

Fishhawk Youth Baseball

2018 Cooperstown Dreams Park

Parent Information Meeting
September 17, 2017

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Agenda

- FYB vision and commitment to the program
- What is the Cooperstown Dreams Park experience?
- 2018 team, manager selection and practice schedule
- Financial information & commitments
- Next Steps & Questions?

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FYB vision and commitment to the program

Fishhawk Youth Baseball (FYB) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to developing a positive, character-building youth baseball experience by fostering the qualities of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, leadership, discipline, respect and teamwork. Through a fun, stable, and spirited baseball environment, the FYB aims to enhance the physical, personal, and emotional development of each player and promote a healthier community.

FYB Baseball Core Values:

- We believe that the lives of our players, regardless of ability, should be enriched by their experience in youth baseball.
- We believe that we can contribute to the personal development of our players by promoting the highest level of ethics, sportsmanship, honesty, integrity and safety.
- We believe in maintaining the highest level of respect between players, coaches and officials.
- We believe in providing the highest level of quality baseball instruction to our players and coaches.
- We believe in maintaining positive, supportive, and constructive relationships with all other youth baseball programs.
- We believe that everyone who participates in FYB Baseball must be responsible and accountable for his/her actions and decisions.
- We believe in emphasizing and encouraging the involvement of those volunteers who place the values of the FYB Baseball program ahead of their personal interests.

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FYB vision and commitment to the program

FYB Commitment:

- Active Board support & consultation for the program
- Utilization of FYSA 501c(3) status for fundraising
 - Fundraising opportunities @ FH fields
- Practice field time at FH and/or PC fields
- Signature program for our youth players to aspire

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What is the Cooperstown Dreams Park experience?

- 22 lighted, enclosed baseball stadiums, 104 clubhouses in a baseball village on 165 acres
- 13 tournament weeks starting June 2, 2018 to August 25, 2018
 - 104 team tournament each week
 - Fishhawk team will be slotted into a TBD week
 - 7 game minimum - 6 seed games + 1 tournament game, more if team continues to win in single elimination tournament
 - 6 inning games 12 run mercy rule after 4 complete innings, 50 foot pitching distance & 70 foot bases -200 foot fences-8' high
- Opening & closing ceremonies
- Skills competition to begin the week (RoadRunner, Golden Arm, King of Swat & Around the Horn Plus)

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What is the Cooperstown Dreams Park experience?

- All players, coaches, and umpires stay in the Baseball Village for six nights and seven days.
- Players receive Cooperstown Dreams Park home and away uniforms (jerseys, hat and socks) and player warm-up set (tournament & mock Ts, batting practice jacket and hat).
- Coaches receive a hat, 2 polos, pullover and jacket.
- Umpires receive 2 pro-style umpire jerseys, jacket, t-shirt, combo hat, plate brush, ball bag, water bottle, trading pins, and Umpire Group photograph.
 - FYB team supplies and funds an umpire
- Cooperstown Dreams Park is required to provide adequate, 24-hour-a-day supervision of all campers during each weekly session whether the campers are on, or travel off, Cooperstown Dreams Park property under the supervision of a coach/counselor.

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What is the Cooperstown Dreams Park experience?

- Coaches/Counselors shall have their background and character verified through inquiries, including coach's resume, character references, criminal background checks and/or sexual offender registry.
- Daily laundry service provided by Cooperstown Dreams Park
- 24-Hour medical and first aid staff
- 24-Hour security

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2018 team, manager selection and practice schedule

- Approx. 11-13 players and 3 coaches on the FYB team, eligible players may not turn 13 before May 1
 - Formal application process (Managers due 9/24, Players due TBD) announced after the information meeting
 - Tryouts for the team will be held
 - For 2018 program only, participation in Spring '18 season is required. For future teams, Fall & Spring participation will be required
- Since this is the 1st year, FYB is unsure of participation numbers at this time, the team may comprise 11-12 year olds.
- Practice & game experience – team will be an AB+ team and will be provided specific times for practice, participate in AB tournaments and league play.
 - *Note: participation in non-AB sanctioned tournaments will not be allowed.*
- Other topics

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- Cooperstown Dreams Park - Entrance Fee Schedule
 - Registration - \$ 1,000 Deposit (registers team)
 - November 1, 2017 \$ 3,000 Second Installment (required if team is placed in a week)
 - March 1, 2018 Final balance due (guarantees team placement)
- Cooperstown Dreams Park Fee - \$995 per player/coach
 - One CDP approved umpire is required per team (umpire stays FREE)
- Total Package Includes:
 - The team will also receive a hanging bat bag, scorebook, lineup cards, attaché case and ball bucket.
 - Meals and Accommodations
 - Player Home and Away Uniform (hat, jerseys, and socks)
 - Player Warm-up Set (tournament & mock Ts, batting practice jacket and hat)
 - Coaches Gear (hat, 2 polos, pullover and jacket)
 - Secondary Insurance (team coverage)
 - Laundry Service (Sunday thru Wednesday)
 - 7 Games Guaranteed (weather permitting)
 - Personalized Player Baseball Cards
 - Induction into the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame
 - American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Tournament Ring
 - DVD of Team Webcast Game and Weekly Highlights (in the event of weather or technology issues - Highlights only)
 - Ticket to the National Baseball Hall of Fame
 - Pass to Ride the Cooperstown / Charlotte Valley Railroad

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- What does the Cooperstown Dreams Park fee not include:
 - Umpire fees, including travel, extra pins
 - Coach(s) travel costs
 - Trading pins & towel
 - Team banner
 - Additional items team would like to provide the players: bat bags, helmets, belts, cleats, etc.
- Total cost typically \$1,500 per player - \$20,000 per team
- How to offset the out of pocket cost per family?
 - Fundraise, fundraise, fundraise!
 - Corporate sponsorships via team professional networks
 - Fundraising events (corn hole tournaments, hat drops)
 - Additional opportunities @ FYB fields for events TBD

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Other financial items:

- \$250 non-refundable deposit due upon accepting spot on the team
- Additional \$250 will be due approx. 12/1/2017
- Remaining funds due to Cooperstown Dreams Park will be due on March 1, 2018
- FYB has paid the initial \$1,000 to register the team. FYB will submit \$3,000 due to Cooperstown Dreams Park by the 11/1/2017 deadline.
 - These disbursements will be reimbursed to FYB by the FYB Team.
- FYB has secured a separate bank account to be used specifically for the Fishhawk Cooperstown Team fundraising and expenses. The team / team treasurer will meet regularly with the FYB Treasurer to review financials

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Next Steps & Questions

- Next steps
- Questions?