

About the Camp

A camp for kids ages 6 and up to receive professional instruction on the fundamentals of baseball/softball that will be taught and coached by many experienced and seasoned coaches.

(Please see biographies within this brochure).

Kids will enhance their knowledge and skills of the game. Items we will cover include hitting, fielding, pitching, and base running. There will be drills for each skill set as well as games for the kids to participate in.

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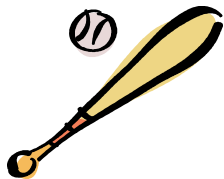
Kewanee Park District (Use of Facilities)

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Fast Signs

Sam Coleman

All of the coaches and instructors



2009

THE PLAYERS EDGE, INC.

YMCA OF KEWANEE

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP
APPLICATION

(Detach and Return)



PRESENTS

Baseball / Softball

Camp 2009

JULY 27 - 31

8:00AM TO NOON

AGES 6 AND UP

NAME: _____

AGE : _____

HEIGHT / WEIGHT: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIAN NAME/S:

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: YOUTH S M L

ADULT S M L XL

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

Deadline: Mon. July 20th



CAMP INFORMATION

Campers need to be at Northeast Park (Little League North Diamond) no later than 7:55 AM. Camp will end at 12:00 PM.

(Please be sure that your camper is picked up as close to this time as possible.)

PAYMENT

Please make check payable to:

YMCA of Kewanee

The cost is \$30.00 per camper

Send payment, along with the completed application to:

YMCA of Kewanee
Attn: Shaun Gruszczyka
315 West 1st Street
Kewanee, IL 61443

REGISTER ONLINE!

WWW.KEWANEEYMCA.ORG
VISA AND MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

**** Application must be returned no later than Monday, July 20th, 2009.**

Those without applications can register on the first day of camp and a \$10 late fee will be added.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Shaun Gruszczyka at the YMCA of Kewanee 309-853-4431.

Meet the Coaches



Jake Dixon

The Player's Edge, Inc.

St. Augustine, FL

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Through his Minor League and Collegiate Baseball experiences, Jake Dixon has played for some of the best baseball coaches in the nation. By attending the University of North Florida, Dixon had the privilege of playing for Hall of Fame Coach Dusty Rhodes. In addition, during Dixon's career in professional baseball, he also played for one of the most successful Minor League coaches ever to manage teams, Tom Kotchman of the Anaheim Angels.

Dixon is a local product and graduate from R.O.W.V.A High School where he was recruited by various MLB scouts and College coaches. Drafted in the 18th round as a hitter by the Oakland A's, Dixon found himself faced with a difficult decision straight out of High School. Through much consideration, Dixon opted to attend college first and accept a full-ride scholarship to the University of North Florida and postpone his professional baseball career. After his junior year in college, Dixon was selected again into the Major League Baseball Draft by the Anaheim Angels, but this time it was as a pitcher. The Angels secured Dixon's arm through a "Draft and Follow" procedure since Dixon was fresh off of Tommy John surgery, performed by Dr. James Andrews.

While at University of North Florida, Dixon was the Ace of the UNF Osprey's pitching staff and lead the Ospreys to (3) Peach Belt Conference Championships, a Division II College World Series Championship game appearance, and the first team ever to lead UNF into its initial year as a Division I school. Dixon notched UNF's first ever Division I win in its program's history and continued to play teams his senior year such as Miami, Florida State, Florida, LSU, and Ohio State.

Dixon's professional baseball career was ended short due to a re-occurring elbow injury. Dixon selected to retire from his professional ranks rather than undergoing another Tommy John surgery and full year of rehabilitation.

Currently, Dixon is helping coach a 12 & Under Travel Team in Florida called The Creeks Rays. Dixon also gives private pitching and hitting lessons in addition to working with former Big League player, Rick Wilkins, at his indoor baseball complex.

A 2001 graduate of R.O.W.V.A High School, Dixon received his Bachelor's Degree from University of North Florida in Sports Management with a 3.4 GPA.

Court Jackson

Kewanee, IL



Graduate of Wethersfield High School in 2002 Played four years of baseball, football, and basketball for the Geese. Then went on to play baseball for the Braves at Black Hawk College in Moline. Played two years there and transferred to a Division II School in Missouri. Missouri Western State University, Where I played for my final two years of eligibility and coached for two years. Have assisted with AW titans for a year now. I currently work for Life Investors Financial Group in Kewanee, to help individuals, families, and businesses make arrangements for their financial future. I provide you with an opportunity to develop a customized strategy to help you reach your financial goals and objectives.

Questions: 309-853-4431 or shaung@kewaneeymca.org



Luis Toyens

Baseball Coach

St. Augustine, FL

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In 31 years associated with baseball, coach Luis Toyens has played, instructed and coached organized baseball from youth recreational leagues through the high school level – in his native Puerto Rico, South Florida and Northeast Florida.

Toyens' coaching career began in 1992, as a college freshman, leading a group of 12 year old hometown kids to a regional title. In 1995 and 1996 he put together two of his best seasons while leading an 18-U team to back-to-back national championships.

In 1997 a high school coaching opportunity in Miami brought him over to the states and he has been involved with youth baseball in Florida ever since.

Coach Toyens is currently the head coach for the Creeks Baseball 12-U Rays travel team. The Rays compete against some of the best talent in Northeast Florida and are currently preparing to attend a summer tournament in Cooperstown, NY.

A 1990 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Puerto Rico, Toyens received a bachelor's degree in business from Inter American University.

He's currently married to Mariellie Toyens and they both have a 12-year old son (Angel).

He enjoys fishing, teaching baseball and playing with his dog Spike.

Other Coaches May Include

Mike Dixon

Christian Jackson

Brittany Dehler

John and Mary Clark

Ed Jackson

Nolan Keane

Jeff Stevens

