

Batters Up USA Newsletter

Fall 2009

BATTERS UP USA UPCOMING EVENTS!

With the winter softball convention season fast approaching, we thought we'd give you the rundown on what Batters Up USA is going to be doing in the upcoming weeks ...

ASA CONVENTION

Once again, we will be displaying Nov. 7-8 at the ASA Annual Meeting in Reno. We will be making our yearly report at the Commissioners Meeting on Sunday. Many of our new programs have resulted from support by ASA commissioners, who have helped us make contact with local Parks & Rec departments that have interest in starting up new youth recreational ball programs. Additionally, many commissioners make personal financial contributions to help pay for the equipment we contribute. Thanks to our many friends in the ASA!

BATTERS UP USA ANNUAL MEETING

Once again, we will hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the American Baseball Coaches Association convention to be held Jan, 7-10 in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. Our meeting will be at 9 a.m. Thursday. We will elect our directors and officers for 2010, set our program priorities, and recognize some outstanding volunteers who have helped us have strong growth over the past two years. If it's possible for you to attend, please help us have a strong turnout to kick off our 2010 activities!

NEW ONLINE AUCTION FUND-RAISER

In January 2010, we will run a month-long online auction using the services of Charity Buzz, an organization that specializes in putting on auctions for non-profit organizations. I encourage you to check out www.charitybuzz.com to see the quality-type auctions they run. We have long wanted an annual fund-raising activity to help support our annual budget, and hopefully this will develop into a major event for us. Our goal is to have at least 20 high-quality auction items of at least \$250 value so we can net at least \$10,000 in our first year.

Among the auction items will be several "experiences" such as vacation residences and special instructional clinics for boys and girls. And, of course, we'll have a good collection of memorabilia items. We welcome all our readers to make a contribution to help the cause! Just e-mail me at playballusa@msn.com to let me know.

LET'S GET MORE BATTERS UP!!

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