



Hello,

My name is Zac Bone, and I am the head baseball coach of the Festus American Legion Post 253 baseball program. On behalf of our baseball program and the men and women of Peebles-Vaughn-Wideman Post 253, welcome to tryouts for our program for the summer of 2021.

The coaching staff and I are here to answer any questions you may have regarding our baseball program. Also, please see the additional *FAQ* handout that may give you more insight into Post 253 Baseball. In addition to stating our appreciation for your attendance today, I want to take the time to explain our mission and expectations.

First, we are very proud of the on-field success our program has had. Our senior team has been state champions in 1996, 2005, 2009, 2010 and 2011, as well as regional champions in 2009, and 2019. Our junior program is consistently among the best teams in the state, and won the Missouri State Championship in 2018. We feel that one of the reasons many players choose our program is the unparalleled success we have had over the years.

Additionally, summer baseball has become an avenue to prepare players to compete and provide an opportunity to continue their careers at the collegiate level. Our program will put our success in this area up against any amateur program in the country. We currently have over a dozen former players still competing at the college or professional level. Historically, alums of our program have the opportunity to continue their careers in conferences such as the SEC, Big 12, Missouri Valley and Ohio Valley conferences, as well as many who have gone on to careers in professional and Major League Baseball. We believe that we prepare our young men with the skills and instruction needed to play at the next level, the exposure to help them get there, and the discipline and expectations necessary to have success once they do.

This program is near and dear to me for a number of reasons. Among these is the fact that this is a community based baseball program in which we help prepare young men to be not only better baseball players, but also more responsible, accountable, and successful individuals that compete in a team setting.

Our goal with tryouts today is to identify players that we believe possess the ability, commitment and character to uphold the 253 tradition. Thank you again for your attendance and interest in Festus Post 253 Baseball.

All the best,

Zac Bone
Manager, Festus American Legion Post 253 Baseball