

LINN-MAR YOUTH BASEBALL



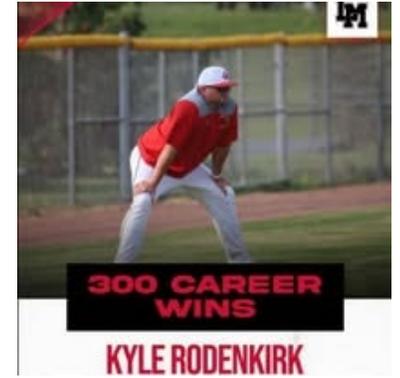
PARENT INFORMATION

All Parent Meeting – March 9, 2026



AGENDA

- Guest Speaker: **Kyle Rodenkirk** *Linn-Mar High School Baseball Coach*
- Introductions
- What is LMYB?
- LMYB Board Focus Areas
- Chad Winterhof Memorial Scholarship
- First Pitch Classic
- Sponsorships and Donations
- Expectations & Resources; Questions and Answers



Thank you to ALL PARENTS AND COACHES for your time and dedication to make LMYB a success!



Coach Rodenkirk

- 9th Season Coaching at LMHS
- 22nd Season Coaching Overall
- Played locally at Jefferson HS and Collegiately at Winona State University



LMHS BASEBALL OPPORTUNITIES



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LINN-MAR BASEBALL YOUTH CAMP

- *TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD 2026 10AM-12:30PM
- *LINN-MAR VARSITY FIELD/FRESHMEN FIELD
- *COST: \$50 PER CAMPER
- *T-SHIRT INCLUDED (SHIRT GUARANTEED IF REGISTERED BY JUNE 15)
- *BASEBALL FUNDAMENTALS PROVIDED BY HS COACHING STAFF AND THE VARSITY TEAM
- *CAMPER'S NEED GLOVE, HAT, BAT AND CATCHER'S GEAR (IF A CATCHER)
- *CURRENT GRADES: 3-8

Register: <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/linnmar/camps>



LM **BASEBALL 101 FOR MOMS**
SPONSORED BY LINN-MAR BASEBALL DUGOUT CLUB

Date/Time TBD

VARSITY COACHES AND PLAYERS WILL LEAD PARTICIPANTS THROUGH:

- * HITTING
- * DEFENSE (INFIELD & OUTFIELD)
- * PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE A T-SHIRT OR TANK TOP OPTION
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 17 (JUNE 6 TO RESERVE SHIRT)
ALL LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUTH PLAYER MOMS ARE WELCOME!

REGISTER NOW:
WWW.LINNMARBASEBALL.COM/UPDATES



Linn-Mar Youth Baseball (LMYB) <https://www.linnmaryouthbaseball.com/>



LMYB ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory Board Officers

- **Director of Operations:** Nic Jaeger
- **Director of Community Outreach:** Dave Dechant
- **Director of Finances:** Josh Barta
- **Director of Development:** Ryan Baranowski
- **Director of Communications:** Maria Paulsen
- **Director of Facilities:** Jim Wood
- **At-Large Representative:** Wil Meggers
- **At-Large Representative:** Zach Loeffler

Age-Commissioners

- **7U:** Alan Polniak
- **8U:** Ryan Baranowski
- **9U:** Bryan Hay
- **10U:** Nic Jaeger
- **11U:** Tim Black
- **12U:** Aaron Doubet
- **13U:** Maria Paulsen
- **14U:** Dave Dechant



WHAT IS LMYB?

- **LMYB is the Largest Youth Baseball Program in Iowa**
- **What is LMYB?**
 - Development Program vs. Winning is Everything
 - Providing the Opportunity to Play; Sportsmanship, Fundamentals & Teamwork
 - Developing Baseball Players – Not Second Basemen
 - Preparing for Linn-Mar High School Baseball!
 - We all Play for Linn-Mar; Every Team, Every Age-Group; Not Independent Teams
 - Continuous Evaluation Process driven by Coaches for Proper Team Placement
- **Other Sports and Baseball Summer Priorities**
- **Playing Baseball with Grade-Level Teammates vs. Age-Level**



Promoting Sportsmanship



Baseball Fundamentals



Encouraging Teamwork

387

LMYB ATHLETES

34

LMYB TEAMS FOR THE 2026
SEASON

77

LMYB ALUMNI ON CURRENT
LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL ROSTERS



LMYB BOARD FOCUS AREAS

- **Focus on Development (Coaches and Players)**

- 3 Coaches Development Clinics held (Coaching Philosophy, Pitching and Hitting)
- Multiple Player Development Clinics held (Pitching, Hitting, Fielding, Catching)
- Partnership with K3 Performance and Instructors

- **Focus on Facilities and Logistics**

- Implementation of Crossbar to assist with logistics, facilities and communications
- Partnership with LineDrive for additional indoor practice space
- Creation of Arm-Strength Room within Corridor Courts
- Creation of Player Lounge within Corridor Courts (*in-process*)

- **Focus on the Future of LMYB**

- Finalization of LMYB as 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Standardization of Sponsorship and Donation Strategy & Policy



I would recommend LMYB to other families...

80% ▼ Down 7% from 2024

Favorable (Agree/Strongly Agree)

Development:	76%
Playing Time:	84%
Amount Games/Practices:	84%
Head-Coach:	79%
Communication:	77%
Cost and Fees:	85%

from 2025 End-of-Season Parent Survey



LMYB SCHOLARSHIP



2025 Award Winner
Luke Sowers

LMYB CHAD WINTERHOF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Chad Winterhof was a LMYB volunteer coach for many years. Chad exemplified what it means to be a great youth coach - patience, positivity, encouragement, and understanding of the game.



Up to **\$1,500** of scholarship money will be funded annually by the LMYB organization.

Applicants will be considered eligible to apply for a scholarship if they meet the following criteria:

- Rostered as a Linn-Mar High School baseball player in 12th grade.
- Participated in the LMYB program for a minimum of three years, including one season on a 14U team.
- Plan to pursue an education beyond the high school level (two- or four-year college, skill trade program, apprenticeship, etc.).
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher.
- Demonstrates good sportsmanship, teamwork, citizenship qualities, integrity and potential for academic success.

See [LMYB Scholarship](#) (Crossbar – About) for more information and the application.

Applications are due March 31, 2026, with the announcement of winner(s) at the Linn-Mar High School Baseball Senior Night in May



FIRST PITCH CLASSIC

LMYB FIRST PITCH CLASSIC - APRIL 18, 2026, 10AM-2PM @ LOWE PARK BALL DIAMONDS

Join Linn-Mar Youth Baseball for a Family-Friendly Event!

We are thrilled to announce the **First Pitch Classic** designed especially for the Linn-Mar Community. The day will be filled with fun, community, and support. This event aims to unite baseball and softball enthusiasts, community members, supporters of local teams while raising funds to enhance our programs and facilities. Mark your calendars and be part of something special!

Activities & Stations

Wiffle Ball Games
Home Run Derby
Fitness Challenge
Player vs. Parent Pitch Challenge
Selfie Ops

Raffle Prizes

Bats, Batting Gloves and More!

How to Get Involved

Stay Up-to-Date: RSVP to the event invite, join the Facebook event, or follow-us on X and Twitter.

Sponsor & Donate: Explore sponsorship opportunities to support the event and gain visibility for your business or donate items for the raffle and prizes.

Spread the Word: Share this event with friends, family, neighbors, and classmates.

Volunteer: If you're interested in helping contact admin@linnmaryouthbaseball.com.

Attend the Event: Join us in person at Lowe Park for the whole time or just a bit.



Please help us out with planning by completing the survey!

[LINK](#)



SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

- **LMYB is now setup within Benevity, Bonterra (CyberGrants) and Blackbaud (plus Crossbar)**
 - Allows for ease of tax-deductible donations plus company matches
 - Donations CAN include notes to direct to specific teams (NO set player donation expectations)
 - Donations received prior to March 31, 2026, will be distributed back to teams for 2026 season
 - Donations received after March 31, 2026, will be retained for the 2027 season
 - LMYB reserves the right to direct funds as appropriate & retain 10% for LMYB use at the board's discretion
- **Thank you to our Sponsors!**



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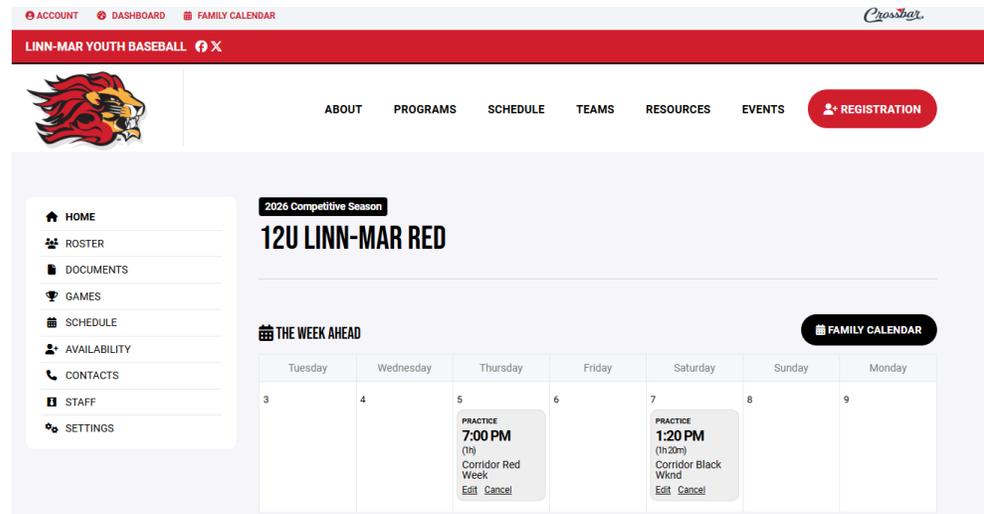


EXPECTATIONS, RESOURCES, Q&A

Signed Forms on Crossbar for Parent, Player and Coach Expectations

*Coaches Coach; Players Play; Umpires Umpire; and Parents Cheer! -- **PLAYERS: 100% Effort, Positive Attitude, High Confidence***

*Coaches Coach; Players Play; Umpires Umpire; and Parents Cheer! -- **PARENTS: Cheer and provide positive encouragement!***



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