Friends:

The below list of 2009 schedule of instructional activities...TENTATIVE AND

EVOLVING...is shared with you for your consideration and our planning. The STEVE COSGROVE BASEBALL SCHOOLS (see attached flier) will offer the same top well-known baseball instruction to coaches (5-12 year old teams), and kids (ages 5-12) that I/we have been conducting the past several years. The names listed with each entry are those Key Local Contacts whose assistance has been pivotal in the past. Other people helping make these a local success are much appreciated and necessary.

Those dates and locations in BOLD are confirmed.

February 2

COACHES CLINIC (all coaches, teams ages 4-12)

Troy, AL

Dan Smith, David Dickey, Allen Blackmon, Mike LeCroy, Greg Avant, Buford Stephens

February 7

Souderton, PA

John Blough, Jim Herron, Wally Lubanski, Gordon & Rosa Campbell, Tony Pancerella

February 20-21

Gainesville, FL

Chris Agle, Richard Blalock

February 27-28

Round Hill or Purcellville, VA

Randy Christensen, Norris Beavers

March 6-7

Nashville, TN

Joe Wheeler, John Starling, Bryan Gobbell, Chris Mercado

March 13-14

Annapolis, MD

Tom Francis, Chuckie Pitts, Jeff Dresser, Chuck Breeding, Jeff Nickerson

March 16-17

17th ANNUAL SPRING 2 DAY BASEBALL SCHOOL

Auburn, AL

Lee-Scott Academy

March 21-22

Miramar/Pembroke Pines and Miami, FL

South Florida (Miramar Saturday...Miami Sunday)

Carlos Guzman, Amy Roberts, Debi Rodrigues, Mike Deno, Ron Young, Brett Kelley Andy Soterakis, Hernando Sierra, Benji Urra, Eddie Sultan

March 28

Baseball School, ages 4-12

Troy, AL

Dan Smith, David Dickey, Allen Blackmon, Greg Avant, Buford Stephens, Mike LeCroy

April 3-4 or April 24-25

Bedford, NH

Ron & Pam Skilton

[April 12th is Easter...really need to stay away from April 10-11-12 weekend.]

April 17-18

St. Joseph, IL

Tim Parker, Rob Cook, Bob Oltean, Ron Simmons, Brad Allen, Mark Doran, Mike Jentel

May 23

SCHOOL'S OUT BASEBALL SCHOOL

Auburn, AL

Lee-Scott Academy

June 15-17

ANNUAL SUMMER 3 DAY BASEBALL SCHOOL

Auburn, AL

Lee-Scott Academy

June 22-25

4th ANNUAL 4 DAY SUMMER BASEBALL INSTRUCTION

Chattanooga, TN

Baylor School

Joe Wheeler, Carol Huckaby, Jerry Murphy, Matt Marsden, John Starling

September 12 or 19

Nashville, TN

Ensworth HS

Joe Wheeler, Robbie Sinks, John Starling, Chris Mercado, Matt Gorham, Bryan Gobbell

HOW ARE WE LOOKING FOR THESE DATES? Other '09 baseball instructional activities will be added, as ongoing discussions with various groups/locations progress.

Other possible early 2009 dates/weekends include:

January 9-10

January 16-17

January 23-24

January 30-31

February 13-14

May 1-2, 8-9, 15-16

NEED FIVE THINGS IN PLACE TO MAKE THESE HAPPEN:

- 1. Pre-registration process with full non-refundable fees (by three weeks prior)
- 2. Indoor backup for inclement weather...really is very important
- 3. All facility rental fees (if any) paid by host organizations/communities
- 4. Steve's airfare/travel expenses paid by host groups (lodging with friends)
- 5. 30+ coaches Friday night (6:00-8:00pm), 60+ kids Saturday/Sunday (8:30am-3:00pm) YOU ALL CAN UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF THESE REASONABLE CONDITIONS...it has never made sense that these basic expenses were covered from the modest proceeds generated from our instructional activities.

INSTRUCTIONAL FORMATS AND TOPICS:

Friday session

COACHES CLINIC (coaches of kids/teams, ages 4/5-12)

6:00-8:00 pm On-site sign-in 5:30 pm...pre-registration process in place \$25 (or some other arrangement when league/group hosts and sponsors...guarantee #'s) **Topics:** fielding, throwing, hitting, pitching, practice organization; teaching/learning with kids; inclusion of parents/families; impact (good and bad) of coaching on kids, families, teams; keys to successful experiences with kids; keeping it FUN for all!

Saturday session

PLAYER BASEBALL SCHOOL (players, ages 4/5-12)

8:30 am-3:00 pm On-site sign-in 8:00 am...pre-registration process in place \$95 (or some other arrangement when league/group hosts and sponsors...guarantee #'s) **Topics:** stretching/warm-ups, fielding (IF and OF), throwing, hitting, bunting, pitching, catching; out-of-the-box; home-to-first; rounding first; fitness for success; position play. **COSTS:** I will work with you to make these affordable and supported...we can reduce \$. *NOTE: no player/family has ever been turned away because of limited/lack of financial resources...we will always work things out in a confidential manner to include all kids.*

I LOOK TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE THESE FUN, PRACTICAL, AND USEFUL BASEBALL (and, LIFE) LEARNING ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR KIDS, FAMILIES, TEAMS, LEAGUES, AND COACHES...all the while reflecting favorably on hosts, local baseball organizations, and respective communities.

PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU ON THESE SELECT OPPORTUNITIES. We would like to have the 2009 calendar set by October 15...if not feasible to arrange with you and your community, then, we can make these 2009 dates available elsewhere. All the best...STAY BALANCED in all things!

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