Starz of Tomorrow Baseball Academy Holiday Campers,

Happy Holidays! Let’s hope we don’t get too much more snow and Santa is good to all of us!

**IF THE SNOW or EXTREME COLD causes an issue (I think we’ll be ok!) we will just move the camp back a day and an email will be sent out December 26 if there are changes. Right now we are planning on having all players report at 1:00-5:00pm on Wednesday 12/27 and then from 10:00-2:00pm on Thursday. Registration begins at 12:45 on the 27th at the Husky Dome. There is no need to report any earlier than 12:45 as there is a soccer camp in the dome until noon.**

We hope your Holiday vacation has gotten off to a great start and you are looking forward to a great two days of baseball!  We are very excited about having our 11th Annual Starz of Tomorrow Holiday Baseball Camp at the St. Cloud State University Husky Dome.  The entire SCSU baseball coaching staff, many SCSU players, and other area coaches and professional players will be present for the camp.

This promises to be a great baseball camp.  This is our 26th year of running baseball camps throughout the country.  We won’t turn you into an All-American player in two days, but we will teach you the game of baseball and WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN! And for you upperclassmen it’s a great opportunity to showcase your skills to us during our Prospect Session on Tuesday, where we will take you through a detailed skilled evaluation workout.

**Campers staying overnight:**

**Please see the hotel list/rooming list below. IF YOU ARE NOT ON THIS LIST BUT ARE STAYING PLEASE EMAL ME BACK. Also list the players you would like to room with. Please also email us back the grade of your son if we do not have it listed.**  We have 20 rooms reserved, so if we mistakenly put you without some buddies we’ll make the appropriate changes.  If there is an odd number in a group some might have to sleep on the floor or stay in another room.  **Parents, please feel safe about having your sons spend the night**.  I’ll be staying in the hotel with our entire SCCU coaching staff.  We’ll have three coach’s rooms on the same floor as the campers along with some of the SCSU players as supervisors.  All car keys of the 15-18 year olds that will be spending the night will be collected at check in.  Transportation to the hotel and back to the Husky Dome will be provided by the staff.  Bed checks will take place at 10:30pm and LIGHTS OUT at 11:00pm.  **Please feel free to bring any DVD movies or X-Box games as each room has hook up access to each**.  We’ll have a pizza party Tuesday night and then a baseball chalk talk” and then swimming and free time.  Feel free to bring snacks along for your rooms. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel.

We have about 50 campers registered with the camp. That says something about baseball players in the area!  We’ll be sending the camp itinerary for you to review with your child.  This will give them a better idea of what area they will be in and what all will be covered.  Again parents, this camp is meant to be FUN and for us to work on the FUNdamentals of the great game of baseball.  It’s not competitive in nature.  And we have purposely kept the cost down in comparison to many other camps in the state to attract your sons to our great facility.  Some baseball academy’s charge $75 per hour for one session and others are charging $250 for their Holiday Camps.  You will be receiving 8 hours of baseball.  We want to point out that one-on-one instruction isn’t possible with a mass camp.

The following is some general information on the camp that will hopefully answer any remaining questions you might have:

1. Our SCSU facilities will be open for registration beginning at 12:30 on 12/27 and the camp starts at 1:00pm. A campus map has been attached, but the Husky Dome is on the corner of University Drive and 5th Ave. You can drop your son off in the parking lot just north of the Shell Gas Station and we’ll have directional signs leading you to the Husky Dome. If you are driving yourself and staying you’ll need to park in a pay lot or on the street.
2. We’ll have a short camp rules and camp goals meeting at noon. **Main rules:** safety first, hustle at all times and the “common sense rule” of treating others the way you would like to be treated. Main goals: HAVE FUN, learn the fundamentals of this great game and for the upperclassmen to showcase your baseball skills!
3. Please also use common sense during the camp with swinging bats and throwing balls.  Accidents happen, but they can be greatly reduced by using common sense.  **All hitters will wear helmets when hitting in the batting cages and in the other hitting stations!** And please don’t hit in the same area for more than 10 swings, as it can damage the field turf.
4. Please wear tennis shoes or turf shoes.  NO cleats, both plastic and metal!  You’ll see there are finely chopped pieces of black rubber under the turf that helps give the ball a better bounce and creates a safer playing surface.  These particles are safe, but please don’t play with them.
5. We recommend wearing a sweatshirt or long sleeve shirt.  The dome is fully heated, but if there is a very cold night it takes a little longer to get heated

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

We will see you on the 27th!

Coach Dolan