

This past fall, we started a fall ball schedule, designed to let our American Legion ball players have the opportunity to play at college fields in front of college coaches. Several teams participated, including Sheridan, Bryant, Benton, Russellville, LR Central, El Dorado.

The colleges that hosted these events were Henderson State, Arkansas Tech, UA Ft. Smith, UA Rich Mtn, UA Monticello, and South Ark in El Dorado. We hope to expand this to include more of the colleges next fall.

Each team played 2 games on a Saturday or Sunday. There were no entry fees. The only expense incurred by the teams was helping pay for umpires. \$140. WE DID NOT CHARGE OUR KIDS TO PARTICIPATE. Your situation may be different, but you should be able to make it a very affordable option for your kids that want to play in the fall.

We played 12 games on 5 Saturdays and 1 Sunday. The plan next fall is to schedule 8 fall ball dates on Saturdays and Sundays in September and October. Each team that would like to participate, will choose up to 6 dates from the 8 available choices.

We took out the full year insurance plan so that we would have insurance coverage. You would just need to make sure all your kids are on one of your American Legion rosters to have coverage. If kids are not on your legion roster, I'm sure you could call and have them added for an additional fee.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR WANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO I CAN START PREPARING FOR THE FALL. IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN LEGION FALL BALL NEXT FALL, TALK TO YOUR KIDS NOW SO THAT THEY DON'T COMMIT TO PLAY WITH SOMEONE ELSE FIRST.

I hope this is something that you find helpful for your kids, and helps you get kids involved in playing American Legion Baseball, that you might otherwise not have been able to have play with your American Legion team.

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