

Little Shots Day Camp



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Media Advisory

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Dates: Tuesday, July 28th
Location: Olander Park
Sylvania, Ohio

Diabetes Youth Services brings professional triathlon athlete, Iron Andy, who has type 1 diabetes, to this year's "Little Shots Day Camp" to speak to kids age 6-9 who have type 1 diabetes.

Toledo, Ohio: July 17, 2008 – Diabetes Youth Services' 35th Annual Little Shots Day Camp will be held at Olander Park in Sylvania, Ohio during the week of July 27-31, 2009. On Tuesday, June 28th from 9-10 AM, the professional triathlon athlete Iron Andy Holden, who has type 1 diabetes himself, will speak to the campers. This 5-day camp is held for 6 to 9-year-old children struggling with type 1 diabetes.

Speaking to Hawaii's Star Bulletin newspaper last January, Holder said, "I can't change my diagnosis, but can change and control my attitude." He is an inspirational speaker and spokesman for the Diabetes Shoppe Program of the Good Neighbor Pharmacy, which is operated by Amerisource Bergen Pharmaceutical Company.

Growing up can be tough enough even when a child doesn't have diabetes! Little Shots Day Camp, which is staffed by experienced diabetes educators and physicians, helps children learn about self-care and teaches them the skills needed to confidently deal with this chronic disease as they mature. Robin Condon, Medical Camp Director for DHS Little Shots, said, "Children at Little Shots Day Camp still participate in all the activities that characterize any other camp - crafts, games, and of course, swimming." She believes Iron Andy's message will inspire the children and adults at camp. Andy said about his mission, "They [the children] should not have their childhood taken away and have it be different. I hope I can let them know they can be just like everybody else."

Diabetes Youth Services is an independent nonprofit organization that provides educational and supportive services for young people with diabetes, their families, schools, and communities throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. For information on Diabetes Youth Services' Resident and Day camps and other programs for children who have diabetes, visit www.dys4kids.org.

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