

Monte's Baseball LLC

Presented by Coach Monte Gunter

Coaching baseball & softball in Clark County for 30 years!



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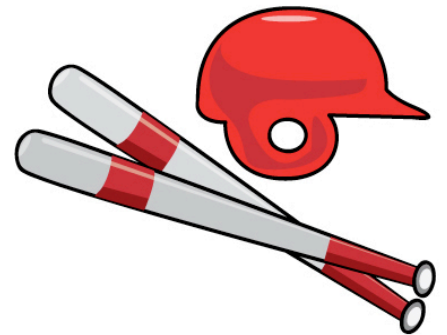
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IS SKILLS TRAINING REALLY SO IMPORTANT?

Let me ask you this... Would you allow your child to pursue instrumental music training just by putting him/her in the school band? Of course not! No matter how good the school band instructor, there's no way the band would sound decent unless the kids in the band were taking private instruction and practicing with focus and regularity.

Yet, so many parents seem to feel they can just throw their kids into a baseball league and expect positive results. The truth is—and we can all see it, especially in the 8-12 age group—that the level of play is diminished by the general lack of skills displayed by most of the participants in this age category.

So, why do parents treat instrumental instruction and athletic instruction differently? Why do parents seem to know that music performance depends on private instruction, while at the same time thinking that baseball leagues can provide ALL the instruction a youngster requires? These are fundamental questions and issues.



Coaching youngsters requires patience and experience...

For 30 years, and over 70,000 lessons and clinics, we have been helping Clark County's boys and girls develop baseball and softball skills that improve their performance and prepare them for the rigors and demands of the sport at higher levels.

"If you do what you have always done, you will get what you have always got."

— Mark Twain

"Don't be afraid to take advice. There's always something new to learn."

— Babe Ruth

How we can help your sons and daughters...

Just by getting them involved in a skills training program, i.e. private lessons (usually five or more sessions of 30 minutes each), small groups (usually several sessions of 90 minutes each) or larger groups of 12-16 kids (usually two hours or more). Pricing ranges from \$150 per-student for a series of five private lessons, to about \$249-\$330 for the larger groups over a 9-12 week period, to everything in-between.

Remember, parents are encouraged to participate and learn coaching techniques applicable to your children and their teams...

We certainly welcome and will be able to utilize the skills of any parent interested in a role. For those of you who actively coach in junior baseball or softball, and for those who wish to learn techniques you can pass along to your children and their fellow players, this is a can't miss opportunity.

Instruction generally takes place at 12408 NE 60th Way, Bldg. C **Columbia Baseball & Softball Academy ("CBSA")**, located just off Route 500 and Fourth Plain Road in the Orchard area.

PROGRAMS

• **SUNDAY ACADEMY starting Dec. 11 at CBSA**

We still have a handful of slots open in a special program for serious ballplayers (ages 9-11) on Sundays from 10:00A-1:00P. While the cost of this 10-week/30-hour program for 14 boys is anticipated to be \$249 per-participant, the price can fluctuate about \$50 up or down with 12 or 16 boys. We can also facilitate a second Sunday group at 1:00P.

• **SMALL GROUPS of 4-6**

We have limited times available on weekdays 4:30-6:00, a couple of weekday evenings and at various times on Saturdays. Groups of 4 are usually priced at about \$75 per-student for five 60-minute coaching sessions. The price reduces as another student or two is added to the mix.

• **PRIVATE LESSONS**

The private lesson packages start at \$150 for five 30-minute lessons.

Equipment required: Bat, batting helmet, batting gloves, cup, glove/mitt, beverage

Please respond to us regarding your level of interest, or with any questions or comments. Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

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PS – Please feel free to send this out to friends who love baseball!

The cost of our 10-week/30-hour ACADEMY for 14 participants is only \$249

That's just a little over \$8 per-hour for a high level of instruction and a very low player/instructor ratio.

Other baseball camps charge \$200-\$245 for as little as 10-12 hours of instruction.

"We intend to break some new ground in terms of indoor instruction in Clark County. Our programs are designed for both the serious player—who desires to learn and hone baseball skills—and for the beginner—who needs the basic skills necessary to move forward. But it will be fun and we guarantee that if your youngster is attentive and willing to learn, improved skills will be clearly on display next spring and beyond."

— Coach Monte Gunter

MONTE'S BASEBALL INSTRUCTORS:

Monte Gunter • Jack Russell
Jeff Gunter • Hank Mantz

"The only way a kid is going to practice is if it's total fun for him... and it was for me."

— Wayne Gretsky