



Cooperstown Information Packet



PLAYER PACKING LIST

- ◇ Small Combination Lock (needs to be small, the lockers in the barracks are too small for a standard lock)
- ◇ 2 Pairs White Baseball Pants (***MUST BE TAPERED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE KNEES***)
- ◇ Navy and Red Baseball Socks
- ◇ Navy and Red Belts
- ◇ Athletic Mesh Shirts
- ◇ Baseball Girdle
- ◇ Trading Pin Towel (to pin team trading pins on)
- ◇ 2 towels for bathing/face washing
- ◇ Shower flip flops/shower shoes
- ◇ Shower Bag
- ◇ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ◇ Toothbrush
- ◇ Toothpaste
- ◇ Sunscreen/chapstick
- ◇ Backpack
- ◇ Day Pack
- ◇ Extra glasses/contact lenses (when applicable)
- ◇ Comfortable Outdoor Shoes
- ◇ Sunglasses
- ◇ Alarm Clock
- ◇ Emergency Cell Phone
- ◇ Cell Phone Charger
- ◇ Durable Water Bottle
- ◇ Dental Floss
- ◇ Prescription Drugs (if applicable)
- ◇ Snacks (granola bars, energy bars, etc.)
- ◇ Phone Charger
- ◇ Diaper rash cream
- ◇ Goldbond medicated powder
- ◇ **TRADING PINS!!!**
- ◇ A small clip on fan for the bed, or a floor fan.
- ◇ Bug Spray

Additional Items

- ◇ Clothesline and clothespins – really helps to get bathing suits dry
- ◇ Surge Protector
- ◇ Case of bottle water
- ◇ Extension cord
- ◇ Laundry detergent
- ◇ Cooler

LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S FIRST & LAST NAME!

SAFETY

Tournaments are run as camps with strict rules

- Per Cooperstown Dreams Park –Only players and coaches can enter the areas where players stay overnight and dine (Check-in is the only exception to this rule)
- Players can only be checked out with a signed release form (coaches must literally walk players to one of the exit gates near the parking lots)
- Players should be with their team or a coach at all times, no wondering around the facility in small groups

Medications

- Medications, along with dosage and timing, must be delivered to the medical tents upon arrival
- Camp medical staff and coaches will ensure medications are administered as instructed
- Medication bag must be labeled with player's name



WHAT TO EXPECT

#1 ...Focus on the experience!



- Win or lose, the players will have fun and leave with an unforgettable experience!
- Try not to over analyze games with your players. After games, you can expect players will be focused on trading pins and playing whiffle ball.

Tournament

- 6 games to rank teams: 2 games on each on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (assuming no weather issues)
- single elimination tournament on Wednesday and Thursday
- Be prepared to start a game at any time of the day or night!!!! No need to ask coaches to change the game times – they have no influence over

park officials

Coaches

- Give them space – it's a ton of work! (coaching, laundry, meals, game line-ups, sleeping in barracks, etc.)
- Rules are different with “extra-hitters” and “subs.” Playing time will be relatively even over the week. We will always do what is best for the team when it comes to playing time.
- It is possible that we will need a parent volunteer to stay in the barracks with the players. Please let us know if you are interested in this task!

FORMS & INFORMATION NEEDED PRIOR TO COOPERSTOWN

- **Original birth certificate** for each player –Copies will not be accepted! (you can pick your original birth certificates up from the academy the week following the tournament)
- Player DOB, height, weight, ring size, arrival times
- Player combination lock numbers (key locks usually result in lost keys)
- Cooperstown Parental Authorization & Consent forms
- Cooperstown Player Waiver & Release of Liability forms
- Cooperstown Player medical form (must be on the Cooperstown form!) a physical must be completed, including required immunization shots, and signed by a physician within 1 year of participation.



****ALL INFORMATION ABOVE MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2017!****

COSTS

- Covers CDP/ASV fees for both players and coaches (yes, we have to pay the camps for all coaches)
- umpire fees for the week (each team required to bring one per team).
- Trading pins
- Team banners
- Coaches' travel costs & salary for the week



-These expenses add up to approximately \$1,600, per player -

Transportation and hotel accommodations for parents/ family are not included Ideally, provide your coaches with an additional ~\$200-300 (per team, or \$20-25 per player) to buy players meals/snacks when the cafeteria is not open (important when games are scheduled during meal times, or if games run late). This money will also be used to buy ice for the bottled water coolers.

Fundraisers

We strongly suggest parents organize something to help players "earn" their Cooperstown expenses. The academy will have several fundraisers throughout the season and we encourage Cooperstown athletes to participate.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

- \$387.75 non-refundable deposit per player due
- Balance must be paid no later than February 15, 2017 - NO EXCEPTIONS-
- Payment Plan: \$387.75 due Novmber 1st, December 1st, January 1st and February 1st. We need to provide the camps a firm number of teams and have already made significant down payments
- If we do not have enough players per team, we will need to recruit other players to participate. We are required to bring 11 players, 2 coaches and 1 umpire per team.
- 104 team tournament, and generally the most competitive field. Last year was our first year to compete in Cooperstown and we are proud to say our teams came in 2nd and 23rd, respectively.
- Facilities are top notch and air conditioned!!!



GENERAL ITINERARY

Friday

- Coaches ideally arrive at 6pm to check in team with all athlete forms
- Players arrive between 6pm-10:30pm to drop off their gear. This is the only time window parents will be allowed to drive their vehicle directly to the Cooperstown Dreams Park All Star Village (ASV) area (aka “the barracks”).
- Depending on coaches’ availability, parents should be prepared to keep their players overnight at their hotel or rented house Saturday
- Morning check-in at ASV (parents must clear “Players Village” by 3:30pm) and last chance for Cooperstown check in
- Players must be in full uniform at Cooperstown by 11am for a mandatory meeting in dining tent
- ASV participants to be ready in full uniform for a fire drill at 5pm
- Evening includes a player parade followed by ceremonies and the skills contests

Sunday through Tuesday

- 2 games per day

Wednesday & Thursday

- Single elimination tournament
- Plan to play early in the morning on Wednesday. Our teams will likely be eliminated on Wednesday and the teams will likely check-out that day
- Wednesday and Thursday are good days to visit the Hall of Fame after teams are eliminated
- In the event we do make it to the Championship game, it is recommend for players stay with parents Wednesday night and watch the Championship Games on Thursday. The Championship game typically starts around 10pm with Championship game ceremonies and fireworks.

