

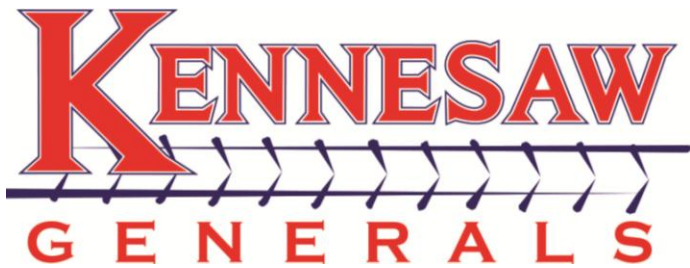
KENNESAW GENERALS TRAVELBALL



The 2011-2012 season is just around the corner. The 9U Kennesaw Generals Travel Team will hold an Open Tryout for the 2011-2012 season on Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 2:30-4:30pm on Field 3 & 4 at Adams Park in downtown Kennesaw. Several changes are in the mix for the 9U season. Coaches Chuck Whaley and Brody Hendrix are excited to move into 'real' baseball and create a baseball family that grows together in a highly competitive arena.

The Generals will use the Fall 2011 season to focus on conditioning, pitching and overall player and team development. This will be done both through individual and professional training. We plan to play in a couple of local tournaments during the Fall if our players are available.

The Generals will gear up February 1, 2012 for the Spring/Summer season, practicing 3-5 times per week. Tournament play will begin by the end of February and continue through mid to late July (depending on which World Series we choose to play in).



2011-2012 Kennesaw Generals 9U Travel Team

Coaches: Chuck Whaley
Brody Hendrix
www.KennesawGeneralsBaseball.com

Parents,

We would like to start by saying thank you for allowing your child to attend the tryouts for the 2011-2012 9U Kennesaw Generals. The Generals are a kid pitch travel baseball team based out of Adams Park here in Kennesaw, but comprised of talented players from around the surrounding areas. We, as coaches, know that there are many options out there available to the youth of today and we are honored to have the privilege to not only teach players about a game we love, but about the life lessons that can be learned through baseball as well.

The 8U Kennesaw Generals Team began the 2010-2011 year as a coach pitch team and, after some struggles, made the transition into kid pitch, which brought about a whole new love of the game. It was an amazing year, as the boys grew both on and off the field in their confidence and individual skill sets. The 8U Generals brought home the Championship in their first kid pitch tournament of the year, which earned them a berth to the Triple Crown Summer Nationals World Series in Myrtle Beach. We have just returned this past week from this World Series, where the boys played some incredible baseball and walked away with the title of 2011 Triple Crown 8U World Series Runner-Up. For the upcoming season, we are looking to build on the successes of this past year, working through the transition to real baseball and preparing ourselves for the Summer of 2013 when the Generals will travel to Cooperstown to compete against teams from all over the nation in one of the most incredible, nostalgic tournaments available in youth baseball.

There are many changes that will affect play between eight year old and nine year old baseball. The transition to kid pitch, base stealing, and the loss of an outfield position are the primary changes that will be addressed this year. We will focus our efforts during the Fall and into Winter on speed and agility, fundamentals (hitting, fielding, throwing, and base running), and game situations, as well as, allow the players to begin fine tuning the basic mechanics involved in pitching. We will look to incorporate occasional scrimmages with other area teams and enter a couple of local tournaments, as well. With many players involved in other sports, we will be flexible in scheduling practices, tournaments and instruction, but will utilize pick up players, if necessary, to fill gaps left by these other sports.

The Spring and Summer seasons will consist of practices, tournaments, and continued specific instruction, both individual and professional. They will also begin learning more about proper positioning, techniques, and situations. Specific instruction on these, and other skills, will be conducted on field, and at various training facilities in the area. Several different sanctioned associations (i.e. USSSA, Triple Crown, Nations, Grand Slam,

etc.) will host a variety of tournaments throughout the year. It is our intention to play in 10-12 tournaments throughout the Spring and Summer. Player development and other factors will influence the number of advanced tournaments we choose to play in. A league World Series will provide a great opportunity to showcase the skills that have been taught throughout the year and bring the season to a close.

Our coaching philosophy is and always will be about helping players to improve, both individually and as a TEAM. Our goal is to provide the players with a competitive, learning environment that stresses sportsmanship, effort and attention. At this young age, it is our belief that you must focus on laying a foundation of good baseball skills in every aspect of the game and with this winning will come both on and off the field. The ability to communicate with players at their level, allows for learning to take place, while still making it fun. Discipline, respect, and a strong work ethic are also key components. Long after their baseball days have passed, these traits will help make these players better people. The greatest compliment that can be paid to a Coach is to have had a positive impact on a child's life. We have an open-door policy with regards to our players, and their families, as we feel that communication is a key ingredient in managing a team. We always want players to feel free to ask questions of us, and we ask the same of them, but please understand that all decisions regarding playing time, positions, lineup, etc. will be at the sole discretion of the coaching staff.

Of course, along with all the fun, comes some expense. We are projecting a \$1000 per player cost for the upcoming season. These costs will cover uniforms, KBA registration fees, tournament and association fees, team activities, private instruction, and team equipment. We realize that the amount of time and money that is required for Travel league play is very significant. However, fundraising will provide a tremendous financial relief to the players' families. Our hope is to raise enough money through corporate sponsorships, a silent auction, host tournament and other activities to return the majority of your out of pocket expenses. The monies raised by the families will also be used to participate in strength/conditioning activities, speed and agility training, batting practice, fielding practice, and pitching instruction. These training tools will not only serve to increase the players' baseball skills, but also to break the cycle of baseball activity. It is important to understand the psychological impact of the player when providing instruction to them.

Again, thank you for your participation in the Generals tryouts. We will likely have some invitation only tryout dates to further assess some players and the needs of the team, and we will be notifying players as soon as possible after that. You can find additional information at www.KennesawGeneralsBaseball.com. Additionally, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Chuck Whaley & Brody Hendrix
2011-2012 9U Kennesaw Generals

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD, BUT ABOVE ALL...CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND HAVE FUN!!!

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Adams Park -2600 Park Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144



Adams Park, a 33-acre community park located near the intersection of Watts Drive and US-41/Cobb Parkway, offers a unique blend of active and passive recreation. Amenities include six lighted baseball fields, four lighted softball fields, concession buildings, indoor and outdoor batting cages, two lighted tennis courts, one lighted soccer field, drinking fountains, a 3,000 ft. x 8-foot-wide concrete walking trail, the Ben Robertson Community Center, a Scout Hut building, playground, picnic pavilions and shelters and park bench seating. The City of Kennesaw also provides FREE wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) available at Adams Park.

The baseball complex at Adams Park features a four field quad with grass infields, covered bleachers, concession stand, and batting cages, as well as two additional fields next to the indoor batting cages. In 2009, overhead safety netting and new scoreboards were added to the fields in the quad and in the past two weeks, the batting cages in the quad have had concrete poured and padding and turf placed as capital improvements for the park.



Kennesaw Baseball Association

In 2010, Kennesaw Baseball Association celebrated it's 40th Anniversary of youth baseball. The Association has been based out of Adams Park since its inception in 1970 and while its primary basis is recreational league play, travel baseball has also played a major role in the success of the organization.



KBA provides a competitive level of baseball for approximately 700 youth players ages 4-18 in the West Cobb area. The City of Kennesaw and KBA work hand in hand to manage and maintain the beautiful facilities at Adams Park.





Generals Team History

The 2010-2011 8U Kennesaw Generals Travel Team is only the second 8U Travel ever out of Adams Park and the first in quite a number of years, but with the talent available in West Cobb and the surrounding area and the desire of experienced coaches to take this talent to the next level, the 8U Generals became a reality. The Kennesaw team, formed from players from 5 area parks, began the year as a Coach Pitch team with the expectation of bridging the gap to the world of kid pitch by the end of the year to ease the transition into real baseball. In the Fall of 2010, the Generals focused on fundamentals and strength and conditioning and brought the Fall season to a close with a Runner Up finish in the Warrior Turkey Bash, the only tournament they entered.

The Spring 2011 season brought about several challenges while the Generals struggled as a coach pitch team and decided to give the world of kid pitch a try a bit earlier than planned. In April, the Generals entered their first kid pitch tournament and after dropping the first game, went on to win four straight and take home the 2011 Triple Crown Back to School Backyard Brawl Silver Championship. This title earned the Kennesaw team a berth to the Triple Crown Summer Nationals in Myrtle Beach. Since then, the Generals have competed head to head with a number of very talented teams in and around the Metro Atlanta area and held their own.

The 8U Kennesaw Generals have just returned from Myrtle Beach where they went 5-2 and brought back the title of 2011 Triple Crown 8U Summer National World Series Runner-Up. The boys also competed in a number of Skills Challenges while at the World Series and walked away with the 8U Overall Team Skills Challenge Championship, winning the Frozen Rope Team and Individual Championships, Accuracy Team and Individual Championships and Around the Horn Team Championship.



2011 TRIPLE CROWN 8U SUMMER NATIONAL WORLD SERIES RUNNER-UP

Triple Crown Summer Nationals Skills Challenge:

Overall Team Skills Challenge Champions

Around the Horn Team Champions

Accuracy Team Champions & Accuracy Individual Champion-CJ Whaley

Frozen Rope Team Champions & Frozen Rope Individual Champion-Mitch Lukasik



GENERALS BRING HOME HARDWARE IN INAUGURAL SEASON

Generals take 2nd Place in Warrior Turkey Bash



2011 Triple Crown Backyard Brawl Champions



WHO IS DRIVING THIS TRAIN?

Chuck Whaley



High School - Lassiter High School, Marietta, GA

- Two year varsity letterman - 1st Base
- 1986 All-County Honorable Mention
- Co-Captain - Junior year
- Played for Coach Mickey McMurtry (2 High School State Titles & 2 State Runner-Ups) and Coach Jeff Guy (Lassiter/Georgia Tech/East Cobb Baseball)

College - Shorter College, Rome, GA

- Earned dual sport scholarship
 - Two year letterman - Baseball, 1st Base
 - Three year letterman - Basketball
- 1989 GIAC Conference Champions
 - Recruited by and played for Coach Hamp Alexander and Mike Sansing (Shorter/Kennesaw State w/2 National Titles)

Coaching and Professional Career

- 2002 - Coached East Cobb Bulls 15-16 yr olds, alongside Mike Hostetler (Georgia Tech/Atlanta Braves Minor Leagues/East Cobb Baseball) and Andy Bruce (Georgia Tech/St. Louis Cardinals Minor Leagues)
- 2004 - 2009 - Assistant Coach, Kennesaw Baseball Association, 6 rec league seasons, T-Ball & Farmball
- 2009 - Co-Coach, 6U KBA All-Star Team (Kennesaw Klassic Runner-Up/District 3 Tournament 3rd Place/Top 10 finish in 38 team World Series)
- 2009 - 2010 - Head Coach, KBA, 2 rec league seasons, Pinto
- 2010 - Assistant Coach, KBA 7U All-Star Team (Hobgood Showdown Runner-Up/Top 12 finish in 49 team World Series)
- 2009 - present - Pony/Colt League Director, KBA Board of Directors
- 2010 - 2011 - Head Coach, Kennesaw Generals 8U Travel Team (Warrior Turkey Bash Runner-Up/Triple Crown Backyard Brawl Champions/Triple Crown Summer National World Series Runner-Up)
- 2009 - 2011 - Certified by Simply the Best Coaches Clinic
- 2011 - Ripken Baseball Academy Coaches Clinic Participant
- Earned a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and is currently employed by United Distributors, Inc.

Brody Hendrix



High School – Socastee High School, Myrtle Beach, SC

- National & South Carolina State Record Holder – Most Consecutive Stolen Bases
- Four year varsity letterman – Shortstop
- Two year Captain – Junior & Senior year
- 1989 & 1990 – All-Conference Player
- 1989 & 1990 – MVP, Socastee Braves

College – University of Tennessee, Knoxville (1990 - 1991)

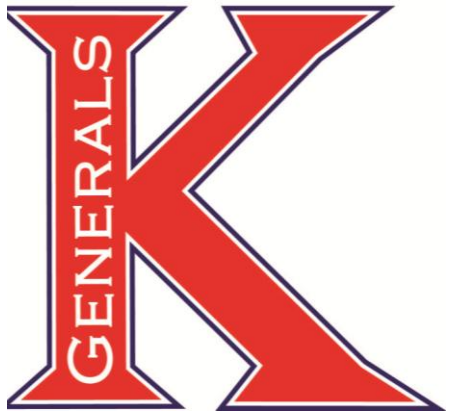
- Earned baseball scholarship
- One year Letterman – Shortstop
- Recruited by and played for Coach Rod Delmonico (FSU/Tennessee)

College – Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC (1991-1994)

- Earned baseball scholarship
- 3 year Letterman – Shortstop
- Captain – Senior year
- Recruited by and played for Coach Tim Corbin (Presbyterian/Clemson/Vanderbilt/1996 Olympic Coach)

Coaching and Professional Career

- 2004 - 2010 – Assistant Coach, Kennesaw Baseball Association, 8 rec league seasons, T-Ball, Farmball & Pinto
- 2009 – Assistant Coach, KBA 6U All-Star Team (Kennesaw Classic Runner-Up/District 3 Tournament 3rd Place/Top 10 finish in 38 team World Series)
- 2010 – Assistant Coach, KBA 7U All-Star Team (Hobgood Showdown Runner-Up/Top 12 finish in 49 team World Series)
- 2008 - 2009 – Assistant Coach, Upward Basketball
- 2009 - 2010 – Head Coach, Acworth Basketball (Runner-Up)
- 2010 – 2011 – Coach, Kennesaw Generals 8U Travel Team (Warrior Turkey Bash Runner-Up/Triple Crown Backyard Brawl Champions/Triple Crown Summer National World Series Runner-Up)
- 2011 - Certified by Simply the Best Coaches Clinic
- 2011 – Ripken Baseball Academy Coaches Clinic Participant
- Earned a Bachelors Degree in Business Management and is currently employed by Clearview Group.



Coaching Philosophy for the 9U Generals

Coach Brody and I have coached together for several years and while we come from different backgrounds, there is one thing we both agree on completely, and that is that strong fundamentals breed athletes and athletes breed success, both on and off the field. Teams are often judged solely by the number of wins and losses they have in a season, but what isn't taken into account is the true success of the team as a whole. Did all of our players improve their level of play throughout the season? Did we improve our team as a whole in regards to the level and quality of play and attitude? Did we help to instill a sense of discipline and respect that will help guide these players in all aspects of life? If we can answer yes to these questions when the season comes to a close, then the season was successful.

That being said, it is always more fun, and tends to make for happier fans and players when a team is winning. In turn, winning also leads to playing more games in tournaments, which equals more playing time and at bats for everyone. The focus of the Generals will be to instill a work ethic that challenges every player to better themselves every practice and every game and encourage others to do the same. This Winning Attitude will lead to a strong sense of TEAM, which in turn will lead to more and more wins on the field as they learn to pick each other up when a mistake is made and work together as a TEAM to overcome obstacles, and not be just a group of individuals with selfish intentions. So while winning isn't everything, please know that this is not rec league play and the Generals will be playing to win.

Our goal is to provide the players with a competitive, learning environment that stresses sportsmanship, effort, discipline and focus. At this young age, it is our belief that you must focus on laying a foundation of good baseball skills in every aspect of the game and, with this, winning will come both on and off the field. The ability to communicate with players at their level, allows for learning to take place, while still making it fun. We will do our best to be positive role models in the eyes of the players while teaching them to respect the game and those around them. Our players need to understand that when they enter the field it is a PRIVILEGE and that playing time is EARNED. It is NOT a RIGHT. And the Generals will play to be competitive and win, but we are not a win at all costs type of team, because at the end of the day, how you play the game is much more important than whether you win or lose.

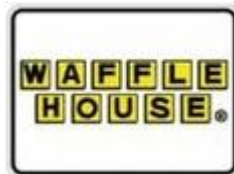
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Kennesaw General Sponsors



BRAKE & MUFFLER WORLD
Lakeland, Fla
Platinum Sponsor

SMALL TALK
Cartersville, GA
Platinum Sponsor



Fundraising is a Major Part of the Generals Success

Help support the dreams of the Kennesaw Generals by joining our fundraising efforts. We always have a number of fundraisers in the works. Do you have fundraising ideas to share? Does your business have a desire to sponsor an event? Please contact Maureen our fundraising coordinator.

Maureen Hendrix at maureenhendrix@bellsouth.net

Here are some examples of what we did last season:



Support the Kennesaw Generals 8u Travel Baseball team on their road to the Summer Nationals 8u Kid Pitch tournament in Myrtle Beach, SC on July 21 - 26th. You TOO can be a Triple Crown winner by participating in this fundraiser ☺!

Cost: \$30 per person TOTAL IF you want to participate in each of the three horse races (so \$10/race) OR \$20 per race if you want to participate in one or two of the races.

Payment: Check or cash accepted. Check made out to: Kennesaw Generals 8u Travel Baseball (tax deductible as we are non-profit org)

Deadline: To participate in all three or just the Kentucky Derby, payment needed by Friday, May 6th; otherwise, payment needed no later than 5/15/2011.

Winnings: Dependent upon entries, we will be awarding CASH to those individuals who have drawn the winning horse for that race.

Triple Crown Horse Racing teams up with Triple Crown Baseball

Just \$10 per Race!!

Kentucky Derby - Saturday, May 7th, 2011

Preakness Stakes - Saturday, May 21st, 2011

Belmont Stakes - Saturday, June 11th, 2011

Basically, all you need to do is make a donation to the Generals in the amount of your choice. Each race costs \$10. So, enter as many races as you want as

many times as you want. Get your name and payment to your favorite General before the above deadlines. You will then be added to the list. Just before each race begins, all horses for the day will be placed in a hat and drawn at random assigning one horse to each entrant. If you are matched up with the winning horse...YOU WIN TOO!!!

Simple as that.

Money Raised for the team: \$935

SUBWAY Night with the Kennesaw Generals

Cinco de Mayo, SUBWAY style

Thursday, May 5, 2011, 6 - 8pm

SUBWAY - Store # 33446, 2090 Baker Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144

678-213-5158

Join us for Generals night at the SUBWAY on Baker Road in Kennesaw. SUBWAY will donate a portion of the sales from 6-8pm to the team, so gather up your family and friends and bring them to SUBWAY for dinner!!

Money Raised for the team: \$250

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Kennesaw Generals First Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

**Thursday, November 11, 2010
7pm - Midnight
Bailey's Pub & Grille, Kennesaw**

Join us for the first annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament to benefit the 8U Kennesaw Generals Travel Team. Gather your favorite poker gang and join us for an evening of cards, pizza, beer, football and prizes.



Poker Tournament Benefiting the 8U Kennesaw Generals Travel Team

What: We are holding our first fundraising event to help offset the cost of equipment, uniforms, travel, and tournament fees for the team. Your tax-deductible donations are greatly appreciated!

Details: The Poker tournament will be held Thursday, November 11th @ 7pm @ Bailey's Pub & Grille on Barrett Parkway in one of the side rooms – the ATL Falcons play that night so what better way to raise funds by watching football and playing cards!

Event: Initial donation of \$40 for 500 chips. At any time during the first hour with 500 chips or less, you can get another 500 chips for an additional \$40 donation. After the first hour, all remaining player may optionally add 750 chips to their chip stack for a \$50 donation. Cash or check accepted.

Prizes: The top ten places will be able to pick their prize in order from 1st – 10th.

Goal: Our goal is to have every player bring at least 2 people to the event – we hope for at least 50 people so corral the troops and enjoy some football, good food, good drinks and great prizes.

Door Prizes: We are also working on providing door prizes for all that enter so nobody goes home empty handed.

Who: All Men and Women ages 21 or older

Where: Bailey's Pub and Grille, Barrett Parkway (by the AMC movie theater)
Address: 2500 Cobb Place Ln NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144, USA
Phone: (770) 794-4444

When: Thursday, November 11th @ 7pm – midnight

RSVP Send your RSVP of the attendees names (and player name) to Coach Brody Hendrix no later than Tuesday, November 9th. (brody.hendrix@cerkhan.com)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE AND MAKING THIS A GREAT KICK-OFF FUNDRAISER FOR OUR TEAM... THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE 8U KENNESAW GENERALS TRAVEL TEAM!!

Money Raised for the team: \$1000



**2011 Big Shanty Showdown
8UKP & 11U Baseball Tournament
hosted by the KENNESAW GENERALS
Adams Park, Kennesaw, GA
June 2-5, 2011**

Bring your team out to our beautiful facility in historic downtown Kennesaw to get ready for your State and World Series tournaments. Adams Park features a full service concession stand, covered seating, safety netting, and Wi-Fi internet access. Don't miss out on this sizzling summer opportunity!

- 8 team max per division
- 3 Game Minimum
- Grass Infields, Batting Cages
- Team and Individual trophies for 1st & 2nd place
- Enjoy some friendly competition with our Skills Challenges
- Silent Auction with a wide variety of amazing items
- SMAX Action photography

8U – Early \$275, before May 5th; Late \$325, May 5th or after

Register your team before May 5, 2011 to take advantage of our discounted early registration fees!

8U Tournament Director – Jana Whaley
KennesawGeneralsBaseball@hotmail.com
678-614-5840

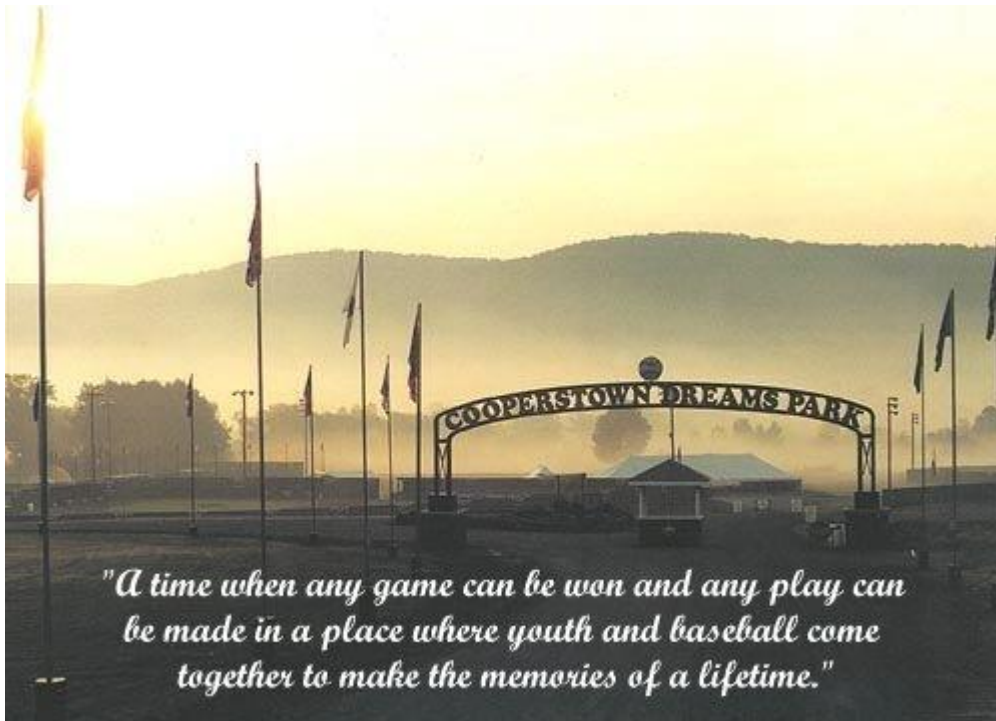
Money Raised for the team: \$5800

THE GENERALS ARE GOING TO COOPERSTOWN IN 2013 !!!!!

KBA has a longstanding tradition of sending a 10 yr old and 12 yr old team to Cooperstown each year to participate in what is known as the experience of a lifetime for any youth baseball player. Every year KBA's teams have a guaranteed slot to fulfill their dream and be a part of baseball history. The 2011-2012 9U Generals will begin preparing for this incredible opportunity when the 9U season begins.



Cooperstown Dreams Park



"A time when any game can be won and any play can be made in a place where youth and baseball come together to make the memories of a lifetime."

Frequently Asked Questions:

How much is 9u Kennesaw Travel Baseball going to cost?

The estimated cost for the 2011-2012 season is \$1,000 per player.

Are there payment plan offerings?

This may be discussed with the coaches individually.

What exactly does our money cover for the 9u Kennesaw Generals travel team?

The \$1000 player fee for the 9u Kennesaw General travel team covers the cost of KBA registration for the Fall and Spring seasons (includes field and cage usage at Adams Park, team insurance and umpires fees), practice and game uniforms for players and coaches, bat bags, helmets, Association Fees (USSSA/Triple Crown/Nations, etc), tournament entry fees, and miscellaneous baseball equipment (catcher's gear, baseballs, scorebooks, etc.).

Are there extras, besides the \$1,000, that we need to account for?

Travel Baseball is an expensive habit and while we will try our best to have the least amount of money coming out of your pocket, certain costs are not optional. In addition to what the team provides, each player is responsible for the purchase and upkeep of cleats, gloves, bats, and protective gear. There could also be travel expenses such as hotel accommodations, etc when we travel to outlying tournaments, that are not covered by team funds. Remember that the best way to minimize your actual cost is to be an active participant in our fundraising efforts.

As a parent, what fundraising obligations do we need to know about?

Fundraising is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED by all members of the Generals Team. The only way to ensure less money out of your pocket is to be an active participant in the fundraising efforts of the team.

Understanding that not everyone is a "salesperson" or has "connections," one of the easiest forms of fundraising is through corporate and friends and family sponsors. We provide you with the sponsorship forms, describing the levels of sponsorship available for businesses or friends and family. All you have to do is ask local businesses, friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to sponsor the team or player. Businesses get the benefit of having a tax-deductible form of advertising and the team gets funds.

Each year, the Generals host our own tournament here at Adams Park as a fundraiser for the team and each family is required to participate in the countless volunteer hours that go into making this event a success, as well as obtain a MINIMUM of five donated items from local establishments or businesses for our silent auction.

There will be other fundraising opportunities, such as Generals Nights at local restaurants, Poker Tournaments, etc that, while not mandatory to participate in, are

a great way to not only lower your out of pocket cost and help get great things for the team, but also a great way to build team spirit and enjoy an evening out.

Are there scholarship funds available?

Unfortunately, no. This is where fundraising opportunities and events come into play to minimize costs.

What if we decide 9u Kennesaw baseball travel team is NOT for our son? Do we get our money back? Is there any "grace period"?

Once an invitation is extended and accepted by the child and his parent(s), you are committed to the 9u Kennesaw Generals travel team for one year and no refund will be issued without extenuating circumstances.

What is the vision for the 2012 team?

Please refer to the Coaches Philosophy section/Welcome Letter.

Age requirements?

Potential players must be 9 years of age or younger as of April 30, 2012.

How do we get updates regarding schedule changes or pertinent information?

All scheduling information regarding games and practices can be found on our team website at www.KennesawGeneralsBaseball.com. Also listed on our website is the KBA Rainout Hotline (770-425-0052) and link to the KBA website which will list all field closures for Adams Park.

The coaches will do their best in reaching you ASAP via email and or text, should there be any schedule changes or important updates. So, please make sure you provide email addresses and phone numbers that are active.

Are there opportunities to volunteer?

There will be multiple opportunities throughout the season to assist with the team. Feel free to let the coaches know of your desire to volunteer and in what capacity, as well as your qualifications. There will be a set coaching staff for games, but extra hands will be needed in running practices, team mom responsibilities, finance, fundraising, spirit wear, photographer, scheduler, etc. Coaches will let you know when and where your assistance is needed.

What is expected from a behavioral standpoint for each player/parent?

RESPECTING THE GAME IS KEY.... This includes showing respect for coaches, parents, teammates, opponents and umpires. We ask each player and parent to behave as you would in a respectable environment – no threats to other players or opponents; no yelling at the umpires or the coaches during or after games. Players should come to practices and games prepared with everything they need and arrive on time. Once the players step onto the field, we expect 100% effort and focus to ensure a proper instructional environment so that they can challenge themselves to

get better every day. All parents, players, and coaches will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and are expected to adhere to this Code for the entire season.

When does the Spring 2012 season officially begin?

February 1, 2012

How long are practices?

Practices are anywhere from an hour to 2-2 1/2 hours depending on availability of facilities and training, as well as the players' ability to remain focused.

Where is practice held? How often? What time?

Most practices will be held at Adams Park in Kennesaw, GA on Field 4 or the indoor or outdoor batting cages. We will also utilize some local training facilities and/or additional local fields to fulfill the needs of the team. The Fall 2011 season will focus on conditioning, pitching and overall player and team development. This will be done both through individual and professional training at Adams Park and other local facilities with varying days and times to ensure the best opportunity for attendance of all players.

The Generals will gear up February 1, 2012 for the Spring/Summer season, practicing 3-5 times per week. Typically, the travel teams at KBA are assigned field times on Wednesdays and Sundays, so as not to interfere with the rec season too much, however a new field realignment is being tested for the Fall 2011 season, which will potentially open up additional options for practices, etc.

Are there repercussions if our son is late to practice or misses a practice?

The Kennesaw Generals have a three strike policy with regards to tardiness and attendance. Details of this policy will be discussed in the initial team meeting. One of the keys to a successful team is to practice and play together as a team and tardiness is simply a distraction that interrupts team cohesiveness.

What is the policy on missing tournaments?

Tournament play during the Fall season will be based on player availability, and those playing other sports will be excused if advance notice is given. We will look to utilize pick up players to fulfill team needs due to conflicts with other activities. For the spring season it is the expectation that all players will attend all tournaments; however, we understand that there may be family travel plans or school events/activities that pose a conflict. We will do our best to give as much advance notice on tournament dates as possible and ask that you be flexible in scheduling vacations, etc around tournament weekends as much as possible. Please make every effort to inform the coaches at LEAST two weeks in advance if you will not be available for a tournament. At no time, will it be acceptable for players to miss a Generals practice or game to play with another baseball team, unless approved by the coaches.

Where are most of the tournaments played?

In and around the metro Atlanta area, and North GA and South GA.

Will we be travelling to other states to play tournaments?

Yes, there is the potential to play in sanctioned regional events, such as Super NITs, World Series, etc. within the surrounding states.

Can my son play part time?

We understand that some players may be participating in fall and winter sports/activities such as soccer, football, basketball, Boy Scouts and/or church commitments, however, it is expected that all players will make every effort to attend all Generals activities to improve the cohesion of the team. We will be flexible during the Fall and Winter with regards to players involved in additional sports/activities and their attendance with the Generals, but only if proper notification is provided. We will utilize pick up players as necessary to fulfill the needs of the team during tournaments, especially during the Fall season. The focal point of the 9u Kennesaw Generals travel team is the Spring/Summer season which begins February 1, 2012, and at that time attendance will become mandatory, as baseball season will officially be underway. Please be sure to notify the coaches asap, should you have a conflict or illness that prevents your attendance.

What if my son has always played Shortstop and batted 4th in his career? Will that be the same on the Generals?

Travel ball is full of players who fit this description, which is what makes it so competitive. However, all decisions regarding player positions and line-up will be at the sole discretion of the coaching staff.

Who do we contact regarding concerns we have about our son, any coaching decisions or situations that arise?

Please get with Coach Chuck or Coach Brody should you want to provide feedback or have any concerns. You can contact them via phone, email or in person, but please do not approach them during a practice or game to discuss these concerns. The Generals have a 24 Hour Rule in regards to discussions between coaches and parents or players that may in anyway become heated. This is to eliminate things being said in the heat of the moment that may or may not be true. Please allow yourself and the staff to "cool down" for 24hrs prior to addressing any such situations.