

2007 Player Testimonials



Coach Steve:

Playing with BOB-NTT has been the best experience of my life. I wouldn't hesitate to get on a plane and play for my BOB-NTT coaches any time, any where. I consider my BOB-NTT coaches and friends as part of my family. Can't wait for Gainesville!

Josh Roberts 12
Miami, FL

Coach Steve Cosgrove is positive, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable...a great coach to learn from and play for!
Tyler Beede 14
Auburn, MA

The people I met and the experience I gathered are just a couple of benefits that Boys of Baseball gave me. I wouldn't trade the memories for anything!

Michael Nix
Auburn University & Atlanta Braves
Auburn, AL

Coach Steve:

My BOB-NTT experience was fun and I enjoyed it.
I learned a lot and made friends I will always remember.

Michael Simmons 13
Villa Grove, IL

Hello, Coach Steve:

Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team means (lots to) me...I love being on the team.

It is fun and I have a great time with the team. I have met great friends in this program that I will remember for the rest of my life. Thank you for helping me to be a better person.

Your friend,
Eli Oltean 11
St. Joseph, IL

I love playing with the BOB-NTT. Coach Steve gave me an experience of a lifetime. I love all my teammates, and can't wait to play with them again. I will always love and look up to Coach Steve.

Nolen Milton 11
Clarksville, TN

Coach Steve:

I enjoyed playing with BOB-NTT at Cooperstown Dream Park NATC '07.

It was an AWESOME experience, and the best part was meeting new players from around the United States. Thanks for everything...I

will be back to play with BOB-NTT again!

Patrick Busscher 13
McDonough, GA

Dear Coach Cosgrove:

The Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team is the baseball and life experience that will be the foundation of the rest of my life. Following the life lessons of Boys of Baseball has brought success to all areas of my life.

Your friend,
Mike Skilton 15
Bedford, NH

PS Thank you for letting me be a part of the Boys of Baseball family.

Dear Coach Cosgrove:

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to play baseball at such a high level, while teaching me so much about life in general. While learning about the fundamentals of the game of baseball, I also learned about the fundamentals that are essential for succeeding in life. Without the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team organization, I could never have accomplished what I have on and off the field. I will always carry all of the lessons and teachings that I have received from this one-of-a-kind organization.

Sincerely,
Nick Pancerella 14
Collegeville, PA

BOB-NTT has not only made me a better player, but a better all-around person!

Justin Arsenault
Florida Tech Baseball Player
Melbourne, FL

Coach Cosgrove:

BOB-NTT means so much to me...it was the first real baseball learning experience for me. Along with learning the game of baseball, I also learned how to be a better person, to appreciate life, to follow my dreams, and how to be a part of a brotherhood. I will always remember my first trip to Cooperstown Dreams Park with you and all the great families I got to meet. I am forever in debt to you and your program for opening my eyes to everything that is good, because there is simply no way to repay you for that experience. I still remember the first day in Cooperstown, NY when I was 11 years old and we had our 8:00 am (ET) practice...it was still 5:00 am (PT) for me! I remember how frustrated I was at first, until you stopped practice and had us all look around at what we were blessed with and being able to do...the fog rolling in over the hills and throughout the numerous fields, with the trees in the background, what a beautiful scene it was. I will never forget it. Thank you for everything.

Abe Ruiz, 17
Pacific Grove, CA

BOB-NTT has been great for me because they have helped me through some hard times, as well as improve my baseball skills. This is a great community to be in, and it has helped thousands of kids, including me, become better people and ballplayers.

John Wheeler 13
Nashville, TN

Hi, Coach Coz:

I've played with you since I was 10. I told Skipper that I "play hard like it's my last game", and "do the little things right and hustle on every play". I remember a lot of other advice you've taught me like "we do things slowly and correctly at first, so that in games we can do them quickly and right every time", and the best of all is "STAY BALANCED in every aspect of life". In my baseball family, you've been the best. Hey, I can't forget other BOB-NTT great coaches Jimmy Kolaitis, Coleman Cosgrove, and Tom Francis, either. BOB-NTT is the best experience for an up-and-coming player. See you in Gainesville soon.

Tiger Latimer 16
Miami, FL

When I think of Boys of Baseball, I think of the camaraderie that we build over the short period of time that we are together.

Nik Nevin 15
Miami, FL

The Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team provided me with great opportunities on a national scale to develop, compete, and succeed as a young player. The values I learned will surely stay with me for the rest of my life, and it is my hope that the program will continue to help many other players for years to come.

Chris Lubanski
Gatorade National High School Baseball Player of the Year 2003
1st Round Draft Pick (#5 overall) 2003
Kansas City Royals
Collegeville, PA

Playing for Coach Cosgrove and other BOB-NTT coaches since I was 11 years old has been a big part of my baseball experience, and that experience has prepared me for competing at the next level. Thanks, Coach!

Mike Lubanski
Class of 2009
Malvern Preparatory School
Collegeville, PA

I always had fun playing for the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team in Gainesville and at the USA BASEBALL 14U Champions Classic East last year in Florida. But, the BEST TIME EVER was playing at Cooperstown Dreams Park with Coach Cosgrove and a bunch of my friends. And, I hit more home runs on the week than my two brothers did when they played there for the Boys of Baseball! Thanks, Coach Cos, for helping me with everything...I hope to play for you again.

Joe Lubanski
Class of 2011
Malvern Preparatory School
Collegeville, PA

Dear Coach Cosgrove:

The instructional schools give so many kids the chance to learn the fundamentals of the game. Baseball with the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team is so much fun! You always learn how to improve in your skills and how to get stronger and better. The coaches are excellent, and the players and families...#1. It is the best program for anyone who really loves baseball more than anything else in life. The first thing you learn is that you don't get there by wishing...you get there by doing.

Jake Faraci 14
Long Island, NY

Dear Coach Cosgrove:

The Boys of Baseball program helps you in life as much as it does in baseball. It keeps teaching you how to work harder and harder to reach your goals. I think about these lessons all the time. It helps me do my best in school, singing, and dancing. It brings out the best in everyone (including the sisters and brothers of the baseball players).

Nicole Faraci 10
Long Island, NY

I have been with the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team for four years now, and it is an honor and a great experience to play with them. Coach Cosgrove makes me look at the game of baseball in a good way that I can't describe.

Ryan Reno 15
Littleton, CO

When I think of BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM, I think of boys from around the USA coming together to play the game they love, baseball.

John Stephen Grice 12
Birmingham, AL

The Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team is a great team to be a part of every time. We get to learn about Staying Balanced at all times. It's always fun with Coach Steve!

Chase Smartt 11
Troy, AL

The BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM is a great organization. My Boys of Baseball coaches helped me choose the path that led me to the major leagues.

(MLB debut on the mound at Boston's Fenway Park, July 20, 2007---Coach Steve's birthday!)

Ehren Wassermann

Samford University & Chicago White Sox

Sylacauga, AL

The BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM is nothing short of a first-class organization. I have been blessed in having the opportunity to be a part of the BOB-NTT family, and I treasure every experience with them. My experiences have taught me a great deal about the game of baseball, and even more about life. The friendships I've established will always be cherished and never forgotten. The game of baseball itself is truly fortunate to be represented by such a program.

Briggs Smotherman

Valdosta State University Baseball Player

Valdosta, GA

Playing with the BOYS OF BASEBALL - NATIONAL TRAVEL TEAM has been a great experience. Coach Steve really loves the game of baseball...you will really want to play for him and his fellow coaches.

John Wesley Ray 13

Mississippi/Florida

Coach Steve

When I think of Boys of Baseball, I think of meeting other people and being teammates with players I wouldn't usually get to play with...going to Cooperstown, NY and meeting players from all over the country and staying with teammates in the barracks.

Your friend,

Chan Avant 12

Troy, AL

When I think about my BOB-NTT experiences, I think about all of the great times I've had playing baseball and building friendships with a great group of people. It always feels great when we come together and make a team and rely on each other after only a couple of days (of just meeting each other).

Luke Caldwell 15

Edgewater, MD

Thank you, Boys of Baseball. I had fun and met a lot of nice people from many different states while playing with my BOB-NTT teammates at Cooperstown Dreams Park, NATC 2006.

Jordan McCraney 14

LaVerne, CA

I have learned from the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team a quote that "...you don't get a second chance to make a first impression", so I have to reach for the stars at all times.

Monterio May 15

Grady, AL

BOB-NTT's the best, if you love to play baseball!

Hunter Bordner 11

Hegins, PA

When I hear BOB-NTT, what comes to mind is that you get to go places that you could never think about going. Also, meeting people you could never think of meeting like all the people I have met through you, Coach Steve, and other BOB-NTT coaches. Some of those places are Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York, and Gainesville, Florida.

Kyle Crouton Gothard 13

Opelika, AL

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think of the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team, is hanging out with all the new friends I made. Also, I think of all the coaches and Steve Cosgrove...they're all very nice people to be around. If you're on the BOB-NTT, you will make a lot of new friends and meet some awesome baseball players.

Eric Brimberry 13
Champaign, IL

Boys of Baseball = Not only is it an amazing learning experience, but it brings families together and creates everlasting friendships that I will remember for a lifetime.

Justin "Sunshine" Chamberlain 14
Camarillo, CA

When I think of BOB-NTT, the first thing that comes to my mind is all the great friends I have made in all the tournaments we have played. Now, I call this group of kids my "second family" because they have become brothers to me over the past few years.

Konnor McMillen 14
Chino Hills, CA

I have been playing for the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team since I was 11 years old. I met Coach Cosgrove at one of his instructional schools where he taught me a lot about the fundamentals of baseball. Because of Coach Steve and the BOB-NTT, I have traveled to many places in the past years. I have been able to play for Coach in Gainesville, FL, Fort Myers, FL, and Cooperstown, NY. I continue to look forward to playing with them in many tournaments and working on the skills that I have learned from Coach Cosgrove.

AJ Koscelansky 15
Collegeville, PA

When I hear the name Boys of Baseball, I think of having a good time playing baseball with people from all over the US. I also think of the great instruction that Coach Steve and all the BOB-NTT coaches give you.

Your friend,
Brantley LeCroy 13
Troy, AL

What I remember most about the BOB-NTT is all the players and coaches that have influenced me and the continued friendships from all over the country. It's an honor being a part of the Boys of Baseball program.

Cole Irvin 13
Yorba Linda, CA

Over the past couple of years, the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team has allowed me to experience things that I never thought that I would be able to do, like going to the NCAA College World Series (while playing in a tournament in Omaha). Through BOB-NTT, I have met many great people and made friends that I will keep for the rest of my life. Coach Steve, along with the rest of the coaches I have met through this program, have been great TEACHERS for me not just in baseball, but also in life.

Dylan Hast 16
Champaign, IL

What I like about BOB-NTT is anywhere you are, you have a good time with friends that you just met. The hard part is saying goodbye, but, thankfully, you do get their e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and home addresses so you can talk about all the great memories

(like the CDP bunkhouse # 37...Juanita...FORE'VER...and, the PQ's!). I can't wait for the next BOB-NTT baseball school and tournament and see who I meet.

Tripp Blackmon 12
Troy, AL

I had always been a good player and a good sport, but being a part of the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team allowed me to gain a greater appreciation for the finer points of the game, and to improve by being around an excellent coaching staff that emphasized the fundamentals. It is an organization that I am proud to have been a part of since I was 11 years old.

Richard Hevier
Amherst College Baseball Player
Albany, NY

Steve:

I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am for the chance to play for the Boys of Baseball - National Travel Team in Tucson, Arizona, June, 2000. The USA BASEBALL Junior Olympics competition was the best. The experience was amazing, and the friendships built are life lasting. The instruction you and your coaches gave was top notch, and definitely helped to propel me in my future baseball career. The bond that was built on those few days in Arizona has transcended into a friendship that acted as a second family through college, and continues to this day. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the Boys of Baseball Family.

Thanks for everything, Steve.

Josh Sullivan

Auburn University & Colorado Rockies

Little Rock, AR