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GREAT BASEBALL... AND SO MUCH MORE!

WELCOME TO BALLPARKS OF AMERICA

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled that your team and families have chosen Ballparks of America.

Our mission is to provide a world-class tournament and vacation experience, allowing players, coaches and families to create lifelong memories. The Ballparks Team can't wait to get to know your players and families and create those memorable experiences, both on and off the field.

We have provided the enclosed Tournament Prep Kit to help you prepare for the tournament experience and answer your questions. We hope you find it helpful.

Let's play ball!

The Ballparks of America Team

– “In playing ball, and in life, a person occasionally gets the opportunity to do something great. When that time comes, only two things matter: being prepared to seize the moment and having the courage to take your best swing.”

– Hank Aaron

Great Baseball ... And So Much More!

CAMPUS MAP



PLAYING FIELDS

-  KANSAS CITY
-  ST. LOUIS
-  CHICAGO
-  BROOKLYN
-  BOSTON

FACILITY LEGEND

-  RESTROOM
-  DOUBLE PLAY CAFE
-  PRO SHOP
-  CONCESSIONS
-  SWEET SPOT
-  LASER TAG
-  BATTING CAGES
-  ESCAPE ROOMS
-  GROUNDERS CAFE
-  GLOW MINI GOLF

CAMPUS

-  1 THE CLUBHOUSE
-  2 BALLPARKS OFFICES
-  3 PHOTOGRAPHY
-  4 GUEST SERVICES
-  5 4ONE7 STUDIO
-  6 MEDIA ROOM



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STAY CONNECTED WITH EVENT CONNECT

Team Dashboard: If you've gotten this far, you should already have access (with a login and password) to your Team Dashboard. If not, please contact your Team Manager or Guest Services to help get access. You can log-in to your Team Dashboard at app.eventconnect.io.

Tournament Communication: We will use Event Connect to communicate with you before and during the tournament (via text and email) so please make sure we have your correct email address and phone number for tournament updates. Don't be left wondering about a weather delay.

Add-Ons: You can also purchase Bedding, Custom Trading Cards, Photography Packages, Tournament Shirts, Event Meals, Theme Park Passes, and Equipment Rentals in the Add-On section of your Team Dashboard. See the description on page 10.

App: Be sure to download the Ballparks of America App (Ballparks of America – EC) for tournament information, schedules, and more.





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EVENT CONNECT **FAMILY LODGING**

While players and coaches can stay in our team suites, all families and friends of the teams agree to book their lodging through the designated housing provider EventConnect.

EventConnect has negotiated and guarantees the lowest available rates with a variety of lodging properties. Through their online booking platform, they allow for teams to hold room blocks and for families to make individual reservations.

Booking through EventConnect is required for teams and groups traveling from more than 75 miles from Ballparks of America. The traveling distance is determined from the submitted address at the time of registration. Each team is responsible to book a minimum of 8 rooms for each night of the tournament. Any teams that do not meet the minimum booked rooms are subject to an additional fee due prior to team check-in:

Weeklong Tournament Deviation Fee: \$1200/Team

YOU CAN FIND LODGING BOOKING LINKS ON EACH TOURNAMENT PAGE AND ON YOUR TEAM DASHBOARD





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PACKING CHECKLIST

For the Field

- Uniform Pants**
- Jerseys**
- Belt**
- Socks**
- Hats**
- Molded Cleats**
(Turf Shoes for Pitching)
- Protective Cup**
- Bat (14U: WOOD AND BBCOR)**
- Glove**
- Other Accessories/Equipment**
- Catcher's Gear**
- Practice Clothing**
- Refillable Water Bottle**

For the Stay

- Bedding (OR RENT/PURCHASE LINEN PACKAGE)**
 - **Twin XL Sheets**
 - **Blanket**
 - **Pillow**
- Personal Items**
 - **Body Soap/Wash**
 - **Shampoo**
 - **Towel and Washcloth**
 - **Shower Shoes**
 - **Toothbrush and Toothpaste**
 - **Deodorant**
 - **Sunscreen**
 - **Medications**
 - **Insect Repellant**
 - **Other Necessary Toiletries**
- Everyday Clothes and Shoes**
- Swim Trunks and Beach Towel**
- Phone and Charger**
- Laundry Bag and Detergent**
- Blitzball/Wiffle Ball Bats and Balls**



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Cashless Campus

Credit cards and debit cards are accepted at all dining and entertainment venues throughout campus, but cash is **ONLY** accepted in the Pro Shop.

Gift Cards

The **BEST** way for your players to independently enjoy all that Ballparks has to offer is purchasing an on-campus gift card.

- Preload at check-in.
- Reload any time.
- Set spending limits.
- Use for dining or entertainment.



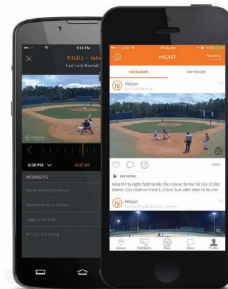
Scan the QR Code to learn more about gift cards!

Live Stream Games

Family and friends staying home? We've got them covered! HiCast Sports is the official streaming partner of Ballparks of America.

All games will be streamed live and are available on-demand.

Scan the QR Code to learn more!



Social Media

Be sure to follow us on all social media platforms! Tag us and invite us to collaborate on your favorite moments from the ballparks to be featured on our feeds!



[@ballparksofamerica](https://www.facebook.com/ballparksofamerica)



[@BOABaseball](https://www.instagram.com/BOABaseball)



[@ballparksofamerica2896](https://www.youtube.com/ballparksofamerica2896)



[@BallparksNation](https://www.youtube.com/BallparksNation)



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THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

Shop

There's no better way to remember a week at Ballparks of America than gear from the Pro Shop - stocked with the very best attire, accessories and souvenirs.

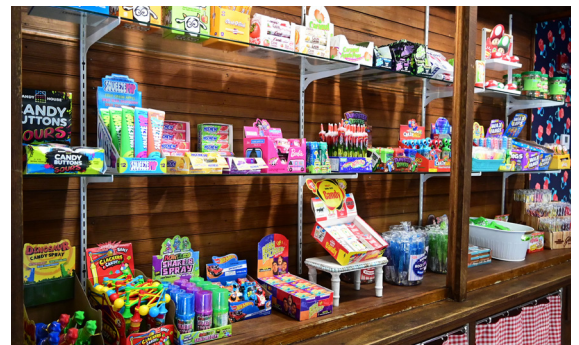


Dine

DOUBLE PLAY: Elevated Baseball Food at its best. Burgers, Loaded Nachos, Wraps, Salads, Fruit, and more!



GROUNDERS: Head to Grounders for your coffee first thing each morning and your smoothies, refreshers, and dirty sodas at night.



SWEET SPOT: Beat the heat with Ice Cream sundaes and load up on candy to keep energy levels high all week long.

BULLPEN: Grab a snack, burger, or slice of pizza at our concessions by Brooklyn and Boston fields.



Alcohol is sold at the Double Play Café and the Bullpen. Please do not bring any outside alcohol on campus.



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Play

Here's your chance to compete with your friends and family off the field and see why Ballparks is so much more than baseball!

Laser Tag: Challenge your friends and teammates to various games modes including Team Battle, Juggernaut, and Domination. Practice up before the Team Laser Tag Tournament on Monday night and dominate all week long.

Escape Rooms: Search for a renowned Sasquatch Hunter in a remote Northwest Cabin and infiltrate Dr. Scorpio's lair to try to save the world from Operation Chaos in our 2 on campus Escape Rooms.

Upper Deck Batting Cages: Get your reps in at our machine pitch batting cages. Select your pitch speed and even fastballs or curveballs with our FungoMan pitching machines.



Ballparks After Dark

We leave the lights on all 5 fields until close to midnight every night for players to run, play, be kids, and make friends with other tournament players. Bring your Blitzball and wiffle ball gear, football and other sports equipment, and creativity.

This is where lifelong memories are made!

Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay, or even challenge their team to friendly competition.



Player Card

TRADING IS HERE!



Ballparks of America and Iconix Prints have partnered to bring player card trading to your Summer Tournament!

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CARD TRADING IS NEW TO BALLPARKS IN 2026, AND IT'S TAKING OVER WITH SCHEDULED CARD TRADING EVENTS, CHALLENGES, AND MORE!

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR PLAYER:

- **Team Packs:** As part of the Ballparks Experience, all players will receive a Team Pack that includes a custom Ballparks 2026 card of each player and coach on the team
- **Custom Cards:** You can purchase packs of custom Ballparks 2026, Inserts, Holographic, and Short Print cards to trade with teammates, players, and friends ... and Mom is going to want a few dozen for friends and family.

NEXT STEPS:

- **Send Us Your Players' Image(s):** We will email you a [Google Form](#) link to submit your players' information and image(s).
- **Order Custom Trading Cards:** Purchase your Custom Card Packages in the [Add-on section of your Event Connect team dashboard](#). We recommend ordering at least 64 cards for trading. (See card designs and descriptions on the next pages)

QUESTIONS?

Call Guest Services at: 417-464-6333 opt. 2
Email us at: hospitality@ballparksofamerica.com





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ADD-ON OPTIONS

Bedding

Don't want to buy or pack XL twin sheets? Rent sheets and a pillow from us. Upgrade and take home a Ballparks of America blanket and beach towel as a souvenir.

Rental Gear

Rent the stuff you want, but don't want to pack – wagons, coolers, fans, canopies, and practice balls are all available.

Theme Park Tickets

We have exclusive pricing and convenience on Silver Dollar City and White Water tickets. Order in advance and we'll email electronic admission tickets on your day of arrival.

For more Branson Attractions visit:
<https://ballparksofamerica.tripster.com/>

Event Meals

Relax and enjoy our special meals for Opening Ceremonies and the Skills Competition/Home Run Derby finals. (Meals included for players and coaches).

Tournament Shirts

Order your official tournament shirt.

Tournament Competitions

Enter your team in the Laser Tag tournament and your player in the hitting contest in the Upper Deck Batting Cages.





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TOURNAMENT ITINERARY

Saturday

2pm - 4pm Check-In

Guest Services

One Coach must be present for check-in to receive paperwork and room keys. Parents are encouraged to decorate the rooms before players go in!

4pm - 4:30pm Coaches Meeting

The Clubhouse

Mandatory coaches meeting to go over weekly itinerary, expectations, and rules.

4:30pm - 5pm Team Mom Meeting

The Clubhouse

Attend Parent/Team Mom meeting to meet the Ballparks Team, get key contacts and a campus overview, and set the stage for the week. Minimum 1 Parent/Team Mom per team.

5pm - 7pm Player Media Day

All-Star Media Room

Players will feel like they have been called up to the big leagues participating in their Media Day upon arrival to campus. Teams will be provided scheduled Media Day times.

5pm - 8pm Welcome Dinner Feast

Courtyard in front of Double Play

**Included for players & coaches staying on campus. Also available for purchase through EventConnect for family members and players/coaches staying off campus.*

6:45 - 7:45 Player Trading Card Event

Chicago Field

Grab your Custom Ballparks Trading Cards and head out to Chicago field to meet and trade with other players, coaches, and even Ballparks staff. Compete in challenges, card scavenger hunts, and add your card to the Ballparks Hall of Fame Binder.

7:45 - 8:00 Teams Lineup for Opening Ceremonies

Chicago Field

Players should wear their Ballparks jerseys. We encourage all teams to bring banners, flags, and other appropriate gear for their parade around the field.

8:15pm - 9pm Opening Ceremonies

St. Louis Stadium

Opening Ceremonies will take place at St. Louis Stadium. Teams will parade around the field and be announced in Olympic-style fashion. Families should plan to arrive around 7:45 pm to find seating in the stands or bring seating of their own to watch.





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Sunday

9am - 12pm Skills Competition Prelims • Various Fields

Teams will be grouped to complete 4 skills competitions. Skills competitions include: Roadrunner | Turnin' 2 Players (& Moms) Home Run Derby Preliminary Round | Around The Horn Plus

12pm - 10pm Pool Play Games • Various Fields

9pm - 11pm: Upper Deck Hitting Competition • Upper Deck Batting Cages

Monday

9am - 11pm Pool Play Games or Off Day* • Various Fields

9:00pm - 11:00pm: Team Laser Tag Competition • Laser Tag

Tuesday

9am - 5pm Pool Play Games • Various Fields

6pm - 8pm Home Run Feast • Courtyard in front of Double Play

7pm - 9pm Skills Competition & Players (& Moms) Home Run Derby Finals • Chicago Field

Wednesday

9am - 11pm Pool Play Games or Off Day* • Various Fields

Thursday

Off Day or Bracket Play Day 1 • Various Fields

Friday

Bracket Play & Championship Games • Various Fields

Team off days and bracket days will vary. Your team will receive an e-mail providing your assigned off day and stating whether bracket play will begin on **Thursday or Friday. Scheduling varies based on the number of participating teams in your age division and tournament.*



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GROUND AND FACILITY RULES

Ground Rules

1. Infield/outfield practice is only permitted on fields at times specified by the Tournament Director.
2. Teams may begin pre-game warm-ups (long toss and fungo on one side of the field only) 15 minutes prior to game time or once the previous game has concluded.
3. Official game time will start at the end of the umpires' plate meeting. Umpires will announce to the coaches and the Ballparks of America staff announcer of the start time.
4. Game time will stop for weather and Director Calls. Once play is resumed, game time will resume.
5. While on defense, teams are allowed two coaches outside the dugout and one bucket in or very close to the entry way to the dugout. While on offense, teams are allowed two coaches outside the dugout (limited to the 1st and 3rd base coaching boxes).
6. All areas within the walls of the fields, aside from the dugouts, are in play. A batted ball striking any part of the backstop netting and all netting extensions is an immediate dead ball (dead ball rules apply).
7. Pitchers may only warm up in designated bullpen areas during the game.
8. The cameras at the field will not be used for instant replay. Cameras are considered part of the screen.
9. Teams must turn in their lineup to the opposing coach and the Ballparks of America staff announcer prior to every game.
10. At the conclusion of every game, the head coach for both teams must sign the umpire's scorecard to finalize the game. If the scorecard is not signed prior to leaving the field, the game may be deemed a forfeit.
11. Only players and coaches are allowed on the field or in the dugout during games.
12. Game balls are provided by Ballparks of America. Only Ballparks of America baseballs are approved for use in games. All foul balls must be returned to the umpire or score table.
13. All teams are responsible for practice baseballs and equipment.

Facility Rules

1. Coaches must be in visual and verbal contact with their team members at all times. Ballparks of America mandates that no team or individual shall be left alone at any time.
2. Players are required to be with at least one other player at all times while on campus. Individual players are not to wander Ballparks of America without supervision.
3. Each Coach on the roster is responsible for the safety of players and must know their whereabouts at all times. Any player leaving Ballparks of America must be with his/her Coach or an authorized guardian. Any authorized guardian must inform the Coach before removing a player.
4. We ask all players and coaches to respect Ballparks of America property and facilities.
5. NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED. NO MOLDED/RUBBER SPIKES ON MOUNDS.



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6. NO GUM OR SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS. Use can lead to ejection from the game (players, coaches, or spectators).
7. Ballparks of America provides a smoke-free facility for the benefit of all players and guests.
8. NO SMOKING, SMOKELESS TOBACCO, NICOTINE POUCHES, OR VAPING ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON BALLPARKS CAMPUS, including fields, buildings, outdoor, and common areas.
9. No profanity. No fighting.
10. Possession of alcoholic beverages not purchased at BoA is prohibited.
11. Outside coolers are permitted. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED ON CAMPUS.
12. No outside grills or open flames allowed, including in parking lots.
13. Pets are permitted on-campus in all outdoor spaces, except for fields. Pets must be leashed, well-behaved, and cleaned up after. Ballparks of America retains the right to remove any pet and their owner. Animals are not allowed in indoor spaces unless written documentation is provided.
14. No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, Heelys (wheeled sneakers) or motorized personal transportation devices (Segways, Hover boards) are allowed.
15. Do not enter any posted Restricted Areas.
16. No standing or sitting on stadium walls.
17. Indoor batting cages are provided for practice. No ball playing or warm-ups are allowed outside of the fields and indoor batting cages area.
18. Game balls are provided. All foul balls must be returned to the umpire or a member of the Baseball Operations staff.
19. Game balls that become lodged on building roofs cannot be retrieved by players, coaches or spectators. Violators of this rule will be asked to leave the premises.
20. All noise should cease when the pitcher toes the pitching rubber.
21. In the event of severe weather, teams and spectators will be provided with any sheltering or emergency evacuation plans.
22. Safety comes first at all times. No horseplay or roughhousing. Do not jump on bunk beds. A damage deposit is required for all teams staying in the Team Suites. Please be respectful towards all other teams.
23. Lost and found items: Please bring all items to the booth at the Guest Services. (Ballparks of America is not responsible for lost items).
24. Teams and individuals will be held responsible for all damage to Ballparks of America property (a Team Suite deposit is required).
25. Each Team Suite has been equipped with a broom and a dustpan. Please do not take any of these items when you leave. Teams are responsible for daily cleanup.
26. Please wear shower shoes or sandals to and from the bathrooms in the Team Suites.
27. All team members must clean up their dining area when finished.
28. Fireworks are prohibited.



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Weather Policy

Ballparks of America will try to maintain the originally planned schedule as much as possible. However, in the event of inclement weather: The first priority is always to reach the minimum number of games for each team. We will always attempt to have a championship game.

In order to achieve these goals, Ballparks of America reserves the right to change the tournament schedule as needed, including shortening games.

If a game is suspended due to weather, we will make every effort to finish the game from point of the suspension. If the game is unable to be finished, it is considered complete if:

6 inning game – 3 innings completed (2 1/2 if Home is winning)

7 inning game – 4 innings completed (3 1/2 if Home is winning)

If a game cannot be resumed, the score will revert back to the last completed inning.

In the event of a rain delay, each team must remain in its designated dugout until otherwise notified by a Director. In the event of severe weather, you will be directed by a Ballparks of America employee to the nearest storm shelter.

Weather Emergencies

In the event of a weather emergency, the Manager on Duty is responsible for making decisions. If there is any concern for the safety of the players, contact the announcer at the closest field and have them relay any information or concerns to the Manager of Duty. The Manager on Duty will make the decision on a case-by-case basis.

Ballparks of America has a weather alarm that alerts to lightning in the area. A siren will go off and all campus visitors will be directed away from the fields for a minimum of 30 minutes. If weather causes changes to the schedule, decisions will be made as mentioned previously in the Tournament Rules.

Scheduling

- The schedule will be posted 7 days prior to the tournament, it will not be final until the night before the first game. Coaches should regularly check the schedule for updates.
- Teams must be at their assigned field ready to play fifteen minutes before scheduled game time.

Contact Information

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