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# Welcome to Team Dinger

## Introduction

The Chad Moeller system is a competitive baseball organization, committed to providing the finest instruction available for the developing young baseball player. We



will provide your child with the necessary fundamental baseball skills and situational

knowledge to optimally further his ability. Our playbook is extensive, and there is a tremendous amount of attention placed upon the smallest details. The coaching staff assembled by Chad are, arguably, the finest group of little league coaches in the state of Arizona. These individuals' qualifications speak for themselves. In addition to their extensive knowledge and experience, they share another common thread. Their love of working with and developing kids talent. It is this combination that makes our coaching staff the envy of all Arizona youth baseball programs.

Our expectations are very high, as are our standards. We have prepared this package to help address issues, and answer frequently asked questions. Should you need additional information, please contact me.

Let's make this a great experience.

## Our goals

To teach your young athlete the strategy of baseball, and optimize their fundamental skills. To make a positive impact on them as young men. To do all of this with dignity, and respect. We will promote sportsmanship, and playing the game the "right way". Your child will take personal responsibility for his actions, apply hard work, perseverance, and pay attention to detail. We may not win every game, but we will be the most respectful coaches, players and parents in every game we play. Our players are going to play with respect for their teammates, opposing players, and umpires, no matter the circumstance.



## Our Program

### Program Includes:

- **Training:** CM Baseball league will establish all training techniques and strategies. Each team will practice at least twice a week. Additional speed and agility training may be offered.
- CM Baseball league may periodically bring in our specialized instructors to help the players develop at a higher level.
- **Private lessons:** Private lessons can be arranged with individual coaches. It is always preferred that your child utilize our coaches for private training. This allows for constant communication between instructors and team coaches.
- **League Play:** To reinforce practice and prepare for tournaments, our teams may participate in one or more leagues.
- **Tournaments:** We will play at least one tournament a month but may elect to play additional tournaments.
- **Website:** Each team has its own website that is used for posting schedules and communicating with players and coaches. It is important to check for updates and changes to practice and game schedules.
- We will periodically schedule scrimmages to help us remain game sharp.

## How to get started

- Copy of birth certificate
- Signed contract for monthly payments (season contract)
  - Contract is good for the season. If you choose to leave the organization prior to fulfilling the complete dates, there may not be any refund issued.
- Signed Parent code of conduct
- Signed Player code of conduct



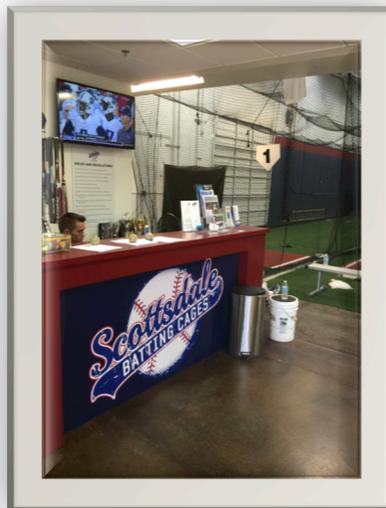
## Time Commitment

- 3-4 days (max) per week for practices and games. Two practices a week are the norm. For example, most teams may have hitting practice on Monday afternoon, fielding practice on another weekday, and varying games on Saturday and Sunday.
- Typically league games are not played on weekends with tournaments. Tournaments will consist of a minimum of three games with a maximum of five or six games over a weekend. Tournaments held during holiday weekends may run for three days.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **How often will Chad Moeller work with my son?** Chad is involved in hitting skills training, and may occasionally lead other practices, especially as we work on individual and team drills during on field portions of practice. All other coaches will manage practices and games for the team they are assigned to.
- **What type of skills will my son be taught?** Players and coaches will adhere to the Chad Moeller Baseball League playbook. This ensures consistency for all players throughout all of the teams in our system. The organization is set up to function like a minor league system.
- **Is my child guaranteed a certain amount of playing time?** **No child is guaranteed playing time.** We will roster up to 12-14 players for each team. Since there are only nine playing spots on the field, coaches will rotate players according to the situation. We encourage players to be open with playing multiple positions. **It is NOT promised that every player will receive equal playing time.** In baseball there are key positions that must be addressed. If your child plays one of these key positions, his playing time may be higher. Catcher and shortstop, for example, are critical positions. The team depends on these positions to be strong. Outside of the key positions, I will work with the team coaches to base decisions on the following criteria, in this order:

1. Skill level
2. Work ethic
3. Attitude
4. Attendance



## Fee Structure

- Monthly fees. For all teams 14U and below, the monthly fee of \$230 per month will be paid out every four weeks. The fee includes the cost of the batting cages, coaches, and field practice times.
- Each player will be responsible for purchasing a uniform consisting of a hat and game jerseys. Uniforms are in addition to the monthly fees. Practice jerseys can be purchased separately.
- Tournament fees: The monthly fees do not cover tournaments. On average, the tournament fee including coaches ranges between \$750 to \$1,000. The cost of the tournament will be calculated by taking the number of players and dividing by the total cost. For example, if the cost of the tournament is \$750 and there are 12 players, the tournament cost will be \$62.50 per player. If your son plays at any time during the weekend, you will be responsible for the cost of the tournament.
- League Fees: For the divisions that play in a league, additional fees will be charged. These fees are charged at the beginning of each season.
  - 10u - \$390
  - 11u and 12u - \$ 395
  - 13u and 14u - \$ 398

**All fees will be run via credit or debit card on our secure [authorize.net](https://authorize.net) account. [Authorize.net](https://authorize.net) provides the highest level of encryption and security available. At the beginning of the season we will ask that you submit a \$50 deposit via credit or debit card through a secured transaction. Submission of this fee implies that you understand this card will be used to make future Team Dinger payments, as they are due. The card that you use to make this deposit will be encrypted and kept on file to run all recurring monthly fees, tournament fees and league fees. If you receive a new or updated card during the season, please promptly provide the card information directly to Chad Moeller.**

### Scholarship / Outreach Program

We are excited to announce our upcoming scholarship program.

*Dinger Baseball (CM Baseball League) is an Arizona 501(c)(3) Corporation. This year a scholarship/outreach program has been established to provide this incredible experience to less fortunate boys who otherwise would not be able to play club ball. Gifts to the scholarship/outreach program will be tax deductible and are totally and completely voluntary. You'll be given the opportunity to give to this program on-line or you may be interested in various upcoming sponsorship opportunities.*

# Our Coaches

## Chad Moeller

Chad Moeller leads the organization with over fifteen years of professional baseball experience. Chad attended the University of Southern California and was an All-PAC 10 selection from 1994 to 1996. He was selected in the draft by the Minnesota in 1996. Chad has been teaching and instructing baseball since 2010. Chad was a member of the 2001 World Series Champion Arizona Diamondbacks. While playing for the Milwaukee Brewers in 2004, Chad hit for the cycle, and caught Ben Sheets historic 18 strike out game.

## Stephen Randolph

Stephen Randolph has seventeen years of professional baseball experience. He attended the University of Texas and was drafted by the New York Yankees in 1995. Stephen teaches pitching and hitting.

## Ben Fritz

Ben Fritz played baseball at Fresno State University starting as both pitcher and catcher. In 2002, Ben was awarded Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, and was a second team college All-American and Western Athletic Conference All-Star. He was drafted as a pitcher by the Oakland Athletics in the 2002 Major League Baseball Draft – taken in the 1st round, (30th overall). Ben went on to play 9 years of professional baseball. Ben has worked with and coached players from the ages 8 to 25. He is currently a pitching coach in the San Diego Padres organization. He previously helped coach at Pinnacle High School, Scottsdale Community College and the collegiate summer wood bat league here in Arizona. He coaches both fundamentals and the mental side of the game

## Coaching staff

All coaches in the CM Baseball League are professionals with varying years of baseball experience. The coaches are selected and trained by Chad Moeller, a former Major League Baseball catcher who played for over ten years with the Minnesota Twins, Arizona Diamondbacks, Milwaukee Brewers, and the New York Yankees. Chad provides the vision and attends each practice to ensure the character of the players and coaches is upheld to his standard.



## Ryan Dyer

Ryan Dyer brings over 19 years of high school baseball coaching experience to Team Dinger. His career includes stops at Sal Pointe Catholic, Brophy Prep, Saguaro HS, and he now looks forward to his first season taking over the North Canyon HS program. Ryan has been named Arizona Region Coach of the year 3 times and AZ Coach of the year once. His 2011 team holds the All Time Arizona Record for wins in a season at 34. He has two Arizona State



Championship Titles and has had teams ranked in the top 10 nationally. He has never coached a high school team that has not made the playoffs. He has been instrumental in sending over 100 players on to college or professional baseball during his high school coaching career.

## John Casey

John Casey is an expert in hitting & fielding instruction. He attended college at Stanislaus State, and in 1991 was a Division II 1st Team All American. He has 5 years of professional baseball experience and over 13 years of coaching experience. He is currently the Desert Mountain High School Varsity Baseball Head Coach.

## Danny Patterson

A late round draft pick out of high school, Danny decided to attend Cerritos Junior College to continue to develop his skills. He subsequently signed with the Texas Rangers and began what became 16 seasons of professional baseball, eight of which were in the Major Leagues. Danny is a firm believer that the mental aspect of the game is every bit as important as the physical and prides himself on teaching both aspects. Additionally he focuses on the work ethic needed to "overachieve".

## Jeff Cermak

Jeff went to high school in Chicago, IL. And was selected All-State in 3 sports (Baseball, Football & Basketball) He played college baseball for the Arizona State University Sun Devils ('95-'97) Jeff was subsequently drafted 3 times (Twins, Marlins & Astros), and played in the Astros organization from 1997-2000. Jeff served as the Scottsdale Christian Academy Baseball/Varsity Asst. Coach from 2004-2010. He has been teaching baseball and softball for 15 years as a private instructor and has coached / managed several travel baseball clubs during the same time period.

## Kyle Anderson

Kyle played high school baseball at Olympic High School where he was an All-State 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman. He subsequently played baseball at Olympic Community College where he was selected as a Junior College All American 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman. He eventually played ball at Jamestown College where he was selected as an All American 1<sup>st</sup> baseman and played in the 2004 NAIA College World Series. Kyle was an assistant coach at Jamestown College in 2005, Desert Mountain HS 2006-2009, and at Pinnacle HS from 2010-2012. He has been Hitting instructor and Head coach Team Dinger from 2013- Present. Kyle recently graduated from his PTA program where he practices in a renowned local orthopedic surgery clinic.

## Ashton McCoy

Ash played at Yavapai College and Emporia State University. During that time he also played for various summer collegiate teams. While playing for the Casa Grande Cotton Kings, he earned a birth to the NBC World Series, where he was selected as an All-American shortstop in 2012. Since playing Ash has spent two years coaching at Pinnacle High School under coach John Casey, as well as several youth teams ages 10-14.



## Mark Belhorn

Mark was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and grew up in Oviedo, Florida. He was drafted in the 37th round out of high school by the Padres but did not sign. He then went to Auburn University from 1993-1995, and played in the college world series in 1994. The Oakland Athletics drafted him out of Auburn in the 2nd round. Mark subsequently played 15 years of professional baseball for 8 different organizations, playing in the major leagues for 7 years. In 2002 while a member of the Chicago Cubs, he became one of only 2 players in MLB history to hit a homerun from both sides of the plate in the same inning. Mark hit 27 home runs that same year, the most ever by any switch hitter in Chicago Cubs history. In 2004 Mark was the starting second baseman for the World Series Champions Boston Red Sox. He hit .300 with 1 home run and 4 RBI in the World Series.

## Michael Benjamin

Michael Benjamin is the son of former 13-year big leaguer Mike Benjamin. Michael is currently playing in the Colorado Rockies minor league organization. He was drafted in the 13th round in 2013 out of Arizona State where he played three years for the Sun Devils. His junior year he earned Third Team Louisville Slugger All-America honors and First Team All-Pac-12 honors. He paced the team offensively as he finished first in the conference in total bases (135), second in hits (83), and third in slugging percentage (.544). He became the first Sun Devil since Jason Kipnis in 2009 to lead the team in batting average, slugging percentage, hits and total bases. He earned Pac-12 Player of the Week honors (5/20) after batting .526 (10-for-19) with seven RBI, three doubles, a home run and three runs scored in four games. He put together three separate double-digit hitting streaks, including a team-high 16-game streak to begin the season. He also had two 13-game streaks in the middle of that same year. He also competed in the LLWS in 2003. Growing up around the game, Michael offers extensive baseball knowledge and a strong ability to teach the game at both team practices as well as individually. He believes in playing the game the right way and strives to pass that on to the players he coaches.

# Parent Code of Conduct

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Having been coaching kids baseball for close to 5 years now, I've definitely had some revelations. First and foremost, that the biggest obstacle in coaching youth sports is...you guessed it. THE PARENTS!! This code of conduct is an attempt to nip issues in the bud, before they occur. Always know, our first and foremost goal will always be to teach your kids the game, work ethic, and respect. We all realize, our kids model themselves after their parents. So, with this in mind, the parent code of conduct.

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