



## Aims of the Camp

The aims of the Mike Trader's Mid-America Basketball School will be to teach and develop individual skills and to have fun. The daily schedule will include league games and contests. Players will be divided into separate leagues according to age. Fundamentals will be stressed. Individual drills and training techniques to develop strength, endurance, quickness and jumping ability will be taught. Each camper will be analyzed with the assistance of individual video and attention given to individual technique/correction. Lectures, demonstrations and competition will be according to age level and ability so each camper will have an opportunity to excel.

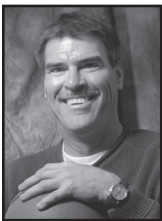
**One of the outstanding features at Mike Trader's Mid-America Basketball Camp is that each camper will have their shot digitally recorded and analyzed by a coach during camp.**



## Camps Include

- Digitally recorded shot analysis
- Individual skill testing/instruction
- Supervised league games
- Olympic style award medals
- 1 on 1, 3 on 3 contests
- Camp photo
- All-star game
- Championship staff
- Camp & age championships
- All you can eat food policy
- Camp t-shirt
- Every camper is a starter
- Skill testing performed and analyzed by camp instructor
- Written off-season workout program

## The Camp Director



Mike Trader's affiliation with this camp extends back to 1974. He has helped teach thousands of campers over the past 52 years. Under Trader's guidance, he helped develop the 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th and 10th All-Time Leading Scorers in Hastings College history. He is widely known for his outstanding teaching and development of players along with his emphasis on fundamentals and disciplined team play. These same qualities among others will be emphasized at his camps as well. Trader's coaching experience

included three years at Omaha Northwest, an eight-year tenure as head basketball coach at Omaha Bryan, head coach at Hastings High and 16 years as head coach at Hastings College. At Hastings College, his teams averaged over 19 wins per season. His 1988-89 & 1994-95 teams reached the Elite Eight at the National Tournament. Each of those teams won 27 games which are school records for wins. Trader was recognized as District or Conference Coach of the Year five separate times and was honored in 1988 as the Omaha World Herald's State College Coach of the Year. In 2007-2008, Coach Trader helped guide the Hastings St. Cecilia team to a 22-2 record and a State Championship.

### We dedicate the 40th Anniversary of the Mike Trader's Mid America Basketball camp to Coach Larry Ribble

We would like to dedicate the 40th Anniversary of the Mike Trader's Mid America Basketball camp to Coach Larry Ribble. Coach Ribble, fondly called Ribs, was a longtime presence at our camps. Unfortunately, Coach Ribble passed away in March of 2025. No one contributed more to the success of our camps than Coach Ribble. He enjoyed helping young people improve as players. He contributed to the camp in every possible way. He wanted the campers to learn something new that would help them become better players, but most importantly, he wanted everyone to have fun. Coach Ribble had a unique ability to make everyone feel special. From the campers to the coaches, it was a pleasure to be with him. He was truly a gifted teacher and coach, and he was a friend to anyone who met him.



## Staff

As one of the most popular and successful camps in the Midwest, Coach Trader will assemble an outstanding staff of college and high school coaches that will work with you to develop your skills and fundamentals. Coach Trader believes in hiring the best and most enthused coaches possible. Luke Olson, Austin Lewis Scott Guynan, Ian McKeithan, Trey Bardsley, Bill Gavers and James Lowry in addition to many other experienced coaches will help Coach Trader in directing the camp. Each day fundamentals, skills, and techniques will be emphasized and covered thoroughly by our outstanding coaches and counselors.



### Trey Bardsley

Trey was an All-American and Player of the Year. Trey leads a list of outstanding coaches and counselors that will help direct the camp.



### Luke Olson

Head basketball coach at Bennington.



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# 40th Annual

# MIKE TRADER'S 2026 Mid-America BASKETBALL CAMPS

**SIDNEY HIGH SCHOOL  
NORFOLK YMCA  
BENNINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
DOANE UNIVERSITY  
SCOTTSBLUFF HIGH SCHOOL  
CCC - COLUMBUS  
GI CENTRAL CATHOLIC**



## INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS:

JUNE 1-3 • SIDNEY HIGH SCHOOL • BOYS & GIRLS - COMMUTER ONLY  
JUNE 15-17 • NORFOLK YMCA • BOYS & GIRLS - COMMUTER ONLY  
JUNE 22-24 • BENNINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL • BOYS & GIRLS - COMMUTER ONLY  
JUNE 29-JULY 1 • HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL • BOYS & GIRLS - COMMUTER ONLY  
JULY 6-9 • DOANE UNIVERSITY • BOYS / GIRLS OVERNIGHT & COMMUTER  
JULY 13-15 • SCOTTSBLUFF HIGH SCHOOL • BOYS & GIRLS - COMMUTER ONLY  
JULY 20-23 • CCC - COLUMBUS • BOYS / GIRLS - OVERNIGHT & COMMUTER  
JULY 27-29 • GICC • BOYS & GIRLS - COMMUTER ONLY  
(Please check website for possible changes)



# Doane University CCC - Columbus

## OVERNIGHT CAMPERS & COMMUTERS



### What Should You Bring to Camp?

Each camper is responsible for their own linens and towels. Other articles to bring: 1 pair basketball shoes, 5 pairs athletic socks, 5 t-shirts, 3 pairs basketball shorts, bathing suit, pajamas, laundry bag, toilet articles, stationery and pen, sweater or jacket, lightweight blanket and pillow.

### Details -

- Check-In is from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm on the first day of camp for all campers.
- Check-In for commuters is from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm the first day of camp.
- Departure time will be noon on the last day of camp.
- An awards ceremony will begin at 11:30 am on the last day of camp.
- Camp will finish at 9:00 pm each evening (except the final day of camp). It will begin at 9:00 am each day (except the first day of camp).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT ONCE  
YOU HAVE REGISTERED.**



### Health and Insurance

We ask each attending camper to be covered by his own personal or family accident and illness insurance. Please list your personal or family insurance company on the application blank on the back page of this form, along with other pertinent insurance information. Campers who do not have personal or family insurance are responsible for their own insurance and must show proof of coverage to attend camp.

## Location & Facilities

Mike Trader's Mid-America Basketball Camps Individual Sessions will be held for overnight sessions at Doane University (Crete, NE), & CCC-Columbus with Day Camps at Sidney High School, Norfolk YMCA, Bennington Middle School, Hastings Middle School, Scottsbluff High School and GICC. Campers for the overnight sessions will be housed in air-conditioned dormitories with professional supervision provided. All meals will be served by the regular college food service.



## Enrollment

The School is open to boys and girls for both overnight campers and commuters from 7 years of age through the 11th grade. An advance registration, non-refundable deposit of \$35 must accompany each application or register online at [www.traderscamp.com](http://www.traderscamp.com). Complete confirmation information will be sent upon receipt of camp application and deposit. The balance is due at registration time. Attached is an application form which should be filled out and sent at once to:

**Mike Trader**  
**P.O. Box 86 • York, Nebraska 68467-0086**

**Day Camps at Sidney High School,  
Norfolk YMCA, Bennington Middle School,  
Hastings Middle School, Scottsbluff High  
School, & GICC**

These camps will be held for boys and girls ages 7-18. The emphasis of these camps will be to improve your skills and fundamentals along with the elements that are basic to basketball. The daily schedule will include league games and contests. Players will be divided into separate leagues according to age.

**Day Camp Details -** (Sidney High School, Norfolk YMCA, Bennington Middle School, Hastings Middle School, Scottsbluff High School and GICC)

- Check-In is from 8:00-9:30 am on the first day of camp.
- Camp will start at 8:30 am and run to 4:00 pm all other days.
- Lunch will be provided each day.
- Awards ceremony will begin at 3:30 pm on the last day of camp and camp will end at 4:00 pm.

## Application for Admission

If you have a friend who would like to attend camp, please make copies of this application. Fill out and mail with a check for \$35 (non-refundable deposit) to:

**Mike Trader**

**P.O. Box 86 • York, Nebraska 68467-0086 • Phone: 402-960-8011**  
**Email: [mtraderscamps@outlook.com](mailto:mtraderscamps@outlook.com) • Web site: [www.traderscamp.com](http://www.traderscamp.com)**

**REGISTER ONLINE [www.traderscamp.com](http://www.traderscamp.com)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Ht.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of 2025-26 school year)

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Trader/Mid America Basketball Camp cannot be responsible for injuries sustained at camp. All campers must carry their own insurance. Please complete the Parental Consent Form before mailing application. The Parental Consent Form must be complete in order to attend camp. If I am accepted, I promise to conform to the regulations of the Mike Trader's Mid-America Basketball School. Please send \$35 with application and balance upon arrival at camp.

### Individual Camp Dates – Check Week or Weeks:

**Sidney High School – Boys & Girls – Day Camp – Commuter Only**

\_\_\_\_ June 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ with Meal \$155

**Norfolk YMCA – Boys & Girls – Day Camp – Commuter Only**

\_\_\_\_ June 15-17 \_\_\_\_\_ w/o Meal \$155 \_\_\_\_\_ with Meal \$170

**Bennington Middle School – Boys & Girls – Day Camp – Commuter Only**

\_\_\_\_ June 22-24 \_\_\_\_\_ w/o Meal \$155 \_\_\_\_\_ with Meal \$170

**Hastings Middle School – Boys & Girls – Day Camp – Commuter Only**

\_\_\_\_ June 29-July 1 \_\_\_\_\_ w/o Meal \$155 \_\_\_\_\_ with Meal \$170

**Doane University – Boys / Girls – Overnight / Commuter**

\_\_\_\_ July 6-9 \_\_\_\_\_ Overnight \$345 \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter \$285

**Scottsbluff – Boys & Girls – Day Camp – Commuter Only**

\_\_\_\_ July 13-15 \_\_\_\_\_ w/o Meal \$155 \_\_\_\_\_ with Meal \$170

**CCC Columbus – Boys / Girls - Overnight / Commuter**

\_\_\_\_ July 20-23 \_\_\_\_\_ Overnight \$345 \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter \$285

**GI Central Catholic – Boys & Girls – Day Camp – Commuter Only**

\_\_\_\_ July 27-29 \_\_\_\_\_ w/o Meal \$155 \_\_\_\_\_ with Meal \$170

**PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE DATE CHANGES**

**Parental Consent Form** (please print)

I wish to live at \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ on campus

Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**In Case of Emergency**

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the Mike Trader's Mid-America Camp Staff has full and unconditional authority to proceed with diagnosis and treatment as judgement indicates for injuries during camp. The Mike Trader's Mid-America Basketball Camp shall not be held responsible for any consequence resulting from such injuries. We, the undersigned parents or guardians of the above named minor, do hereby authorize the director of the Mike Trader's Mid-America Basketball Camp or his designee to select hospital facilities and/or a physician of his choice and authorize treatment of the above-named camper on an emergency basis in the event such treatment becomes necessary as a result of the participation in the Basketball Camp. We hereby grant permission for him/her to participate in the Basketball Camp and acknowledge the fact that he/she is physically able to participate in camp activities. I will be responsible for all medical bills incurred as a result of illness or accidents for which medical treatment is necessary while the above applicant is at Camp. I declare that I am the father/mother/guardian of the above-named minor.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_