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***2010 Coach and Volunteer of the Year
Nominations being Accepted!***



Friends of Baseball is very pleased to be sponsoring this wonderful program and to give credit and honor to the hundreds of individuals who tirelessly support our youth Baseball and Softball Programs. This year we have secured a **third** Co-Sponsor. The

Eugene Emeralds are joining with the ***Portland Beavers*** and ***Salem Keizer***

Volcanoes for the 2010 Festivities!

These sponsors share in the desire to show their recognition!

Nominations will be accepted from parents and organizations from **March 1 thru June 15, 2010**. Honorees and Finalists will be celebrated in on-field ceremonies in July at sponsors' respective ballparks.

All **Six Honorees** (*One Coach and Volunteer from all three regions*) will receive a **\$1,000** check to be used by their respective baseball/softball organizations! For full details and a list of the counties served by each ball club:

[CLICK HERE](#)

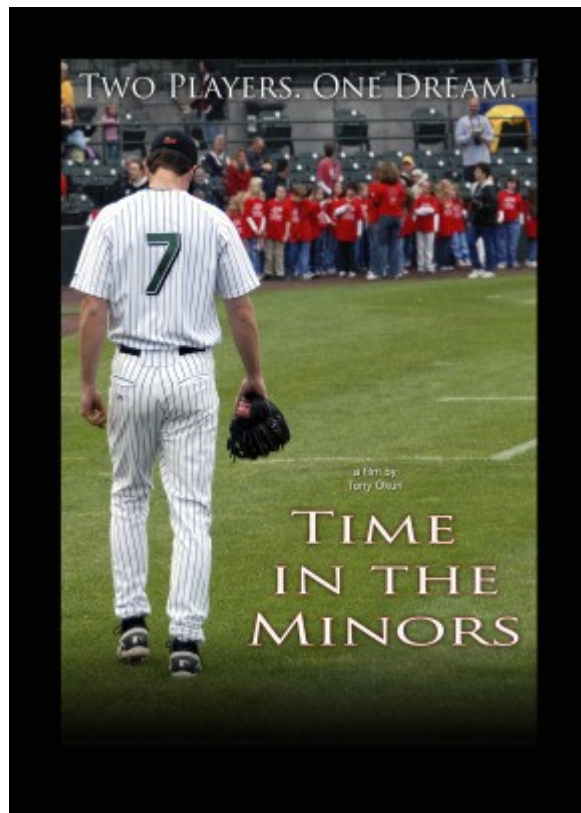
The first *six individuals* (2 from each region) who submit nominations will receive a Friends of Baseball Monogrammed Cap. Please let us hear from many of you and let us hear from you Soon. All of you have a "Star in Your Midst," so please help us

"Polish that Star!"

FOB wishes to thank these three SPONSORS for their amazing support and influence in our communities.

Please Also Forward this Announcement to all your League Contacts!

**NW Film Center Features Documentary:
"Time in the Minors"**



We are please to support and help sponsor the local release of this film by filmmaker Tony Okun. It is a story about John 19 and Tony 28 chronicling their efforts to make it to the "Show." This is John's first call up to spring training, for Tony this could be his very last chance . . .

More information and tickets will be available beginning March 18 at the NW Film Center website, Link below

Dates: 7:00 June 13

Tickets: \$8

(Group rates of 15 or more \$5; bring the team!)

Location: Northwest Film Center,

Portland Art Museum

[CLICK HERE](#)

This wonderful non-profit deserves our support, and this looks to be a great story that shares our passion!

We Honor four organizations with Grants!

Our Board of Trustees recently forwarded funding to four organizations that are clearly deserving of our enthusiastic support for their programs:

East Wind Baseball

Is located in east Multnomah County and serves the Corbett Community. Their group is in the process of enhancing their fields for their kids. Significant local funding has been established as no local school or parks support is available at this time. We would like to assist in helping them complete their dugouts.

Grant: \$2,500 for dugouts

Jefferson Babe Ruth

Jefferson H.S. Coach Mathew Todd is working tirelessly to restore a once historic program in his community. Jefferson does not field a Varsity Baseball team at this time. With this thought in mind, he is beginning a new Babe Ruth Program in the hopes of extending the playing season for JV team. He hopes this will lead to a Varsity Squad in the next couple of years.

Grant: \$500 for balls and equipment

Clatskanie High School Baseball

This teams field has been shared by the high school football team as a practice field in recent years. It is now the plan to move football to a new venue. Their field has been greatly damaged and are now looking for assistance to restore it once and for all. This effort will be accomplished through the volunteer efforts of team and community members

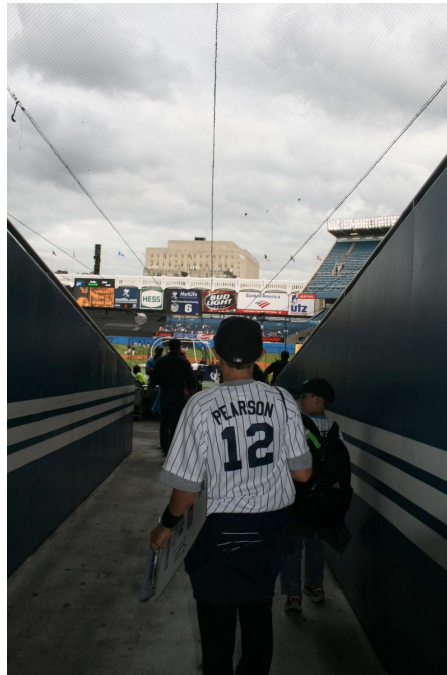
Grant: \$1.200 for sod and equipment to restore their fields

Stayton Titans

This group has some exciting and significant plans to restore and upgrade their fields. Much has been completed as they work on their second phase. With no current irrigation in the infield, there have been

**significant dust issues with local residents. All work will be overseen by their Contractor/Coach and the community of volunteers.
Grant : \$1,500 to purchase irrigation plumbing supplies**

"Behind the Dish" Visits Spring Training!



Morgan Pearson, our Facebook "Fan Page Corespondent," just returned from Spring Training. While just 14 years old, his moxie and direct, engaging approach creates a very revealing style to his interviews. We recently posted Vol.. II on our Fan Page bulletin board. Morgan was able to secure a Press Pass which gained him full access to spring training players, fields and even got him a club house interview with Josh Hamilton! Watch for further updates and interviews!

[View Our Fan Page Here](#)

Corvallis Knights Hosting Youth Clinic & Baseball Drills

Friends of Baseball attended this wonderful Clinic this past year at beautiful Goss Field, home of the Knights and OSU Beavers. Mark your calendars to take your kids and teams to this year's FREE event. Knights coaches and college players from the the Knights will conduct this event! You will have a blast!

Mark your calendars:

Date: June 26

Time: 12:30 to 4:00

Attendees Catch batting practice for Knights at 4:15!

Knights Game Time: 6:45

Check out their Game Entertainment: [CLICK HERE](#)

For details, registration visit: [Corvallis Knights Click Here](#)

Clinic Sponsor Starker Forests, Inc. and is being presented by the Boys & Girls of Albany, Corvallis and Lebanon

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