our Be You Stay True Basketball camp. With the possibilities of having a participant, coach, volunteer, or supporter catch this virus there are too many risks to host camp in person. We have to be realistic that this could happen.

The last five years have been pivotal in both our impact and growth as a program. We have served over 250 children and even hosted basketball camps in Ireland. The Be You Stay True Program is a group of resilient and motivated individuals who come together yearly for a common goal; to motivate and inspire the youth by being themselves. Although we would not be able to be in person this year we are happy to announce on July 19th we will be returning for our sixth season of camp! The camp will be hosted virtually for children not only in the Bronx, but the entire world from 12:00PM – 3:00PM EST.

With the inability to be together in person, the opportunity to host our camp virtually will further enable us to impact those who may have never been able to experience our camp before. Although we teach basketball skills, we teach much more. Our mission has always and continues to be to inspire children to be themselves on and off the court all while continuing to have fun with the game. The camp will include instruction in core principles of basketball, innovative and age-appropriate drills, competitions, and best practices for meditation while at home. As always, the camp will include former college and professional basketball players that have experience working with the youth.

To our BYST Family who have supported us in the past, I ask you to trust us again in providing a service for your children. To those who may have heard of us, I ask you give us a chance. Give us a chance to not only get your child active for a day, but to encourage them to have the confidence to be themselves in any and every setting!



Peace and Love
Andrew & Neeko
BYST Founders