

Baseball Showcase Camps

Headfirst Baseball Honor Roll Camps. Two two-day sessions held in Richmond, Virginia in August. Last year there were additional sessions in Dallas, Texas in early June; Sacramento, California in late June; and Jupiter, Florida in November. Dates for 2010 not yet announced. Can expect a large number of college coaches to attend. If you are a strong student and can only do one showcase camp, this is the one we would recommend. Cost in 2009 was \$795 plus local hotel accommodations.

http://www.playheadfirst.com/sports_national_honor_baseball.jsp

Southern Maryland Baseball Camp. Will be held June 21-23, 2010 at Archbishop Spalding High School. Coaches drawn from a surprisingly wide mix of schools. Cost \$350 plus local hotel accommodations.

<http://sombaseball.com/summer.htm>

Best in Virginia Showcase Camp. Two five-day sessions held at Hampden-Sydney College in July (dates for 2010 not yet announced). Coaching staff drawn primarily from Virginia schools, but also some others. Cost in 2009 was \$550 including room and board.

<http://www.vabaseballcamps.com/showcase.html>

Stanford Baseball All-Star Camp for 2011 and 2012 graduates will be held at Stanford University July 1-4, 2010; Stanford Baseball Future Stars Camp for 2012 graduates only will be held July 12-14, 2010. For the All-Star Camp, you must request a paper application online before January 2010 and return it *immediately* when you receive it in the mail. This camp is worthwhile only for very strong players who are also strong academically. It attracts a large number of coaches from well-regarded baseball programs. No first-hand knowledge of the Future Stars Camp. Cost in 2010 will be \$795 including room and board for the All-Star Camp, \$500 for the Future Stars Camp.

<http://www.stanfordbaseballcamp.com/>

Princeton University Summer Baseball Camp. The Princeton camp is generally held over four days in late July or early August (Sunday through Wednesday), before the Headfirst Baseball Honor Roll Camp in Richmond. Players are assigned to teams and play in live games. Coaches from various schools serve as coaches for the teams and there are usually coaches from a good number of other schools who come to observe. Dates for 2010 have not yet been posted, but there is a link on the Princeton Sports Camp website

to request that information be sent when it becomes available. In 2006, the cost of the Princeton Camp was about \$500 including room and board.

<http://www.princetonportscamps.com/site3.aspx>

Many other college coaches run their own camps. A camp at a particular school could be worthwhile if you are especially interested in that school. Some, like Stanford and Princeton, also attract a fair number of coaches from other schools.

TPX Top 96 runs a lot of events across the country and a few years ago added “academic showcases” oriented towards good students who want to play baseball in college. Last year academic showcases were held in Hartford, Connecticut in early July; in Williamsburg, Virginia in mid-July; in St. Louis, Missouri in early August; and in Malibu, California in mid-August. Cost in 2009 was \$495 plus local hotel accommodations.

www.top96.com

Baseball Factory runs 95 Under Armour National Tryouts across the country at which players have the opportunity to demonstrate their tools. According to the Baseball Factory website, the tryouts, which are open to players age 13-18, “... serve as a selection process for Under Armour National Teams and Training Camps with Baseball Factory. In addition, top prospects may also be selected for the Under Armour Pre-Season All-America Tournament and the Under Armour All-America Game, both powered by Baseball Factory.” If placed on a team, you would have the opportunity to play in tournaments where coaches might see you. Baseball Factory also offers its own college consulting program. Prices are not posted on their website, but based on materials received from them in earlier years, playing on their teams can be very expensive.

<http://baseballfactory.com/>

Perfect Game runs showcases and tournaments designed to give high school players the chance to be seen by college and professional scouts. They have recently added an academic showcase. Players may pay to be videotaped and have their video posted online. Perfect Game also prepares lists of “top prospects” at various levels (high school, junior colleges, 4-year colleges, college summer leagues, etc.) Compared to Baseball Factory, seem more oriented towards the professional game. Know players who participated in Perfect Game events, but have no first hand experience with them.

<http://www.perfectgame.org/>