



Where Can We Make A Difference?

This is the question our board asks of itself, and of the many league administrators with whom we have worked very closely. We like to think of Friends of Baseball as first providing a "safety net" for all of those tireless leagues and administrators who want to build a league with traditions and sustainability for their communities. Nearly every league will find itself up against what, at the time, seem like very challenging circumstances. Yes, we are always here to help with resources and contacts to assist **all** of our leagues and organizations. We like to think of ourselves as

"Nondenominational."

But What's on Your "Wish List?"

Our second focus has become very, very clear to us over the past few years and can perhaps make an even greater impact! The number one item on all league administrators' "Wish List" is an ability to consistently enhance the knowledge, expertise and experience of their teams. These wonderful volunteers who give so much simply need more support and training in order to maximize both their and their team's experiences on and off the field!

Not Just One, but Two

Coaches' Clinics in 2010

With this email we are announcing our co-sponsorship of clinics in both Portland and Eugene this winter! Our goal in these sponsorships is to ensure that All Teams can and will want to take part. We doubled attendance in Portland in 2009 and, with the great early response we've received, we hope to Double it once again! The Eugene Clinic will have a very different format which will encourage teams to seriously consider attending *both events!* The league costs for these two events are intended to be minimal to insure greatest participation.

Portland Coaches' Clinic January 17th, 2010



2009 Portland Coaches Clinic

We are once again Co-Sponsoring the Portland Clinic with N.W. Star Academy. We would like to thank **Jerry Gatto** and his fine team of

volunteers for *sharing in our vision*. From the input many of you provided, this year's clinic will bring back Dave Gasser as one of the presenters! We will also bring greater focus to handling issues that impact teams relating to organizational and parental dynamics. These Clinics are open to any and all league staff that would like to attend, regardless of league location!

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**N.W. Star Academy / Friends of Baseball**  
**Coaches' Clinic**

Presenters to include local expert coaches

**January 17th 2009**

12:30 ~5:00

Embassy Suites (Portland Airport)

Preregistration Fee: \$15 individual ~\$30 total per league affiliation  
regardless of number of attendees!

**For agenda and registration information use this link:**

**[Portland Clinic Details and Registration](#)**

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Little League District 9 / Friends of Baseball
Coaches' Clinic

(Also for Parents and Administrators)

"Teaching For Tomorrow"

Presenter to be Al Herbeck

(Al conducts similar clinics throughout the U.S. and Canada)

Note: This event is **NOT** Little League specific.

All league affiliations will find value in attending.

February 21st 2010

Coaching ages 5-6, 8:00~1:00, Coaching ages 7~12, Noon ~ 5:00

(welcome to attend both sessions)

North Eugene High School

Preregistration Fee: \$100 total per league affiliation regardless of number
of attendees!

Our big thanks to **Raleen Hockenberry** and her organization; they have given **So Very Much** of themselves to help create this wonderful event in Eugene!

For agenda and registration information use this link:

[Eugene Clinic Details and Registration](#)

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**Y**ou Must Pre-register this year in order to qualify for this fee structure. Due to interest thus far, pre-registration has become necessary in order to confirm your participation and adequate seating. Please contact us with any questions, and also to confirm that you have mailed in your registration. In your email, please provide name of organization and number of people planning to attend to: **[info@friendsofbaseball.org](mailto:info@friendsofbaseball.org)**. We look forward to seeing all of you in the weeks ahead!

## **Our Facebook Fan Page is "Too Much Fun"**

**W**e have worked very hard to weekly provide relevant and timely information on our Fan Page. Free equipment, Dave Gasser Training Videos, timely announcements, photos and opportunities find their way to our page. While we hope **you too** will become a **Fan**, non-Facebook users can view our page from time to time simply by accessing:

[View the FOB Facebook "Fan" Page](#)

*Consider becoming a Fan or Bookmarking this page!*

***Four Grantees Recently Announced***

In addition to the two recent grants for the Portland and Eugene Coaches Clinics, our Board of Trustees has announced the following Grants:

### **Crescent Valley High School**

in Corvallis raised over \$60,000 to construct a baseball hitting facility for their team and local youth league use. We are very happy to assist in the completion of this wonderful facility. Grant:\$2,500

### **Churchill Baseball**

in Eugene raised over \$35,000 for a similar facility in Eugene and their community. We certainly enjoy working with communities who are clearly engaged. Grant: \$2,600

### ***Kidsports in Eugene Has Equipment to Share***

**T**his wonderful group organizes youth sports leagues (12 months a year) throughout the Eugene community. Recently they received a significant grant to replace their baseball equipment thanks to MLB's Baseball Tomorrow Fund. They now have some very usable equipment that is perfect for leagues in need. We have worked to find leagues where this equipment can make a real impact.

**T**hey currently have approximately 100 bats in various sizes and 150 adjustable batting helmets remaining. If you know of a good home please contact us at [info@friendsofbaseball.org](mailto:info@friendsofbaseball.org) with your request and we will forward information on how your league can get in touch. **Thank you** to Kidsports for thinking of organizations where need clearly exists.

**W**e wish all of you a very fulfilling holiday season. Thank you for allowing

us to be a part of your day!

***Due to the number of announcements in this Issue we ask that you forward this along to your youth baseball contacts that may also find value. You are essential in expanding upon our collective reach . . .***

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