MESSAGE FROM COACH SLaATS

As we enter our 29th summer of One Step Closer Basketball Camps, I am more excited than ever. We have proven that we run one of the finest girls’ basketball camps in the Midwest and I am proud of our camp reputation. Our camp coaches find it gratifying to watch you, our OSC campers, develop as basketball players and as individuals. The One Step Closer Camp staff is committed to addressing exactly what it takes to make you the best basketball player and person you can be. If you come to camp with enthusiasm, intensity and a desire to learn, you will leave camp a much improved player; that being our primary goal.

Situated on the beautiful Lake Forest College campus, we promise you an enjoyable and exciting week of basketball. Come join us!

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2015 CAMPER COMMENTS

“The coaches are so nice and helpful. The drills and lectures definitely helped me with my technique and I can’t wait to come back next year!” S.S., Spring Grove, IL

“I liked the coaches’ attitude. They are very uplifting. The tournaments, games and practices were all so helpful!” B.S., Northbrook, IL

“Thank you for making this camp the best I have been to by far. I can’t wait to come back!” M.R., Dyer, IN

“I love doing all of the contests and playing the games at night. I learned a lot from the lectures too!” E.S., Elmhurst, IL

“I liked that everyone made sure we were having fun and kept a positive attitude!” MP.F, Chicago, IL
PHILOSOPHY

The theme for this camp is **ONE STEP CLOSER** because Coach Slaats believes strongly that every basketball goal is achieved through a step-by-step progression. She feels every basketball you dribble, shot you take, sprint you run, and **camp you attend**, will bring you **one step closer** to that ultimate goal of becoming the best player you can be.

CAMP INFORMATION

**DATES:** June 19-23, 2016

**TIME:** Campers must report to camp between 3:30-4:30pm on Sunday, June 19th. OSC Camp officially ends on Thursday, June 23rd at 12:30pm with an awards ceremony until 1:00pm.

**COST:**
- Resident Campers: $600
- Commuters: $550

**GROUP DISCOUNT:**
$25 per camper if 8 or more provided the following occurs:
- All must be mailed together in ONE envelope
- Must have a rooming list enclosed (4 per room)
- Must have a group contact person listed

$25 per camper for sisters (two or more from same family)

**STAFF:** Camp Director Coach Slaats, along with Lake Forest College Head Basketball Coach Tamlyn Tills, and other outstanding coaches and college players provide quality instruction during the week.

**AGE GROUPS:** Girls entering grades 5-9 are eligible to attend camp. Campers will be grouped into teams and leagues based on age and ability.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Jackie Slaats at (847)735-5290 or email: onestepcloser@comcast.net

Application Deadline is June 1, 2016 or until camp space is filled

CAMP DIRECTOR

OSC Camp is directed by Jackie Slaats, Director of Athletics and Senior Advisor to the President at Lake Forest College. Coach Slaats, a former Division I scholarship athlete, established herself as one of the most respected and successful Division III coaches in the nation during her 22 year coaching career at Lake Forest. At the helm of the Forester basketball program, she compiled an impressive career coaching record of 386-133 (74%), which ranks among the top 20 in NCAA Division III basketball history. During Slaats' tenure Lake Forest claimed conference championship titles in 1992, 1994, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2007. For her coaching efforts, Slaats was named Coach of the Year six times by the Midwest Conference, five times by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, and three times by the American Women’s Sports Federation. She was inducted into the Lake Forest College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008, the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2012, and the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2015.

LOCATION

OSC Camp is held at Lake Forest College, one of the most beautiful small colleges and camp settings in America, located 30 miles north of Chicago, IL, and 50 miles south of Milwaukee, WI. Campers enjoy the benefits of newly renovated athletic facilities and housing in unique four-person dormitory rooms with washroom facilities in each room. The college cafeteria, along with Bufflo’s and Subway, will provide quality meals throughout the week.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Camper / Staff ratio 7:1
- Official Camp t-shirt to all
- Free “OSC” Camp gift
- Prizes for camp contests: free throw, 3 point shooting, ball-handling, lay-ups
- OSC Camp “Fun Night” on Wednesday!
- Personal player evaluation by your team coach at the end of the week.
- Camp group photo for all campers.
- Photo plaque award to all 4-year campers.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

A typical day of One Step Closer camp consists of basketball instruction and skill work in the mornings and a combination of stations, contests, team practices and games during the afternoon and evening sessions. The goal of this camp is to teach and practice basic basketball skills, but at the same time, develop an understanding and appreciation of teamwork and basic team concepts through competitive game experience.

Recreational swimming is available for OSC Campers following each evening session.