



Pope High School Baseball Booster Club 2015-2016



Pope Booster Club Mission Statement – Adopted 2001:
To provide assistance to the players and coaches by ensuring the Pope Baseball team has the means to perform on an equal basis with other high school teams.

POPE BASEBALL

2015-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/2	Wednesday	7:50 am	Prospective Player Meeting - Pope Main Gym
9/8	Tuesday	6:30 pm	First Booster Club Meeting - Pope Media Center
10/12	Monday	11:30 am	Pope Baseball Golf Tournament - Indian Hills CC
10/20	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Second Booster Club Meeting – Coffee sales
10/24	Saturday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
10/25	Sunday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
10/31	Saturday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/1	Sunday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/7	Saturday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/7	Saturday	10:00 am	Field Workday - Pope High School Baseball Field
11/8	Sunday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/14	Saturday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/15	Sunday	9:00 am	Coffee Sidewalk Sales – Multiple Locations
11/18	Wednesday	12:00 pm	Coffee Money Due - Coach Rowland's Office
12/12	Saturday	9-11:00 am	Coffee Distribution and Player Uniform Sizing
1/11	Monday		Baseball Fun Runs Begin - After School
1/12	Tuesday	6:30 pm	Final Booster Club Meeting - Tryout information
1/19	Tuesday		Varsity and JV Tryouts Begin
1/25	Monday	TBD	Team selections posted on Pope Baseball website
2/11	Thursday	6:30 pm	First Pitch Banquet - Pope Cafeteria
2/13	Saturday	TBD	Player Letter Writing
2/13	Saturday	1:00 pm	Scrimmage Game vs. Hillgrove H.S. (Home)
2/15	Monday	5:55 pm	JV 1 st Game vs. Kell H.S. (Home)
2/19	Friday	6:00 pm	Varsity Valdosta Trip (vs. Valdosta HS)
2/20	Saturday	10:00 am	Varsity Valdosta Trip (vs. Lowndes HS)
4/1	Friday	5:55 pm	<u>JV's last game</u> and Varsity Game
4/6	Wednesday	TBD	Varsity back from Spring Break & practice
4/8	Friday	5:55 pm	Varsity Game (vs. Walton - Home)
4/13	Wednesday	5:55 pm	Varsity Game (Sponsor Day)
4/22	Friday	5:55 pm	Varsity Game (Teacher Appreciation Day)
4/23	Saturday	1:00 pm	Senior Night after Varsity game
5/15	Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Final Pitch Banquet - Pope Cafeteria

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The Pope Baseball Booster Club would like to welcome our freshman and first year parents and welcome back our returning parents to the Pope Baseball family. We are excited and appreciative of your participation and support of the Pope High School Baseball program.

BOOSTER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

To provide assistance to the players and coaches by ensuring that Pope Baseball has the means to compete at the highest level and perform on an equal basis with other high school teams.

WHO WE ARE

The booster club is comprised primarily of families with a player participating in the baseball program. The support of the booster club is crucial to the success of the program both on and off the field. It is not only the monetary support, but also the positive support and participation at all baseball related functions such as attendance at games, field work days, sponsorship efforts, coffee sales, golf tournament, and other related baseball activities. There are many events planned to ensure our teams have the means to compete at the highest level. The booster club has a proven road map to ensure we meet our goals – step by step.

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The Pope Baseball program is not limited to a four month season, but rather a four year commitment that will last a lifetime. Memories and friendships are developed and life lessons and skills are learned. Those experiences learned by today's players will be passed down to future generations of baseball players.

OPERATING BUDGET

It takes approximately \$130,000 to fund the Pope Baseball program. Cobb County provides a small portion of those funds. The Booster Club is responsible for the remainder. Fortunately, over the years the Booster Club has developed three primary fundraising events that have allowed us to meet our financial responsibilities, both as individual families and as a team.

SPECIFIC COSTS

Specific costs arise from time to time as determined by need or the decision of Coach Rowland.

POPE BASEBALL **FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS**

1. LOCAL SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorship dollars play a key role in funding our baseball program. This is traditionally our top fundraiser each year. We have formed good relationships with local business partners. Many businesses are eager to sponsor the program and all we need to do is ask! Our sponsorship efforts begin in September and allow us to get a head start on our competition. Our goal is to have sponsorships in place before the start of the season and allow everyone to focus on baseball. The Vice President of Development/Sponsorships will coordinate our sponsorship efforts.

2. GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual Pope Golf Tournament, hosted at Indian Hills Country Club, is one of our most popular fundraisers. The tournament is traditionally held in October and begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch followed by a shotgun start. The entry fee is \$125 per player, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, and prizes. We encourage all parents to invite friends and colleagues to participate.

3. GREYHOUND NATION CELEBRATION

The Greyhound Nation Celebration will take place in the Spring of 2016, time and location TBD. Items to be auctioned will benefit Pope Athletics. Items can be submitted specifically for the baseball program. Recent money has helped fund renovations to the cafeteria (TV screen/PA system) and the front entrance to school.

4. GROUNDS FOR HOUNDS COFFEE SALES

This traditional fundraiser is held in the fall and is always a big seller for our program. Each player is responsible for selling a minimum of 25 bags of coffee at \$12.00/bag. Each bag contains a full pound of gourmet coffee. We had to switch vendors this year, but the new vendor now offers both ground coffee and K-cups, as well as multiple flavors.

5. BASEBALL SEASON TICKETS

Before the start of the season, each family has an opportunity at the First Pitch Banquet to purchase season tickets. Season tickets will allow entry for all varsity and junior varsity regular season home games. Please note this does not include the playoffs. All proceeds from season tickets go directly to the Pope Baseball budget and families are credited the full amount towards the family dues.

6. SPIRIT APPAREL

Pope Baseball spirit wear will be available throughout the year. T-shirts, jackets, stadium chairs, hats, car stickers, etc. will be on sale in the coming months.

7. MIZUNO SPONSOR DAY

Mizuno shoes (cleats) will be on sale at discounted prices during our annual Mizuno Sponsor Day which is traditionally held in December. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase top quality equipment on site at the Pope H.S. cafeteria.

8. SUMMER/FALL FIELD USAGE

In addition to the Pope High School Baseball teams, our field is used by East Cobb Baseball during the fall and summer months. In exchange for this, East Cobb Baseball provides a significant financial sponsorship to the Pope Baseball program. Pope also earns concession stand profits during this time.

9. CONCESSIONS

Pope Baseball operates a full concession stand for all varsity and junior varsity home games. The concession stand is also open during most fall and summer tournament games. All profits generated are for Pope Baseball.

10. BOOSTER CLUB DUES

Each family's booster club dues goal is \$900. This amount can be reached and/or reduced through our fundraising programs. While membership in the booster club is optional, it is strongly encouraged and demonstrates a quality commitment to the program.

Example 1			Example 2	
\$900	Family Due Target		\$900	Family Due Target
-\$150	Obtain 1 Sponsorship		-\$300	Obtain 2 Sponsorships
-\$200	Coffee Sales		-\$275	Coffee Sales
\$0	No Golf Tournament		-\$125	Golf Tournament Ticket
-\$150	Three Season Tickets		-\$200	Four Season Tickets
-\$400	Out-of-Pocket Dues		\$0	Out-of-Pocket Dues
\$0	Balance		\$0	Balance

Any family with two players in the program will receive a 50% discount on the dues for the second player. All dues are paid in early February at the First Pitch Banquet after the varsity and junior varsity teams are selected.

11. LETTER WRITING

Just before the season begins, each player is responsible for submitting 10 names and addresses to which a Pope Baseball solicitation letter can be mailed. As this event occurs after the First Pitch Banquet, funds received from this campaign cannot be applied to the family dues.

12. SPIRIT PACK

A Pope Baseball Spirit Pack is offered to each player – this is a separate fee. This pack (decided on by Coach Rowland) has included game pants, game belts & socks, hats, dri-fit long sleeve t-shirt, t-shirt for Pope players only, and a windbreaker.

POPE BASEBALL EVENTS

1. FALL & SPRING FIELD WORK DAYS

Pope facilities were named Georgia Dugout Club's 2012 AAAA Field of the Year. The coaches, players, and booster club members put countless hours and effort into maintaining the field and facility. Each fall and spring, the booster club members are asked to participate in field work days at the direction of Coach Rowland. An e-mail will be sent out with specific dates and times once the work dates are finalized.

2. IMPACT TESTING

All 9th and 11th grade athletes participating in contact sports will undergo Impact Testing. This is a baseline concussion test conducted and sponsored by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. For more information, please contact Coach Mathews, Pope High School Athletic Director.

3. SENIOR DAY

It is a Pope Baseball tradition to honor our graduating senior players at a selected game near the latter part of the season. Each player is provided with multiple keepsake items to honor his baseball career at this special event.

4. FIRST PITCH BANQUET

After the varsity and junior varsity teams are selected, the Booster Club hosts a First Pitch Banquet in February. This will be scheduled before the first game. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend. Each family will be asked to bring a designated drink or food item. The varsity, junior varsity, diamond girls, and coaching staff are introduced and Coach Rowland provides insight for the upcoming season.

5. FINAL PITCH BANQUET

Our end of season Final Pitch Banquet is traditionally held in May. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend. Each family will be asked to bring a designated drink or food item. The varsity, junior varsity, diamond girls, and coaching staff are recognized. Player awards are announced and the coaching staff shares comments about the season. Our goal each year is to be in the playoffs when we have our banquet!

6. BIENNIAL ALUMNI GAME

The Pope Alumni baseball game is a fun event held every other year on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The next alumni game will be held in November 2016 at the Pope High School Baseball Field. All former Pope baseball players are invited and encouraged to participate. All families, past and present, are also invited to attend and enjoy the afternoon.

POPE BASEBALL **GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. PRE-GAME MEALS

Each Booster Club family signs up to provide a pre-game meal for weekday games. Meals are not provided on weekends or holidays (e.g. Spring Break). Families will only be responsible for providing meals for the team their son is on. The meals are to be delivered to the Pope Baseball Field picnic tables three hours before game time. The meals should be simple such as homemade sandwiches or subs, cookies, sports drink, and/or water. Enough meals should be provided for coaches, managers, and players, which can range from 20 to 30 people. Exact numbers for each team will be provided after the teams are selected. Special deals with local vendors will also be provided as options for families to provide meals.

2. CONCESSIONS

The Booster Club and Pope Baseball Diamond Girls handle various concession stand responsibilities.

- A. Stocking of Concession Stand by Vice President of Operations
- B. Concessions during games by Diamond Girls
- C. Game Day Grill Duty by Booster Club Families/sign up
- D. Post-Game Clean Up by Booster Club Families/sign up

3. DRIVERS

The players are transported to most games by bus. There are some instances that buses are not available and we ask our parents to volunteer to drive. The players are prohibited from driving to games in their own vehicles.

4. PHOTOGRAPHERS

Pope Baseball has been fortunate to have talented photographers within our group of Booster Club families. Each year, we designate 1-2 people for both the varsity and junior varsity teams to serve as our official team photographers. Those pictures are posted on the website after each game/event. Anyone interested in volunteering for one of these positions should contact the Booster Club President.

5. WEBSITE GAME SUMMARIES

After each varsity and junior varsity game a Booster Club volunteer writes a game summary that is posted on the Pope Baseball website. Each year, we designate a varsity and junior varsity parent to serve as our official team writers. Anyone interested in volunteering for one of these positions should contact the Booster Club President.

BASEBALL

COLLEGE & PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

COLLEGE PLAYERS:

1990-1991

Mason Rose – Augusta
Brandon Hollier – Brevard/Furman
Mike Tiger – Brevard

1992-1993

Chris McAuley – Emory

1994-1995

Steve Loueiro – Oglethorpe
Chris Rynders – Western Carolina
Mark Holmes – Samford University

1995-1996

Andy Kropf – Vanderbilt

1996-1997

Kyle Hatchell – GA Southern
Brian Mays – Faulkner
Matt Letourneau – Lee University

1997-1998

Chris Turco – Presbyterian
Trey Johnson – Kennesaw State
Richard Lewis – Georgia Tech
Mike Perrino – Brewton Park

1998-1999

Aaron Sheffield – North Carolina
Mark Ihlenberg – Conn/ North GA
Nate Stark – Young Harris/ Radford
Ben Genrich – Kennesaw State
Adam Bahun – Oglethorpe

1999-2000

Steve Casey – Wofford
Mickey Kropf – Harvard/ Vanderbilt
Trevor Allen – Berry College
Brandon Martin – Gardner Webb
Stan Smith – SC at Spartanburg

2000-2001

Brandon Boggs – Georgia Tech
Scott Holloway – Wofford
Steve Martin – Appalachian State
Tim Johnson – App State/ GA State
Jeb Gibbs – Wallace State

2001-2002

Chas D'Huyvetter – Georgia
Daniel Richerson – W. Carolina
Patrick Arnett – Furman
Clint O'Brien – Chattanooga State
Greg Dowling – Georgia Southern

COLLEGE PLAYERS:

2002-2003

Ryan Addison – Young Harris/ Elon
Nick Montgomery – Georgia
Nate Kuhn – Evangel

2003-2004

Paul Sauer – Reinhardt
Kevin Brennan – Young Harris

2004-2005

Brent Martin – Reinhardt
Trevor Collias – Western Carolina
Jere Gaines – Young Harris
Chris House – Georgia Tech

2005-2006

Drew Bryant – Reinhardt
Mark Fleury – North Carolina
Kevin Gaid – Furman
Zach Haedt – Young Harris
Chad Hiddleston – Reinhardt
Mike Meschke – Florida State
Steven Rosado – North Florida JC

2006-2007

Andrew Cohn – Emory
Andrew Jones – Samford
Ben Gonglach – Reinhardt College

2007-2008

Stephan Arcieri – Lenoir-Rhyne
Ryan Gale – Truett-McConnell
Matt Houser – Univ. of Charleston
Marshall Seedorf – G. Washington

2008-2009

Deven Cardenas – Piedmont
Ryan Khan – Augusta State
Matt Lane – Mississippi State
Matt Liedberg – Gardner Webb
Jon Matthews – Charleston So.
Jake Montgomery – Georgia
Ryan Ussery – UAB
Robbie Walton – Brigham Young
Ryan Walton – Brigham Young

2009-2010

Will Kendall – Auburn
Steve Wilkerson – Clemson

2010-2011

Connor Lynch – Georgia Tech
Grant Papelian – Mercer
Matt Stephens – Piedmont
Alex Hegner – NWFSC/GA St

COLLEGE PLAYERS:

2011-2012

Duane Underwood – Chicago Cubs
Ben Levine – Piedmont
Tripp Sullivan – Chattanooga State
Joe Wiseman – Georgia Tech
Greg Keel – Berry College

2012-2013

Johnny Flading – St. Pete State
Nathaniel Lowe – SJRSC/Miss State
Brady Walsh – Georgia College

2013-2014

Chip Mattiford – Emmanuel College
Harrison Siegal – Christopher Newport
Stephen Skruck – Furman
Patrick Wiseman – GA Tech

2014-2015

Braden Zarbnisky – West Virginia
Brady John – Rhodes
Jacob Ramos – Shorter

Professional Baseball Players:

Duane Underwood – Chicago Cubs
Andy Kropf – Detroit Tigers
Aaron Sheffield – Milwaukee Brewers
Richard Lewis – Atlanta Braves
Mickey Kropf - Detroit Tigers
Brandon Boggs – Texas Rangers
Greg Dowling – Oakland A's
Nick Montgomery – New York Yankees
Mark Fleury – Cincinnati Reds
Andrew Jones – Boston Red Sox
Matt Lane – Chicago White Sox
Jon Matthews – Cincinnati Reds

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