



*A ministry through baseball*



# West Michigan Riptide Board



- **Bob Cavanaugh – Director and Coach**

*Toronto Blue Jays*

*Central Michigan University*

*Western Michigan Christian High School and Muskegon Christian Middle School*

*Coast to Coast Baseball*

*Extra Innings Instructor and Manager of the Riptide Dirtbag Club*

- **Jeff Lindsey --- Board Member and Coach**

*Oakland University*

*Grand Valley State University Asst. Coach*

*Western Michigan Christian High School*

*Extra Innings Instructor Coach of the 13U and College Dirtbag Riptide Club*

- **Eric Kipling -- Board Member and Coach**

*Central Michigan University*

*Spring Lake High School – Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach*

*Extra Innings Instructor and coach of the 15U Riptide club and the 16U Riptide 2011 Club*

- **Matt Geoghan -- Board Member and Coach**

*Independent Professional baseball*

*Indiana Wesleyan University*

*Reeths Puffer High School*

*Extra Innings Instructor and coach of the 17U Riptide club*





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- ***Brandon Bard ----- Board Member and Coach***

Grand Valley State University

Muskegon Community College

Muskegon Channelcat 18U coach

West Michigan Riptide 15/18U Fall ball coach 2010.

- ***Pete Gawkowski ----- Riptide Board Member and Support Staff***

Owner/Operator Extra Innings Training Facility

Marsh Field Board of Directors

Intimately involved in the development of baseball in West Michigan

Strong Partner of the Riptide

- ***Jim Grevel ----- Riptide Board Member and Support Staff***

Special event planner – Extra Innings

Marsh Field Director

Strong Partner of the Riptide

Master of all





# *West Michigan Riptide History*



- *Beach baseball 8 years*
- *2006 -Line Drives 16U utilizing Line Drives baseball facility and met Pete Gawkowski.*
- *2007 & 2008 –West Michigan Riptide fields a 17/18U club.*
- *2009 – West Michigan Riptide fields a College team playing in the Muskegon City League. Begin to identify a need for a quality competitive, fundamental/instructional based youth program.*
- *2010 – West Michigan Riptide fields an 11U, (2)13U, 14U, 15U, 17U and a college team.*



# ***West Michigan Riptide Mission/Goals***



- *To offer a fundamentally based, instructional, year round competitive baseball program for ages 10 - 19*
- *To play the best competition in the Midwest*
- *To play on the best facilities in the Midwest*
- *To expose our players to college coaches and professional scouts*
- *To be positive representatives of West Michigan in how we behave on and off the field*
- *To give our players a “college baseball” experience*
- *To always out work and out hustle our competition*
- *To always encourage each other to become a better player and person*
- *To always understand we play, not only, for our teammates, family, friends, and coaching staff, but for our maker and creator, Jesus Christ.*

# Summer of Fun!!





# *Riptide Expectations*



- **What is important**
  - a. *Your faith*
  - b. *Your family*
  - c. *School*
  - d. *Baseball*
  
- **4 basics of coaching**
  - a. *Team competitiveness*
  - b. *Improve player baseball knowledge and instincts.*
  - c. *Players self confidence*
  - d. *Players self esteem*
  
- **Emphasis on “Controllables”**
  - a. *Behavior/attitude*
  - b. *Effort*
  - c. *No team will out work or out hustle us*
  - d. *Win or Lose...we will be known to play hard and be respectful*
  - e. *Growing future men, husbands and fathers*
  
- **Learn and Grow as a player**
  - a. *Develop discipline in work habits*
  - b. *Develop composure in tough situations*
  - c. *Win and lose with integrity*



# **West Michigan Riptide**

## **Basis for Success**



- *Riptide staff have full time day jobs...no one is financially dependent on the Riptide.*
- *Riptide staff have a passion to make West Michigan a destination for quality, competitive baseball.*
- *Riptide staff have all played college or professional baseball*
- *All staff are instructors at Extra Innings and know how to break down fundamentals.*
- *Riptide staff have the energy and passion to deliver a quality program.*
- *Development of a program for players and families to grow from 10U through College.*
- *Riptide staff love to work with parents...Moms and Dads.....Not agents!*
- *Riptide staff, coaches and parents have one common denominator.....the player development (son)*
- *Winning is not the measurement of success. We believe it is the outcome of our program. Growing young men and improving fundamentals, knowledge and improving players athletic ability is our focus. (Letter to organization)*
- *Riptide Character building nights. (modeling Fellowship of Christian Athletes format)*
- *Year round program including team workouts, developmental clinics, strength/speed boot camps, continual feedback on how to improve, recruiting assistance, evaluation sessions, and a strong partnership with Extra Innings Training Facility. (Mark Frens program and utilizing Dan Taylor of the Arizona Diamondbacks as the facilitator)*
- *College camp prep, recruiting and exposure assistance. Riptide coaches and staff are well connected at the collegiate level.*





# West Michigan Riptide Program



*The following is included for each Riptide Club:*

- *All Riptide players receive a one year membership to Extra Innings.*
- *Full quality Rawlings Uniforms which includes:*
  - a. *Hat*
  - b. *Jerseys (2)*
  - c. *Pant*
  - d. *Socks*
  - e. *Belt*
  - f. *Riptide batting helmet*
  - g. *Riptide warm up pullover*
- *4 dozen baseballs*
- *Team scorebook*
- *Team insurance*
- *First Aid kit*
- *Up to 4 mutually agreed upon tournaments*
- *Scheduled skill/team development workouts*
- *Enewsletters to all players and coaches*
- *Itinerary and logistical support for all weekend tournaments*
- *Fundraising opportunities and assistance*
- *Individual team financial statement*
- *Parent and player agreement forms*
- *Coaching expectation forms*
- *The cost is \$595 per player to participate with the Riptide.*

