



About Us:

CNY Baseball Academy is owned and operated by Geddes own Jason Macko and Greg Sampo who bring multiple years of experience to youth baseball.

CNY Baseball Academy is formerly known as CNY All-Stars and has taken the foundation that has been built over the last 20 years by former longtime Geddes President Jim Alford, who proved to be years ahead of his time by being one of the pioneers to bring travel baseball to Syracuse. His Cooperstown teams were legendary for their high quality practices and game time performance. Ranking a number of times in the top 10 in the country and as well as a first place finish at the famous Cooperstown Field of Dreams Park Tournament.

Jason Macko -

- Over 20 years coaching experience
- Former 4-Year high school Varsity Starter and Division 1 Player & Pro-Prospect (West Virginia University & St. Bonaventure University)
- Starting coaching out after college and was one of the areas youngest High School JV & Varsity coaches in the State as he coached in the Fayetteville-Manlius District.
- He was a first Team Atlantic Ten catcher in college
- Empire State Games '90 and Babe Ruth World Series '91, '92
- Jason also earned First Team honors as a Junior and Senior at CBA.
- He has also excelled with individual lessons over the last 15 years teaching the necessary fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and pitching from the basic to advanced levels.
- His passion is seeing young players develop at their own pace and foster a love for the game, through hard work, dedication and commitment. All necessary characteristics that carry over into adulthood.

Greg Sampo – has over 10 plus years of youth baseball coaching experience and has run and operated the CNY All-Star travel program for Jim Alford for the last 4 years. He has successfully carried on the winning tradition Jim Alford has built. Greg excels at teaching team fundamentals of the game and the importance of high standards. Beyond the field, Greg excels at creating advanced programs for young players to participate in and finding unique and exciting venues for team play.

Eddie Charles- Pittsburgh Pirates Northeast Area Supervisor Scout

- Team captain and three-year starter as an outfielder for Auburn High School (2009 Graduate). Named *The Citizen Newspaper* Player of the Year and All-CNY selection as a senior.
- Played one season at Siena College prior to transferring to SUNY Oswego (2013 graduate). Was a three-year starter as an outfielder at Oswego and named team captain during senior year.
- Played one summer in the Great South Collegiate League (Athens, GA) and two summers in the New York Collegiate Baseball League (Syracuse, NY).
- Started career in professional baseball as a **Baseball Operations intern for the Pittsburgh Pirates** in 2014 and had a role in all aspects of the front office working on special projects to assist the general manager in decision-making.
- Transitioned to amateur scouting in 2016 as a Scouting Fellow and assisted the scouting department in preparing for the First-Year Player Draft. Shortly after in 2016, was hired for **current position as Pittsburgh Pirates Northeast Area Supervisor**. Currently is responsible for scouting and reporting on players from NY, NJ, CT, MA, NH, RI, ME, and VT.
- In this current role, responsibilities include evaluating players and writing scouting reports, interviewing and sharing information with players and their families about professional baseball, and recommending players to be considered as potential draft picks for the Pirates.
- Has been a part of four MLB Drafts as an Area Supervisor (2017-2020) and has been responsible for drafting/signing eleven players from the Northeast during that span. Recently in August 2020, was a member of the coaching staff for the prestigious East Coast Pro Showcase (Hoover, AL) and Summer Rivalry Classic (Hartford, CT).