

ZONA

COOPERSTOWN DREAMS PARK

GENERAL INFO GUIDE

Cooperstown

- This is the holy grail of 12u travel baseball – Officially, Cooperstown Dreams Park (the original Cooperstown tournament) – It's a 12u tournament, nothing else
- Every week starting the first week of June, 104 teams from around the country attend this tournament through the end of August and play in this tournament
 - There's a competitor in town and they run a weekly tourney as well, 54 teams play in that one.
 - This means each week in the summer, 158 team converge on Cooperstown, NY for baseball tournaments...EVERY WEEK!
- The boys play in 7-8 games minimum, 11 games to win it all, everyone is issued the same uniform (red and blue)
 - We wear official Cooperstown uniforms issued by the tournament, boys must wear throwback style knickers
- Players all stay together as a team, with coaches, in the team barracks within the compound, like Little League World Series
- This is basically like a week of scout camp, minus the tents and replace scouting with all baseball... so nothing like scout camp.. More like Baseball Disneyland.
- Our target would be to bring 12 total players
- **We were issued Week 2 – June 4-10, 2022**

Cooperstown

- I'm told this place is magic and everyone I've talked to said it's the memory of a lifetime
- You can't go after 12u, this is your only shot
- I've read hundreds and hundreds of reviews and literally every single one says it's amazing
- Parents usually rent VRBO homes in the areas
- Barracks is all about team... no TVs, no internet access... remember the scout camp analogy
 - Boys are fed in a large cafeteria but can also be signed out by parents to eat elsewhere.
 - We'll do a large team/family dinner at some point somewhere in town.
- It's not cheap, we need to fundraise which we have already started

Our Dates

- We are Week 2 out of 13
- June 4-10, 2022
- Arrive on June 3 or morning of June 4
 - Saturday, June 4: Players move-in and Opening Ceremonies
 - Sunday, June 5: First 2 pool games
 - Monday, June 6: 2 pool games
 - Tuesday, June 7: 2 pool games
 - Wednesday, June 8 – Friday, June 10: Single Elimination Bracket
 - Championship game is Friday
- For booking travel home, June 8 is the target departure
 - Some of us (not all) may be heading to NYC for 2-3 days after because the kids have never been, it's a 4-hour drive. We'd depart from a NYC airport like JFK or LaGuardia.

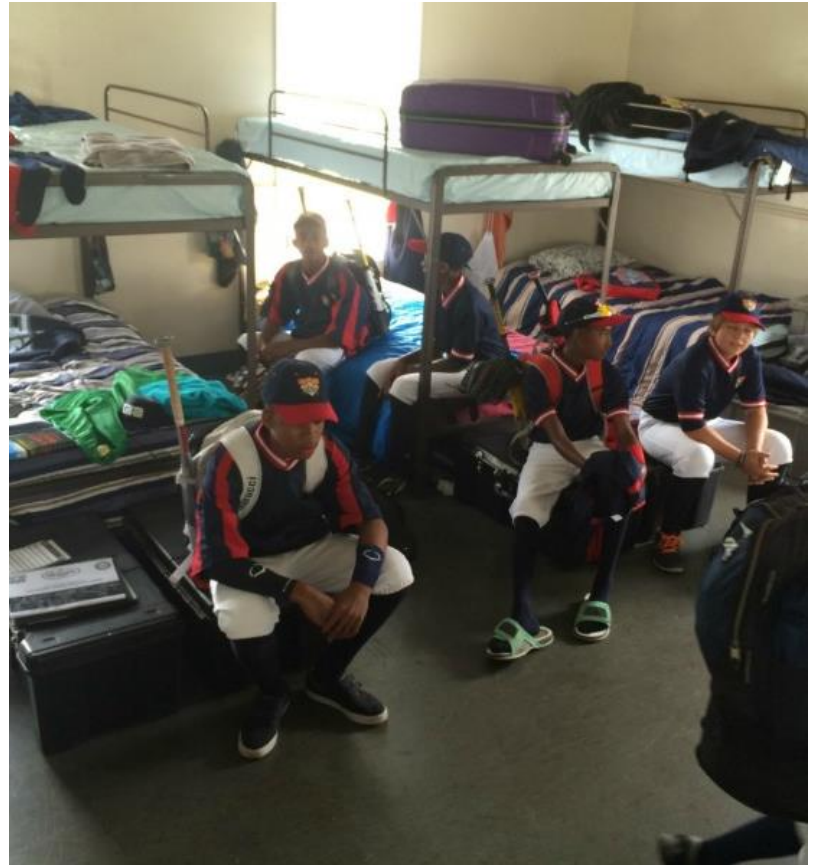
Travel and Lodging

- Albany, NY is the closest airport to Cooperstown.
- It's a 2-hour drive to Cooperstown
 - It makes sense to arrive in Albany June 3rd and get a hotel for the night instead of getting an extra booking in Cooperstown. We can travel together to Cooperstown mid-morning on June 4th.
 - I can get us a group rate at the same hotel, like Hampton Inn, probably around \$120 for the night including breakfast.
- A lot of families are doing a VRBO, there are a ton in Cooperstown, this tournament drives the economy there for 13 weeks, more so than the Hall of Fame during that time.
- If we lose early in bracket play, players are welcome to check out and go stay with parents.
- When booking lodging, check distance to Cooperstown Dreams Park, you don't want to stay more than 5-6 miles away, they are country roads, not freeways.
- A lot of places are between the park and downtown Cooperstown, that's ideal lodging location

Cooperstown

- 104 teams
- 21 fields plus 1 Championship only field
- Those white buildings in the middle are barracks





Barracks

Fields



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COOPERSTOWN TOURNAMENT

Item	Cost	QTY	Total
Cooperstown Player Fee	1295.00	12	\$15,540.00
Coach Fee	1295.00	3	\$ 3,885.00
Umpire	800.00	1	\$800.00
Pins	1.50	1400	\$2,100.00
Banner	125.00	1	\$125.00
Barrack Supplies	250.00	1	\$250.00
Player Kit	175.00	16	\$2,800.00
			\$25,500.00
		Cost Per Player	\$2,125
<u>Not Included</u>			
Parent Lodging			
Travel			
White pants			
Accessories for experience			

- Estimated cost per player is \$2,125
- This includes player food, lodging, uniforms, playing fees
- We must bring/provide an umpire
- Pins are a HUGE deal there

Fundraising

- Some parents have taken the leadership aspect of fundraising efforts
 - These 3 will be responsible for organizing and creating our program(s) but everyone is to take part in the efforts.
 - Details will be sorted and explained as we move forward
- Some ideas
 - Big ticket prize raffle
 - Team garage sale
 - Obtain corporate/small business sponsorships
- We have big plans, so this will take big effort
 - We are very confident in raising all the necessary funds, it will take 100% participation though.

