

Hello Players & Parents,

I hope my newsletter reaches you well. I wanted to touch base with all of you via this newsletter, to remind all of the unsigned seniors to please set up a College Placement Interview. I have met with 15 families so far and things are running smoothly, but I will remind all of you unsigned seniors that this is crunch time and I still do not know all of your college aspirations. If I do not know your college recruiting concerns, I cannot adequately market you to colleges. This also pertains to 2011 juniors.

Below are some upcoming prospect camps/college visit days you should definitely keep in mind as we approach the “college camp” season. I have also attached a document that will give you more insight of how college coaches come to recruit you at your games and the actions they look for.

Camps:

-Baldwin Wallace	Nov. 22 (9-11:45)	\$75	
-Cleveland Baseball Camp Siena, Oakland (in Euclid)	Dec. 12	\$125	Creighton, Perdue, UVA,
-Bowling Green	Jan. 24 (12-4)	\$90	
-Perfect Game	Dec. 28-30	\$549	Ft Meyers FL
-Ohio Elite Showcase	Jan. 3	\$110	
-Oakland Baseball Camp	Dec 20	\$95	
-TPX top 96	Nov. 28	\$225	Elgin IL
-Kent State	Dec 5-6	\$ 180.00	
-Shawnee State	Jan. 16 (9:30--)	\$50	
-Cleveland State	Dec. 28 (9-3)	\$125	
-Pittsburgh	Feb 14 (9-1)	\$100	
-Univ. Toledo	Dec 29-30 (1-4)	\$100	

Check School's Athletic Website for Addt. Info

This is a good site to see additional camps for specific universities.
<http://www.collegebaseballcamps.com>.





College Placement Newsletter

The following are the Group College Visitation Days:

- Owens Community College-- 12/5/2009 9:30 am

www.owens.edu

- Wabash Community College—12/2/2009 9:30 a.m.

<http://www.wabash.edu/sports/baseball>

- Notre Dame Community College—11/19/09 & 12/1/09 11:00 a

[HTTP://WWW.NOTREDAMECOLLEGE.EDU/](http://www.notredamecollege.edu/)

The above will host a small workout for the guys who attend

- * Slippery Rock University-- **Invite Only** (12/5/09) 10:00 a.m.

* I'll personally call the players who are invited

<http://www.rockathletics.com/index.aspx?tab=baseball&path=baseball>

I cannot express enough the importance of attending the camps, showcases, and/or visitation days I have provided earlier; as this will be your best avenue to get your skills in front of your college of choice. Being that it is a "dead period" for recruiters, they cannot call or contact you, but you can showcase your talents for their viewing by going to the winter camps. If you are unsure if the camp is a "Money-Maker" or legit, I have attached a separate .pdf document explaining just that.

I hope as our winter training is approaching, you are working diligently on polishing your tools in the game of baseball. Having more marketable skills will definitely enhance your chances of signing a decent athletic scholarship from the school you choose.

Good luck to all college hopefuls.



To all players – with new recruiting rules we are entering the prime camp season!! Beginning this weekend most Baseball programs begin to run camps and these camps continue off and on through the middle to end of January. Camps will be for various level and grades depending on the school but almost every single school that runs camps has some sort of “elite” high school camp, or “prospect camp.” These are the camps that you want to try to attend! Below I’ve included some additional information on camps and how they work. As always if you have any questions or concerns please let me know!

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-Camp Information-

One of the most commonly asked questions by parents is, “Is This Camp Worth the Money?” The answer is that it depends on the camp. First of all please realize that for most schools camps is a way for coaches to earn a little extra income – or in the case of bigger Division One schools the camps are the **only** source of income for volunteer or student assistant coaches. Yes well run camps can be helpful to players – especially younger ones – but if you expect to sign up for a camp at Florida State and have Mike Martin Sr. personally watching your son pitch then you’ve got the wrong idea. In the case of Florida State Mike Martin might come speak to the campers one day but it is very likely he won’t be anywhere near the camp at all.

Having said this many schools do use their high school camps as a way to “see” players. These schools are primarily smaller (mid-major) Division One Schools and other smaller schools. Whether or not coaches recruit from camps really depends completely on the coaches’ style.

Don’t expect that the entire staff will be working a camp. Generally speaking a few coaches are present – but often it’s the college players that make of the majority of the camp staff. This can be good and players can learn a lot, but it can also be frustrating if your main purpose is to be seen by a coach.

One more reminder before I deal with the question at hand. Remember: generally speaking camp fees cannot be waived. If you want to go to a \$100 one day camp at Ohio State, don’t expect the coaches to not charge you because they are interested in recruiting you. NCAA Division One schools cannot hold workouts for players and this would be considered a violation.



So are the camps worth it? Here's my advice on how to answer that question. (Remember you can always ask DJ or me if we know anything about the particular camp or if we have any recommendations.)

1- How Many Players will be attending?

The smaller the better. If the camp is being attended by more than 100 players the odds are that it's not a good opportunity to "get seen." Even camps with 70 and 80 players are pretty big. Ask the coaches how many players attended last year – and how many they expect to have this year.

2- What are the Age Requirements for the Camp?

If the camp is for players aged 8-18 then it's probably going to be more of a "babysitting" type situation. Yes players may learn a lot if the coaching staff does a good job – but the odds are that one or two coaches will be working and that the rest of the camp "staff" will be made up of college players and others recruited to work.

3- Do Players Travel for the Camp?

This applies mostly to smaller (mid-major or smaller) schools but is very important. Most schools that use camps as a recruiting tool will try get players that they are recruiting from out of the area to come to camps. If you are talking to coaches at a school in North Carolina the odds are that they won't be able to take the time (or spend the money) to come see you practice with the Orioles this winter. If they like the way you play and are interested they might come up for a high school game this spring, but it's unlikely unless they have a recommendation from a scout or have seen you in person. The easiest way to see you in person is to invite you to a camp.

Try to find out if there are a lot of players from out of the area attending camp. Some bigger schools draw out of area players because of their name – but smaller schools draw out of area players because coaches want to take a look at them without spending the entire recruiting budget traveling around.

4- Just Ask!

Finally, just ask the coaches! While they won't always be completely straightforward many coaches will tell you if they sign kids from camps. Most coaches that use camps as a recruiting tool will brag about the fact that they've signed a lot of kids that come to their camps and use it to promote their camp. It can never hurt to ask.