



DUNWOODY WILCATSBASEBALL

** 2020 **

Baseball Parents and Players:

The Dunwoody Diamond Club would like to share the following dues cost structure. The costs of maintaining a first-class baseball program are substantial and continue to escalate. Many baseball programs have been significantly higher than Dunwoody's for several years, and ours is still one of the lowest in our region. The volunteer efforts by parents throughout the year are essential to the Diamond Club's fundraising initiatives. Your efforts and contributions are very much appreciated, and those efforts enable the Diamond Club to keep spring player dues as low as possible. Spring player dues make up less than a quarter of the total revenue of the Diamond Club. To ease the cost of dues, each player in the baseball program can re-sell their Wildcat Cards (WCC).

A summary of expenses to be paid at the Spring Kick-off Meeting:

Expense Category	Varsity	JV & Freshman
Spring Program Dues	\$950	\$950
Varsity Trip & Tourney (Local tournaments in 2019)	N/A	N/A
Prior Year Money Owed	These costs vary by player and will be added to your invoice at the Baseball Kick-Off Meeting	
Pre-pay Concession (approx. \$25)		
MISC		
TOTAL PAID TO DDC	\$950	\$950
Recoup Wildcat Card Costs #25 cards @ \$20 each	- \$500	- \$500
Total Cost if WCC Sold	\$450	\$450

Payment: Dues for the Spring Season are to be paid at registration during the Dunwoody Wildcats Baseball Kick- Off Meeting. Checks should be payable to the *Dunwoody Diamond Club* or *DDC* or via Venmo to @DunwoodyDC.

Explanation of Expenses: Spring Program Fees cover players pack items, pre-game meals, and the end-of-season banquet.

Scholarships: Dunwoody Diamond Club will consider scholarships for student athletes that demonstrate need (e.g., provide documentation of reduced meal program). Requests for confidential scholarships should be submitted to DDC President or Treasurer. It is expected that *any student receiving a scholarship will be required to sell a minimum of 25 Wildcat Cards and turn in full proceeds for these sales as reimbursement* for player pack, pre-game meals and end of season banquet. Student and parents are highly encouraged to sell more than the minimum required WCC in order to further offset expenses. In addition, we would ask that the student's family volunteer for additional shifts in the Wildcat Grill.

Player Packs: Player packs DO NOT include pants or baseball spikes these will need to be purchased separately.

- Varsity will need to separately purchase 2 pairs of pants – white with navy blue piping and grey with navy blue piping.
- JV & Freshman are only required to have 1 pair of white with navy blue piping.
- Spikes preferred color is navy blue but is not required.
- Our Spirit Wear site through Jonquil Sports will have these and other spirit items for separate purchase. <https://dunwoodybaseball20.itemorder.com/sale>
- Player pack will be ordered directly by DDC and players need only submit their sizes to our coordinator. 2020 Player Pack includes: Hooded Sweatshirt, 2 shot sleeves tees, 1 long sleeve tee, and 1 pair of shorts.



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Pre-game Meal Plan: This was put in place to provide players with a meal before every weekday game. Pre-game meals are not provided for Saturday games. Parent volunteers will be asked to coordinate delivery of game day meals for the players. A typical meal consists of a sandwich, chips, fruit or cookie and drink.

End-of-Season Awards Banquet: Dues include the cost of the banquet for each player, awards and recognition. The estimated cost for parents and others to attend the banquet is \$25 each and will be collected closer to the event. The date for the banquet will be announced later. The banquet will be at DHS, is catered, and include an awards ceremony.

Tournaments for Varsity Players:

In 2020, both our early season and spring break tournaments will be held locally in Atlanta area. No additional fee is being charged this year for hotel accommodations.

The Spring Break tournament will be held Sat, April 11 - all Varsity players should be ready to play.

Pre-Pay Concession: We will continue to offer the debit system for players participating in the spring ball program. Players utilizing the debit system must pre-pay into their "Concession Stand Account". For example, a player may start the season by pre-paying \$25. The concession volunteer will debit the account each time the player makes a purchase. The account may be replenished throughout the season. Charges are not allowed once the account reaches \$0. The account will have to be replenished before more debits can be made. Seniors who have money remaining on their account at the end of the season will receive a refund. All other players with money remaining on accounts will be carried over to the next season.

Outstanding Balances: Any outstanding balance from a previous season will be reflected on your invoice and must be paid at the Kick-off Meeting. Example: Skipping a concession duty and an "Approved Teen Worker" was paid in your absence, etc.

Wildcat Cards: If sold, these will help offset the cost of dues paid at the Spring Kickoff Meeting. On the cards there are 30+ local merchant discounts that can be used throughout the year. Players are responsible for re-selling 25 cards. The cards may be sold for \$20 each (NO more). If you don't want to re-sell your cards, please give them away, don't stick them in a drawer! Our agreement with the merchants featured on the card is to get minimum 1,500 Wildcat Cards into the Dunwoody community. We are working to organize a few "selling events" and a social media push so get out and sell your cards fast! Additional WCCs will be available for purchase at a cost of \$10, and any proceeds may be retained by the student athlete. We do ask that you be courteous to other players and refrain from selling additional cards for a few weeks after our meeting and not sell cards beyond your total dues. This will allow others to sell their cards first and then we can meet further demand.

Ways to Reduce Dues:

#1: You may request additional wildcat cards at a reduced purchase price of \$10 and resale for \$20.

#2: You may sell additional team sponsorships (banners or signage) and receive 10% off the sponsorship applied to player dues up to the total amount of dues. See Oliver Gumbrill for details.

#3: Many parents in the past have used their employers "giving programs" that match funds.

Volunteering: There are many opportunities to volunteer: ALL families 9th-12th grade will share Concession Duty and Field Workdays as a part of the commitment to the Dunwoody Baseball Program. More information on volunteer opportunities will be shared at the Kick-Off Meeting.

Thank you,
The Dunwoody Diamond Club Board