

Tryout Info Session

July 9th, 2026



Overview

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What is Batavia Youth Baseball (BYB)?

- Founded in 1956, BYB is an all volunteer organization which serves the Batavia community. We are celebrating 70 years!
- 1,000 registrations 6 thru 17 play baseball within BYB (House & Travel)
- Typically the travel program consists of 10-12 teams (ages 8u thru 14u)
- 2026 Spring Season (11 teams at all levels)
 - 2 14u (7-14-3 & 18-13, both [AAA])
 - 1 13u (14-6-1 [A])
 - 2 12u (18-13 [A], 15-13-1 [AAA])
 - 1 11u (6-16-1[A])
 - 2 10u (2-19 [A], 14-10-2 [AA])
 - 1 9u (26-4 [A])
 - 2 8u Tournament (1-12 [TT], 1-11 [TT])

*Season records as of 6/15/26





Building a
Community within
the Community

From Tournament to Travel team

- 8u tournament teams have a history of struggling
 - 2021: 2-4 -> 2023: 4-24-1 -> 2025: 4-5-1 -> 2026: 2-23
 - Combined total 12-56-3
 - No team and 2022 and 2024 was a full travel team 21-13
- Players and families have struggled with 2 teams (house and tournament)
 - Variations in rules between the leagues stagger development
 - Unfair for tournament team to stay together in house league
- Illinois is trending towards full 8u travel
 - 2021 Roughly 10 -> 2026 – 38
 - USSSA tournament 2021 45 teams -> 2026 -> 90
 - Other 8U travel programs: Wheaton, Elmhurst, Roselle, Wasco and Geneva
- Better continuity, better development, better experience

Understanding the Travel Season



Winter Training

- **NEW:** 6 Week Fall training
 - September – October coach led outdoor practices
 - November – December
 - 1 Hour a week trainer led practices
- 12 Week Winter training
 - January – March with 1 week after spring break
 - Hitting, Pitching/Catching clinic at the Dawg Pound
 - Defensive practice at BHS field house
- 70 hours of professional training

Appreciate it when the players are there, respect it when they are not.

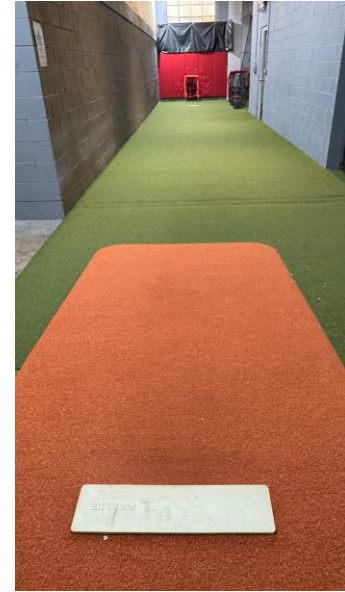
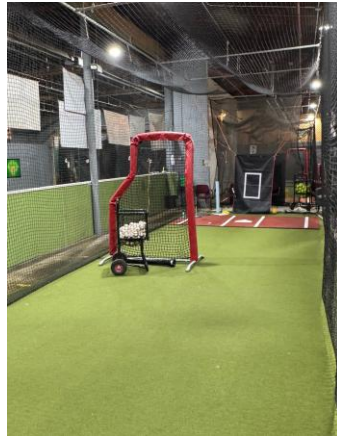


Example of Winter Training Schedule

	MC & BH	AS & BH	AS & BH	MC
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2:30-4:00pm	BHS	BHS	BHS	BHS
4-5pm	Coach Lead Practice - See Schedule - Main Turf	Coach Lead Practice - See Schedule - Main Turf	Coach Lead Practice - See Schedule - Main Turf	Coach Lead Practice - See Schedule - Main Turf
5-5:45pm	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING (9U-11U)	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING (12U-14U)	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING (9U-11U)	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING (12U-14U)
5:45-7:00pm	10u - red	12u - Breier	9u - Sligar	12u - Perotti
7:00-8:15pm	12u - Perotti	10u - Ripke	11u - Coleman	10u - red
8:15-9:30pm	14u - Marotta	14u - Zitkus	13u - Plocinski	14u - Marotta
9:30-10pm	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
	Friday			
2:30-4pm	BHS			
4-5pm	Coach Lead Practice - See Schedule - Main Turf			
5-6:15pm	8u Olmstead/Paul- tournament team - MC			
6:15-7:30pm	8u Paul/Olmstead - tournament team - MC			
7:30 - 10pm	OPEN			
	Saturday			Sunday
8:30-9:45am	9u - Sligar		8-9am	OPEN
9:45 - 11am	10u - Ripke		9-10am	OPEN
11 - 12:15pm	12u - Breier		10-11am	OPEN
12:15-12:45pm	LUNCH		11am-12pm	OPEN
12:45- 2pm	13u - Plocinski		12-1:15pm	8u Olmstead - Tournament Team - MC
2 - 3:15pm	11u - Coleman		1:15-2:30pm	8u Paul - Tournament Team - MC
3:15 - 4:30pm	14u - Zitkus		2:30-3:45pm	OPEN
4:30-5:30pm	CATCHER CLINIC (9U-11U)		4-5pm	OPEN
5:30-6:30pm	CATCHER CLINIC (12-14U)		5-6pm	OPEN
6:30 - 7:30 pm	OPEN		6-7pm	OPEN
7:30 - 8:30pm	OPEN		7-8pm	OPEN
8:30 - 9:30pm	OPEN		8-9pm	OPEN

BYB Dawg Pound

- One of the only Community Based travel facilities
- +/- 6,000 sq/ft
 - Four hitting cages
 - Pitching tunnel
 - Large turf field area



Batavia High School / Fieldhouse



BYB Trainers



Alex Skupa (Hitting & Fielding)

Played at Webster
University & Hope College
Certified Strength &
Conditioning Specialist



Brett Hontz (Pitching)

Four Year starting
pitcher at Carson
Newman College
(Division 2)
Division 2 First Team
All-American



Micah Coffey (All)

All Big Ten Second Team
2016-2018
Big Ten Champion 2016 &
2018
30th round draft pick for the
Chicago White Sox

During the Season

- Games start in April and ends in late June (Playoffs in July, championship 7/12)
- WSBL League Play 14 games (option to join MSBL or KCBL)
- 5 Tournaments 3-6 games each
 - Usually one out of town tournament
 - Quad Cities / Wisconsin Dells / Indianapolis / etc.
 - Host one home tournament
- League playoffs / scrimmages
- Typically one practice during the week

Total of 30-45 games on average



BYB Travel Coaches

- Parent Coaches
- Process of becoming a Travel Coach:
 - Qualify to coach when player makes team
 - Pass a background check
 - Review & sign Code of Conduct
 - Pass interview process
- Coaches forum
 - Monthly training and discussion session
- Coaches Corner
- Large number of BYB Head / Assistant Coaches played college baseball



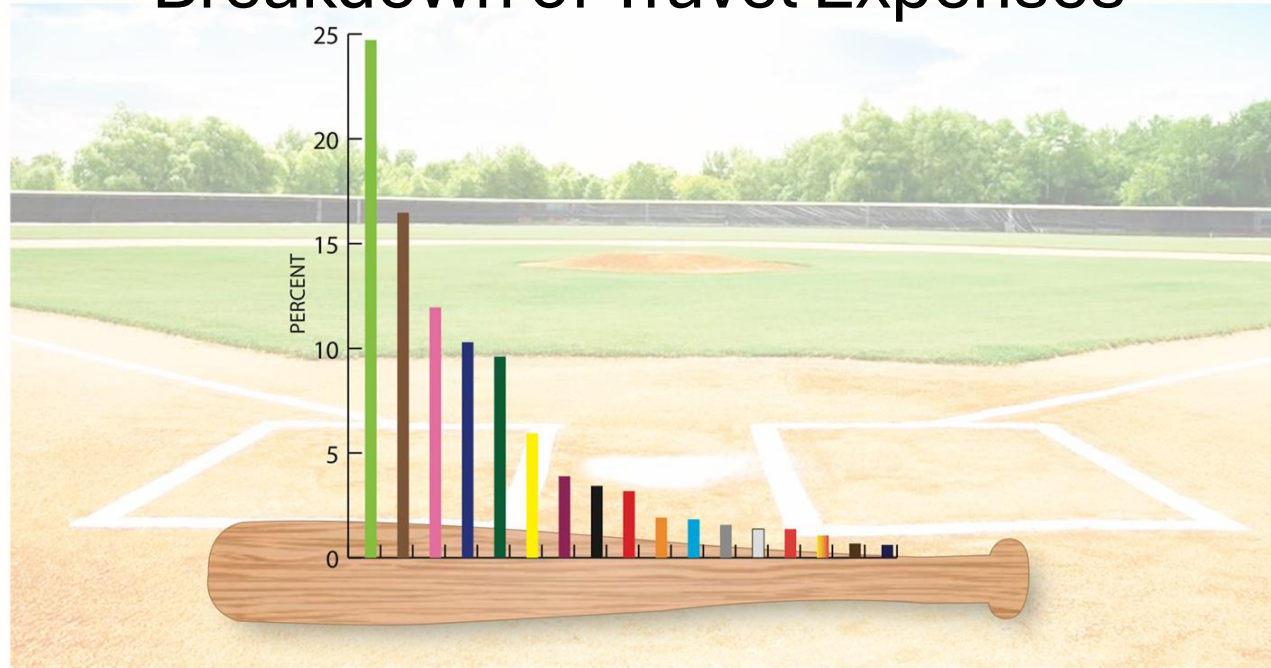
2027 BYB Travel Fees

- 8U – 11U: \$1,725
- 12U – 14U: \$1,795
- \$250 deposit is due within 24 hours of invitation to confirm spot
 - If invitation is not accepted within 24 hours spot will be lost
- November 1st and March 1st installment of \$737.50 & \$772.50
- Option to distribute payments
- Comparing costs

Geneva	1725-2000	Top Pick	2800-3000
StC Knights	1900-2300	Triboh	3000
Sparks	2650-3750	RBA	1800-2400



Breakdown of Travel Expenses



Dog Pound Overhead.....	24.72%
Uniform Costs.....	16.48%
Winter Training.....	11.96%
Tournament Fees.....	10.30%
Field maintenance	9.61%
General Admin Costs	5.95%
Umpires.....	3.89%
Equipment and safety	3.43%
Credit card fees	3.18%
(registration, camp/clinic and tournament fees)	

Fields for the Future.....	1.92%
League fees.....	1.83%
Pitch Clinic Training	1.57%
PD Tournament Cost	1.37%
Park District Fee	1.37%
Catchers Clinic Training.....	1.06%
Try Out Fees.....	0.68%
Strangth & Conditioning Training	0.61%



Additional costs

Common

- Baseball equipment for your player
- Team equipment like bags and helmets
- Additional tournaments
- Additional scrimmages
- Out of town tournaments (hotels and food)
- Team activities during tournaments
- Team parties

Less Common

- Subscriptions (Gamechanger, pocket radar)
- Event based uniforms
- Team equipment
- Additional team training
- Personal training

Team Fundraising



BYB Tryout Dates & Times

- Monday, July 13th
 - 8u Travel team: 5-6 Bollow Piron
- Tuesday, July 14th
 - 9u: 5 - 6:30pm @ Batavia High School (BHS)
 - 14u: 5 - 6:30pm @ BHS
 - 11u: 6:45 - 8:15pm @ BHS
- Wednesday, July 15th
 - 10u: 5 - 6:30pm @ BHS
 - 12u: 5 - 6:30pm @ BHS
 - 13u: 6:45 - 8:15pm @ BHS
- Supplemental Tryout - Monday, July 6th
 - 8u-15u 6:30 - 8:30pm @ Don Clark



BYB Tryout Evaluation Process

- Pitching
 - Accuracy (1 Low - 5 High)
 - Velocity: (1 - 5)
 - Mechanics (1 - 5)
- Infield
 - Glove (1 - 5)
 - Arm (1 - 5)
 - Footwork (1 - 5)
- Outfield
 - Glove (1 - 5)
 - Arm (1 - 5)
 - Footwork (1 - 5)
- Hitting
 - Contact (1 - 5)
 - Power: (1 - 5)
 - Mechanics: (1 - 5)
- Speed
 - Timed home to first
 - Scored 1 - 5 based on time

**All evaluations will be done
by Aurora University
Baseball Coaches**





TRAVEL TRYOUT EVALUATOR BIOS

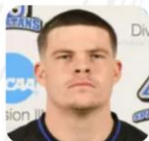


Batavia Youth Baseball is partnering with Aurora University Baseball for BYB's travel tryout evaluations!



COACH CARTER TURNQUIST

Carter attended, played at Aurora and graduated in 2021. He was a starting pitcher from 2019-2021 for the Spartans. He joined the Aurora University baseball program as an assistant coach in 2023 and is entering his 4th season with the Spartans. Coach Turnquist is Rapsodo pitching certified and oversees the pitching development, recruiting and staff at AU.



JOE LUKANCIC

Joe is a current Junior for the Spartans who has been a two-year starting Right Fielder. He is also a two-time 1st Team All Conference and an All-American in 2024. Joe will be returning to lead the Spartans in 2026 and 2027.



TYLER PATTON

Tyler is a current Senior for the Spartans who has been a three-year starting catcher. Tyler has been recognized as an NACC Scholar-Athlete in 2022-2023 & 2023-2024. He will be entering his senior year with the Spartans as a 2 time captain



ALEX PANICO

Alex is a current Junior Outfielder for the Spartans. Alex has been recognized as an NACC Scholar-Athlete in 2023-2024 and was a graduate of Kaneland High School



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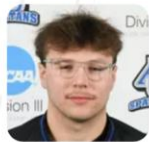
BRODY MAC

Brody is a current Sophomore Catcher for the Spartans. He is a graduate from Buffalo Grove High School where he was recognized as a top performer and named All Conference his senior year.



MASON ISHII

Mason is a current Senior Pitcher for the Spartans. He Graduated from Maine East High School and then attended Oakton Community College for his first 2 years.



CORY BROCK

Cory is a current Sophomore Pitcher for the Spartans. He is a graduate of Plainfield Central High School where he was recognized as a top performer and named All Conference his senior year.



BRYCE BURGONI

Bryce is a current Sophomore Outfielder for the Spartans. Bryce is a graduate from Batavia High School and was also a player in the Batavia Youth Baseball program.



BYB Coaches Evaluation

- Filled out by 3 coaches for each team
 - Head Coach
 - Two Assistants
- Evaluations will be done independently of each other
- Players who are not returning travel participants will not be penalized



BATAVIA TRAVEL EVALUATION SHEET

Please rank each player in each category on a scale 1 through 5. You can have multiple players with the same ranking in the same areas, as we are looking at ranking each player's skillset individually. Please use the attached evaluation guide as a tool when determining their score to assure consistency. The goal is to provide players with a score that reflects where they fit within your team as well as the competition they have faced throughout the year. If a player did not pitch or catch, please place an "N/A". Include any additional comments that you feel are relevant to the evaluation of these players. Please submit at least one sheet per team.

TEAM NAME

COACH NAME

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1. POOR
2. NEEDS DEVELOPMENT
3. AVERAGE
4. GOOD
5. EXCELLENT



Total Score Formation

Age Group	School Grade	Tryout Evaluation	Coaches Evaluation
8u	2nd	100%	0%
9u	3rd	70%	30%
10u	4th	60%	40%
11u	5th	50%	50%
12u	6th	40%	60%
13u	7th	30%	70%
14u	8th	20%	80%

A minimum score will be established at each age group to ensure the player is “Travel Ready”



Team Formation

Rule of 8's

- All players are ranked based on their tryout score (coach evals 9u-14u)
- Top 8 players MUST receive an offer for the first team
- Players 9-16 receive offers based on team needs and individual scores
 - Eg. Top 8 players score low on pitching; we may offer a spot to the 14th or 16th player who ranked very high in pitching
 - 9-16 considerations also include twins, coach candidates

You Talk - BYB Listens

- From Tournament to Travel
 - One team
 - One set of rules, less confusion
 - Better development for the next level
- Coach Development
 - Coaches Expectation Meeting
 - Coaches Forum
 - Coaches Corner (tools / practice examples / resources / etc to help coaches)
- Fall Improvements
 - Kick off early after teams are formed
 - Plans made by each coach
 - Expectation created for parents and players
 - Nov-Dec training
- Improvements to Winter Training
 - More efficient 1 hour practices
 - Strength and conditioning for older ages
 - Combined Pitching and catching
- Improvements to Tryouts and Team Formation
 - Creating a total score to include coaches evaluation
 - Adding a Travel Orientation program so families understand the travel program better
- Improvements to Communication
 - Winter training portal
 - Standardized communications through coach



Questions?



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