

GENESEE RAPIDS BASEBALL FACT SHEET

Houghton, NY 14744

Mission Statement: to present to baseball players, coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of living for Jesus Christ in a needy world, through the game of baseball.

Core Values: Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence

Organization: The Genesee Rapids Baseball team is in its 5th year in the New York Collegiate Baseball League (NYCBL). This wooden bat league is comprised of 11 teams throughout Western and Central New York State. The Rapids team is faith based and as such is looking for players who have good character and traditional Judeo-Christian values. The level of play throughout the league is very high, consisting mainly of Division I, II, III and NAIA players. Many players in the League have been drafted or signed with teams from Major League Baseball, including some from the Rapids.

The 2017 Rapids team made the playoffs and challenged through the final game of the Divisional Championship before losing to the eventual 2017 League Champion team.

Schedule: The NYCBL plays a 42 game schedule beginning in early June and finishing at the end of July. In addition to the 42 game schedule the league conducts playoffs and coordinates an Annual All-Star Game in cooperation with MLB Scouts.

Players: Players from throughout the US and Canada are currently being recruited to play with the Genesee Rapids. All home games are played on the newly constructed Houghton Baseball Stadium at Houghton College. (<u>www.houghtoncollege.edu</u>)



Players Responsibilities: All Players pay a team fee which covers the costs of all uniforms, equipment, game transportation, housing (in private homes with Host Families), work out facilities (Kerr-Pegula Athletic Center, pictured below) and most meals during the season.



The team fee is based on:

- a) player position
- b) level of college play
- c) financial need (separate application available)
- d) team expenses

Players are responsible for their transportation to and from Houghton, NY.

For more information: Contact Ralph Kerr, General Manager, geneseerapidsbaseball@gmail.com or 716-969-0688. An Application Form is available under the drop down menu Join Our Team on our website, www.geneseerapidsbaseball.com