

COACH BENNY'S 14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASEBALL CAMP December 21st & 22nd, 2019

Dear Players and Parents,

I am Benny Distefano, former Major League Baseball player with five years playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Houston Astros. I have been a professional coach for fourteen years: As a hitting coach, I am entering my tenth season and my fourth season as outfield coordinator with the New York Mets' organization. Prior to that, I was with the Detroit Tigers' organization for four years. I have been teaching baseball lessons to Houston area youth for 20 years and conducting skill camps for area Little Leagues and select teams.

My Holiday Baseball Camp is in its **14th season!** This is a great opportunity for players from Little League through High School to work on their skills in preparation for spring baseball and softball tryouts. I limit the enrollment each year so that the low player/instructor ratio ensures quality instruction and attention to each camper.

- **Hitting:** Our goal is to build a solid foundation of good mechanics. We do this by evaluating each camper's swing, drill work, and teaching the mental aspects of hitting. We will also work on base running, including leads and slides.
- **Fielding:** We will teach the fundamentals of infield and outfield play. As in hitting, a solid foundation of good mechanics is important: proper foot work and throwing techniques, how to move to the ball, anticipating defensive situations.

Pitching/Catching: In pitching, we will emphasize pitching form: proper grip, arm action and overall mechanics. In catching, we will teach the mechanics of receiving pitches, blocking, throwing and basic catching techniques.

Camp Location and Date/Time

Bayland Park Little League (M1) /Kyle Chapman COLT League Fields (M5) at Bayland Park
6400 Bissonnet (Near Hillcroft) Houston, TX 77074

Lunch will be provided!

On the last day of camp, the players will have the opportunity to demonstrate what they've learned in a scrimmage game that takes place at 5:00 PM. Parents are invited to come watch.

And last, but not least, the scrimmage game is followed by: The Famous "Coach Benny" White Elephant Gift Exchange...always a "hit" with the kids...Gifts are provided by Coach Benny, but the fun is had by all! Bring your cameras!

This year the free parent raffle gift will be a **Pete Alonso** signed baseball.

Ages:

- 6 to 12 year olds will be on the smaller field (Bayland Park Little League – Reese Field M1.)
- 13 to 18 year olds will be on the large field. (Kyle Chapman Field M5.)

Camp Format:

- We limit the number of players in the camp to 60.
- Separate stations for each activity, which allows time for developing the specific position.
- We will have at least 5 professional instructors, each of which is either a professional major league scout or a professional minor league coach for a major league organization.

Coaches for the Camp:

- **Benny Distefano**
- **Ben Distefano** – Drafted by NY Mets
- **Kevin Ham** – LA Angels Scout
- **Trey Forkerway** - Chicago Cubs Cross Checker
- **Steve Riha** - San Francisco Giants
- Plus additional professional coaches to assure that the players receive personal attention & quality instruction.

Cost: (\$200 for both days - OR -)

- \$100 - Saturday (Day 1)
- \$100* - Sunday (Day 2) ****Includes - Coach Benny Gift Exchange***

Mail Registration check to : 9911 Murray Landing, Missouri City, Texas 77459 - Attention Benny Distefano

PLEASE GET CHECKS/VENMO IN TO HOLD YOUR PLAYER SPOT

THE NUMBER OF COACHES HIRED IS BASED UPON THE THE AMOUNT OF REGISTERED PLAYERS WHO HAVE PAID!!

CHECKS WILL NOT BE CASHED UNTIL THE CAMP IS FINISHED.

Registration and waiver forms are attached. Cell: 281-723-4806 Email address: dist30@msn.com

**Sincerely,
Benny Distefano**

Benny's Baseball Registration Form

Player's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Gender: M F

Previous Baseball Experience

Primary Positions: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Parents Name: _____

Home #: _____

Cell#: Mom: _____

Dad: _____

Other (please indicate): _____

Primary Email

Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Camp Fee: \$200.00 for 2 days, or \$100.00/day

Venmo: @Benny-Distefano

Make checks payable to: Benny Distefano

Address: 9911 Murray Landing, Missouri City, Tx 77459

Medical Release and Waiver Form Benny Distefano's 14th Annual Holiday Baseball Camp December 21st & 22nd of 2019

As the legal parents/guardians of _____, camp participant ("Camper"), who is participating in Benny Distefano's Baseball Camp, I/we hereby agree to the following conditions:

MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION: I/We attest that a physician has examined the Camper in the past 12 months and Camper was found to be in good health. I/We attest that currently there is no medical reason for Camper not to participate in the strenuous activities of the camp. I/We give permission for Camper to receive emergency medical or surgical treatment and hospitalization if necessary. In the event I/we cannot be reached, I/we authorize Benny Distefano and/or his designee, to act for me/us and to give the required consent and authorization for medical care, diagnosis, and treatment, including but not limited to surgical intervention if necessary, in behalf of Camper, and to do all the necessary things I/we might, or could do, if personally present. I/we assume responsibility for expenses incurred.

PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY MEDICAL CONDITION OR MEDICAL HISTORY THAT WILL/MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION:

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE: I/We understand the risk of injury to Camper from the activities involved in the baseball camp is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death. The term "Camp Activities" includes but is not limited to: activities on and off the field and activities before and after field instruction. I/We, the undersigned, agree and acknowledge that in consideration of the participation in related camp activities, as the legal parents/guardians of Camper, I/we knowingly and freely assume all such risks of injury, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of coaches and assistants, arising from the participation in camp activities. Neither Benny Distefano nor his assistants shall be responsible for any injury. I/We further agree to save and hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Benny Distefano and his coaches and assistants from any claim by me/us, arising out of Camper's participation in the camp.

Parent/Guardian' Signature

Printed Name

Emergency Contact Information

1. _____

Name and Phone Number

2. _____

Name and Phone Number

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Insurance ID and Group#: _____

CAMP DISCLOSURES

Payment Information

You may send a check, money order, or cashier's check to the mailing address listed above with full or partial payment. If you choose to mail in a partial payment then you must complete the payment at check-in on the first the day of camp. Your payment can be made with a personal check, a cashier's check or money order for the remaining balance made payable to: BENNY DISTEFANO. Venmo: @Benny-Distefano

Refund Policy

We will offer refunds, but you must cancel your registration before the start of camp. In the event of unusual circumstances, we reserve the right to prorate the cost of camp.

Inclement Weather

Unfortunately, inclement weather can inevitably appear at any time, especially during this part of the Houston Winter season. We will aggressively work to mitigate any adverse field conditions brought about by inclement weather, so we anticipate overcoming/adapting to wet conditions when necessary.

We also have all the necessary equipment to be informed about dangerous weather conditions and will give preference to the side of caution to keep your children safe. We cannot guarantee the weather, but we have contingency plans in place to make camp productive in the case of inclement weather.

Emergency Contact

If you need to reach your child in an emergency situation during normal camp hours, please call the following camp representatives:

- Chris Martin – Camp Administrator: 832-483-2715
- Benny Distefano – Camp Director: 281-723-4806

What to Bring

All campers should come ready to play with baseball pants, sneakers/turf shoes, cleats (ages 13+), hat, glove, and bat, batting helmet and any other personal protective equipment recommended for play. We highly suggest adding additional clothing as necessitated by forecasted weather conditions. Additional items would include chap stick/lip balm and sun block.

Discipline

We have generally had very few disciplinary issues at our camps, but we will contact parents or guardians if necessary. We will not tolerate any camper who jeopardizes the safety and positive experience of our other campers. Those who do not follow camp behavioral rules could risk being removed from the camp with no refund. This is obviously not our goal and will do all means necessary to avoid such repercussions, but we reserve that right.

Behavioral Expectations

Players must follow the direction of their coaches at all times. Disrespect or violence exhibited towards another player, coach or staff member will not be tolerated and subject to our camp disciplinary rule and possible removal from camp.

Safety

We take player safety very seriously and strongly discourage horseplay or other dangerous behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of our camp participants. Coaches and staff will remain diligent and call out any observed unsafe behaviors or situations with the intention of the prevention of injury. Common baseball safety rules observed by American youth baseball organizations will apply.

Because we will be holding camp in a public park environment – all players requiring a restroom break will be accompanied by a member of our coaching or administrative staff. Our camp also

enforces the 'buddy system' where children will also be accompanied by at least one other child player during a restroom break.

Viewing

Families are welcome to stay and watch camp so long as they remain in spectator areas and off the field of play, which includes inside batting cages.

Check-Out

Only parents will be allowed to pick up their children from camp unless you have provided written documentation that someone else will be picking up your child. We will not release a camper from our supervision without a camp coach or administrator seeing his parent or their documented driver.

We will have closing ceremonies and the famous Coach Benny Gift Exchange 30 minutes prior to the end of camp on the last day. We encourage parents picking up their children to attend the closing ceremonies/gift exchange.

Acknowledgement

By signing below I acknowledge that I have fully read and understood camp policy. I understand that if I have any questions or concerns about this policy, it is my responsibility to discuss this with the Camp Administrator or Camp Director indicated above.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date