

June 2008

TO: Alabama Baseball Coaches Association (ALABCA) Underclassman All-Star Weekend Participants

FROM: Barry Dean, ALABCA Executive Director
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RE: What to do if you are selected to participate in the All-Star Weekend at Troy University,
June 26 – June 29.

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Underclassman All-Star Weekend of Workouts and Games, to be held Thursday June 26 – Sunday June 29 at Troy University, located in Troy, Alabama. The weekend begins when you check-in the dorm on Thursday, June 26, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and attend the banquet that evening at 6:30 p.m. with your parents, the community college coaches who will coach you, and several distinguished guests.

We have enclosed a weekend schedule of the workouts and games and of the activities that you'll participate in off the field. These off-the-field sessions will help better prepare you for your last year or two in high school and should assist you in being better prepared to make the transition from high school to college. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all of these off-the-field sessions (excluding the video breakdown, due to limited spacing).

If you are selected for the All-Star Weekend this is what we'll need from you beforehand:

1. Each player is required to mail a check for \$175.00 to: Alabama Baseball Coaches Association, P.O. Box 187, Shannon, Alabama 35142. Checks should be made out to - ALABCA. This money will cover the cost of the ten meals the player will receive over the weekend, the three-night stay in the Troy University dorm, their t-shirt jersey and team hat, insurance coverage, the recruiting/academic packets, etc. If parents and/or family members plan to eat any of the evening meals with their player they should include this money with the \$175 players fee. See our All-Star Weekend order form on our web-site or in our recruiting packet to place your orders.
2. Send a photocopy of your high school physical and parent's insurance card. If you did this at your regional workout then you do not need to do it again.
3. Parents are being offered a meal ticket for the Thursday night banquet, and the Friday and Saturday evening dinners should they want to purchase meal tickets. We need this money included with your player fee money so we can alert Troy's catering staff well ahead of time. Please indicate on our weekend order form who will be eating and which evenings they will eat, then add the meal amount (and weekend pass fee, and picture fee if you purchase one) to the player fee. The Friday and Saturday night meal is in the football club level area (very nice and plenty of AC). You will pick up your meal tickets when you check into the dorm on Thursday. Parents are encouraged to attend the Thursday evening banquet. After the banquet NCAA academic and athletic information will be covered. Coaches from the Community College, NAIA, and NCAA Division I, II & III will give insight into scholarship limitations and practice and competition guidelines. We ask that only parents attend the Thursday evening banquet due to limited spacing in the banquet hall.

* Please see our weekend itinerary for more of what to expect from this special weekend. This can be found on our web-site at www.alabca.org, click on underclassman event, then 2008 weekend itinerary.

When and Where to arrive for the Underclassman All-Star Weekend:

Arrive between 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26. You will go to Shackelford Hall on the campus of Troy University. Come into Troy, Alabama on highway 231 (from the north or south). Turn onto George Wallace Drive by the Troy University marquee, right by the Sonic Restaurant, across from the Movie Gallery. Stay on George Wallace Drive until you come to campus (1 mile). Turn left onto University Avenue, then look for the ALABCA sign of where to turn right into Shackelford Hall (approx ½ mile). The players and community college coaches will stay in Shackelford and Cowart Hall.

What should the participants bring for the dorm?

- * Bed linens for a twin bed, a blanket, pillow, towel, wash cloth, and shaving kit. Players stay in suites in the dorm, two to a suite, and will have a bathroom and shower to share with another two players in the adjoining suite.
- * Players may bring Gatorade, water, etc. Rooms will be inspected before each player leaves and will be expected to as clean as when they arrived. Any damages will be charged to everyone in the suite.
- * Video games, radios, TV's, electronic equipment, etc. *will not* be allowed in the dorms. This is an ALABCA policy for the All-Star Weekend.
- * Players should bring their own baseball gear – bats, pants, spikes, legions, catchers gear, etc. The ALABCA will provide the players with a hat and game t-shirt jersey to wear during the weekend.
- * Players should bring enough clean clothes and baseball attire for each day, since washing machines will not be available. We will wash their t-shirt jersey each night.

General All-Star Weekend Policies:

- * When eating in the dining hall players should dress appropriately: No hats, flip flops, ragged shorts or t-shirts. Players should wear loafers or tennis shoes, shorts, jeans, t-shirts or collared shirts that are in good condition. During this weekend you are a representative of the ALABCA and will be expected to conduct yourselves in a mature and professional manner. You will also be surrounded by many college coaches and professional scouts and surely want to make a favorable impression. The ALABCA wants Troy University to want us back next year.
- * Horseplay will not be tolerated at the field or in the dorm and can result in you being sent home.
- * Alcohol and Drugs are not allowed on the Troy University campus and violators will be subject to discipline by the Troy Police Department. Violators will be sent home.
- * Players will have a curfew each night and must be in their room by that time. Violators may be sent home.
- * You will be expected to use your manners (thank you, please, no ma'am, yes, ma'am, etc.) when dealing with the dining hall staff and with all the folks (Coaches, Troy University Staff, Your Parents, etc.) who are *servng you* during this special weekend.
- * Players *will not* be allowed to drive around campus by themselves or be in the dorm by themselves, unsupervised by coaches, during the all-star weekend. Players may only leave campus if accompanied by their parent(s). The staff reserves the right to send players home who violate this policy.

Hotel Information for Parents, Coaches and Scouts staying in Troy over the All-Star Weekend:

- * These are the local hotel phone numbers in Troy: The Holiday Inn (334)566-1150, The Super 8 Motel (334)566-4960, Hampton Inn(334)807-5900, Holiday Inn Express (334)670-0012, Comfort Inn (334)566-7799. In Ozark (20 miles south on highway 231): Quality Inn (334)774-7300, Jameson Inn (334)774-0233.

Parents should send this form and their check to the ALABCA in order to help us serve you in a timely manner when you arrive at Troy University, and also to assure us of your son's participation in our All-Star Weekend. The form & check needs to be postmarked by Wednesday, June 18. Should it not be postmarked by then, please email Barry Dean at barrydean@alabca.org, and tell him what amount of money you are sending in for which items on the order form.

**2008 ALABCA Underclassman All-Star Weekend
Order Form**

Name of Player (Team Color): _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Item (Cost)	Quantity	Total
(Players fee covers his meals)		
Player Fee (\$175)	X	=
Three-Evening Adult Meal Package (Thurs, Fri, Sat = \$20)	X	=

* **Pick-up three-meal package or individual meal tickets at check-in.**
Children ages 6 – 12 Fri/Sat evening meals cost \$5.00 per meal (5 & under are free). Please limit the Thursday Banquet to parents/guardians, only due to space limitations in the banquet room. Parents, family and friends are welcome to eat with the players at the Friday and Saturday evening meals. We need to know ahead of time to give Troy a head count on how much food to prepare. Also players family and friends may eat in the Troy dining hall at any time. They would pay for the meal when entering Stewart Dining Hall. All teams will eat together Sunday morning from 6:45 – 7:40 a.m. in the dining hall and have an FCA speaker. Family and friends may eat breakfast after this time, due to space limitations.

Thursday Adult Banquet Meal (\$8)	X	=
Child Meal (\$5)	X	=
Friday Evening Adult Meal (\$8)	X	=
Child Meal (\$5)	X	=
Saturday Evening Adult Meal (\$8)	X	=
Adult weekend pass for games (college age & above - \$12)	X	=

(* Pay at the gate each day: Adults: \$5, Ages 13 – HS: \$3, 12 & under: Free)

TOTAL Money to be sent in = _____

Please make the check out to – ALABCA – and drop it in the mail, along with this form, by Wednesday, June 20. Send it to:

ALABCA
P.O. Box 187
Shannon, Alabama 35142

If the postmark due date passes (6/18) before you send this in please email Barry Dean at barrydean@alabca.org with the total money you are sending in and specify for which items, then send the money in the mail, unless you are told via email to bring it in person.