

## Athens High School Baseball Field Renovation Fundraiser

The Athens High School Baseball facilities have been neglected for many years and we are asking for your financial support to help restore our young men's pride. By supporting our efforts you'll receive your own boost of self-esteem and pride, recognition from the community, and hopefully add some business along the way. The following is a list of items targeted for purchase and/or replacement:

- Set of 3 new bases - \$130.00
- New base stanchions(3) - \$25.00
- New Stanchion plugs(3) - \$25.00
- New Pitching Rubber - \$75.00
- New bats(3) for 2012 BBCOR rating required by the State of MI approximately \$300.00 each
- Cleat cleaner for pitcher's mound - \$25.00
- Fence guard – 100ft. -\$105.00
- Outdoor hitting net - \$1775.00
- Indoor hitting net - ~~\$2700.00~~ 2700.<sup>00</sup>
- On-deck circle pads - \$400.00
- Training videos - \$270.00
- (2) Catchers gloves - \$160.00
- First baseman's glove - \$80.00
- New backstop with adjoining fencing to each dugout - \$6200.00(\$2400 raised as of 3/3/2011)
- Pitcher's mound tarp - \$140.00
- Home Plate circle tarp - \$210.00

As a reward to those willing to support our efforts, we will provide an advertising banner. There are three choices for the banner/advertisement.

Choice A – 4' x 10' banner, full color with company/family name and logo attached to the press box- \$300.00

Choice B – 3' x 8' banner, full color with company/family name and logo attached to the outfield fence-\$200.00

Choice C – 3' x 5' banner, full color with company/family name and logo attached to the outfield fence-\$150.00

All checks should be made payable to Athens Baseball and mailed to 11815 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Fulton MI 49052.

These banners will be on display April 1 thru July 4 of each year and stored during the offseason. We will need your art work for the printer by March 25 in order to complete the banners by April 1. If you have any questions, please contact me at home 269-746-4961 or by cell 269-967-1439. Thank you for supporting the young men of our community. Go Indians!

Very truly yours,



Merl "Lucky" Smith

Athens High School Baseball – Head Coach

## Mission Statement of Athens High School Baseball

Our program helps develop the young men of our community to learn lifelong habits for success by combining athletics, character building, and personal responsibility. Our program emphasizes the following qualities for all Athens Baseball Players:

- Be a good citizen – Do the right thing
- Be smart - In the classroom, in the community, and on the field.
- Commitment - Do what's best for the team.
- Composure – Keep it simple in crucial situations.
- Confidence – Think positive, believe in yourself. Know we can beat any opponent.
- Dedication – Be the best player you can be, give 100% on every play and every pitch.
- Determination – Overcome adversity; do whatever it takes to achieve the results you want.
- Humble – Stay the course. Our best effort and respect is expected for each opponent.
- Pride – When we step on the field, know you represent our entire community.
- Respect – Give respect to your opponent, but know that we have one objective – defeat them.
- Think Championships – Set your goals high and do what it takes to achieve them.

With these sound character principles in place, we believe the young men of our community will become better citizens as they leave our education system for greater endeavors.