



Dear Players and Parents:

Congratulations and welcome to Coeur d'Alene Lumbermen Baseball Club! Your son's achievement as a Lumbermen player promises to be a rewarding commitment – for both he and your family. Like any cohesive organization, CDA Lumbermen Baseball is as dependent upon the people behind the scenes as it is upon its players.

As parents, you will play an integral role in the success of the program, from the management of tournaments to selling hamburgers in the concession stand. ***CDA LUMBERMAN BASEBALL IS TRULY A FAMILY EFFORT.*** Listed below are the ways you will be able to help make this a memorable season for you and your son.

CDA LUMBERMEN BASEBALL CLUB OPERATIONS

The CDA Lumbermen's operating budget for 2021 is approximately \$175,000 annually. To fund our operating budget, the majority of funds are contributed via fundraising efforts from the player/parent and to a lesser extent funds raised as a program. It is the goal of Lumbermen Baseball that no player in our program be unable to play baseball because of the cost. We encourage and assist players to fundraise with local business to offset the player cost. The donation from the business to support the player is tax deductible. The Legion board and coaching staff are available to assist any player that needs help raising funds. The Lums Program provides jerseys, hats, SWAG apparel, custom bat bags, helmets, practice equipment, tournament fees, and transportation during the season.

Each player in our program is asked to raise the following amounts

- AA Lumberman \$2,300
- A / 16U Lumbermen \$2,200
- 14U Lumbermen \$1,500
- 13U Lumbermen \$1,250

With the opportunities to fundraise for your player fee, our baseball program should be FREE to any player who puts in a bit of effort to get sponsors from local businesses and organizations. FUNDRAISING is primarily done by requesting donations from boosters or by selling ads in our program and/or website.

A \$250 non-refundable deposit is required for every player prior to the start of Winter Workouts. The remaining balance will be due.

- 13U TEAM: \$500 due January 15th and \$500 due March 15th
- 14U TEAM: \$625 due January 15th and \$625 due March 15th
- A / 16U Lumbermen TEAMS: \$625 due January 15th, \$625 due March 15th and \$700 due May 24th
- AA Lumbermen TEAM: \$625 due January 15th, \$625 due March 15th and \$800 due May 24th

Payments can be made by check (mailed to our PO Box), Venmo or the soon-to-be released online registration (January 2021). Sponsorship checks can be mailed to our PO Box.

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On May 24th we will have a Player/ Parent Meeting. We will collect the players' fundraising packages and final fees (AA, A/16U). In order to help us complete this task in a timely manner, please make sure your son has completed all paperwork, totaled and balanced their fundraising sheet, and has collected all funds and ad copy (if applicable) in their fundraising envelope. Coeur d'Alene Lumbermen Baseball is NOT able to send invoices for payment. **Collection of funds is the responsibility of the player.**

VOLUNTEERING!

An important part of CDA Lumbermen Baseball is the volunteer parent. Volunteering is a great way for friendships to develop and for the teams to develop a solid foundation. **CDA Lumbermen Baseball requires all families to contribute time as volunteers to the program.** Every team will have a Volunteer Coordinator that will provide directions on how to sign-up for the various positions. Volunteers are needed for things such as ... concessions, score keeping, announcing, tournament management and field work.

Please keep in mind that the program needs approximately 1,000 hours of volunteer support – THANKS in advance for your willingness to provide your share!

You are invited to attend Board meetings, which are held every other Tuesday throughout the year. Please feel free to contact any of the board members if you have any questions or concerns.

Another important resource is the CDA Lumbermen Baseball website. Helpful information includes rosters, schedules, scores, standings, field locations, staff/board directory, links and current news items. The website address is:

www.CDALumbermenBBC.com

This season you will find yourself serving hot dogs, taking tickets, raking dirt and driving across the Inland Northwest. It will be at times thankless, other times fruitful, but this season will be one that neither you nor your son will ever forget.

Again, welcome to the Coeur d'Alene Lumbermen Baseball Family!

Sincerely,

2021 Board of Directors - Coeur d'Alene Lumbermen Baseball Club an American Legion Program

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Our National Program

American Legion Baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues. Today, the program registers over 5,400 teams in all 50 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. Almost 100,000 youths, ages 13 to 19, participate annually. Since its inception, the league has had 10 million players, and nearly 60 percent of current college players are program graduates.

Here are some former Legion baseball players that you may recognize.

Max Scherzer, Justin Verlander, Kris Bryant, Corey Seager, Bryce Harper, Madison Bumgarner, Jacob deGrom, Mark Teixeira, Albert Pujols, Chipper Jones, Greg Maddox, Mike Piazza, Don Mattingly, Tony Gwynn, Harold Reynolds, Ryne Sandberg, George Brett, Carlton Fisk, Steve Carlton, Johnny Bench, Carl Yastremski, Frank Robinson, Roger Maris, Stan Musial and Ted Williams to name a few.

Our Local Program

The CDA Lumbermen Baseball Club through American Legion Baseball has taught thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health, and active citizenship, while playing baseball at the highest level. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings. American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be a stepping-stone to adulthood.

We are a year-round baseball program that provides coaching, fitness, and baseball workouts throughout the year. We field a fall baseball developmental program for the 13U and 14U teams. We also conduct weekly winter workouts at several facilities in the Coeur d'Alene area. These workouts begin in November and continue weekly until the high school baseball season begins.

The official season begins in April with the 13U & 14U teams playing in area tournaments and ends in late July with the AA / A / 16U teams competing for District, State and Regional Championships.

Our Teams

CDA Lumbermen Baseball is comprised of six teams, all of which play in highly competitive leagues and tournaments throughout the Northwest. These six teams are:

"AA" Lumbermen-This team is comprised of high school and college freshman age players. The Lumbermen team competes in the North Idaho Legion Double A League as well as participates in elite tournaments throughout the region. This team plays approximately 50-55 games.

"A" / "16U" Lumbermen-These teams are comprised of high school age players. They compete in the North Idaho Legion Single A League (or the Spokane Legion Double A League) as well as participates in elite tournaments throughout the region. These teams play approximately 50-55 games.

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“14U” Lumbermen Red & Navy -These teams are comprised primarily of 8th grade players. The teams compete in competitive tournaments throughout the Inland Northwest and may participate in the Spokane Legion Single A League. The 14U Lumbermen are scheduled to play approximately 45-50 games a season.

“13U” Lumbermen - This team is comprised primarily of 7th grade players. The team competes in competitive tournaments throughout the Inland Northwest as well as local doubleheaders. The 13U Lumbermen are scheduled to play approximately 45-50 games a season.

Our Expectations

Player - To play baseball in a competitive environment; develop leadership skills, sportsmanship skills, and encourage community participation.

Family - To be a part of a growing network of baseball and community supporters and volunteers.

Team - The team not only exists within the foul lines but in the bleachers, schools, and communities as well. Many years of friendships, mentoring, and leadership has come from decades of Lums baseball.

Fun - In the end this is a game, so have fun.

Our Coaching Staff

The Legion coaching staff is comprised of the some of the best coaching talent in the area. Most of the coaches played college baseball and some went on to professional baseball. Many are community leaders with jobs ranging from current coaches, teachers, business professionals and government employees.

AA Lumbermen	Darren Taylor - Head Coach	
	Mike Criswell – Assistant Coach	
	Andy Beaudry – Assistant Coach / Pitching Coach	
A/16U Lumbermen	Manny Azevedo – Coach	
	Bruce Coppess – Coach	
	TBD – Coach	
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14U Lumbermen	<u>Red</u>	<u>Navy</u>
	Sean Moglia – Head Coach	Robert Ross – Head Coach
	Tony Vorhees – Assistant Coach	Robin Franklin – Assistant Coach
	Thor Balzer – Assistant Coach	
13U Lumbermen	Kris Jackson – Head Coach	
	Brent Everson – Assistant Coach	
	Chris Pearson – Assistant Coach	
	Chad Murray – Assistant Coach	

To learn more about our coaching staff, please click on the "Staff" link on the CDA Lumbermen Baseball website.

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