SUNY Cortland to Hold Baseball Clinics in August and October

The SUNY Cortland baseball team will be hosting a Little League Clinic on Sunday, Aug. 20, from noon to 4 p.m., and its Elite Fall Clinic on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Both clinics will be held at Wallace Field, with Lusk Field House as a rain site.

The Little League Clinic is for players ages 8-13 and is limited to 50 participants. The cost of the clinic is $30 per person, which includes a t-shirt. Pre-registration is required by either sending an e-mail to Cortland head coach Joe Brown at jbrown@cortland.edu or calling the Cortland baseball office at (607) 753-4950. Registrants are asked to provide their name, age, address and t-shirt size. Checks made payable to Coach Joe Brown are due upon arrival to the clinic.

Registration will take place from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The clinic will include defensive work, hitting stations and base-running drills, along with game play from 1:45-3:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to watch the game play portion of the clinic.

Cortland’s Elite Fall Clinic will be held on Sunday, October 8, and is for high school students ages 14-18. The cost is $45 per person. Participants can pre-register through the e-mail address or phone number above, and the clinic is limited to the first 45 players to pre-register.

The clinic includes hitting/defense sessions, a base-running demonstration, off-season drills and game play. Pizza and soda will be provided during lunch. Players are requested to bring their own sneakers and cleats, glove, bat, baseball pants or sweats, and hat with them to the clinics. Batting gloves are also suggested.

Brown and the Red Dragon assistant coaches, along with Cortland players, will conduct both clinics. The winningest team in New York State since 1990 with a record of 541-182-2 (.749), Cortland finished 39-9 last spring and tied for ninth nationally in Division III. The Red Dragons have qualified for the NCAA Division III playoffs each of the last 14 years -- the longest active streak nationally.

Cortland has made seven Division III World Series appearances, including a national runner-up showing in 2005 and five straight Series berths from 1997-2001. Since 1994, eight Cortland players have been drafted professionally, including two this year, and two other players have signed professional free agent contracts.

For more information on the clinics, call the Cortland baseball office at (607) 753-4950.

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