

ThunderRidge Baseball

2025

Parent and Player Information



**THUNDERRIDGE
GRIZZLIES**



Introductions

- ***Head Coach:*** E.J. Mapps

Assistant Coaches:

Mike Branam

Chris Lien

Tyler Collins

Jordan Nathanson

Jimmy Gassman

Phil Schmitten

Taylor Goertz

Joe White

Evan Gooden

Spring 2025

- Approximately 80 players right now that we anticipate trying out
- Plan to carry 4 teams: Varsity, JV, Two Level 3 teams (AKA Soph and Fresh)
- Roster limit of 23 Varsity players
- 13-15 players per team for lower levels
- Players will be at the level they can play regularly and develop
- Lower levels first priority is for player development
- Minor leagues example
- Varsity Baseball is CHSAA/5A/Continental League highly competitive athletics, like all other sports. Starters and reserves, everyone will play an important role

Important Dates

- January 6-February 22: Pre-Season Practices, Mondays-Saturdays, 7 weeks
- February 24: First official day, tryouts begin
- February 28: Teams made, players notified
- Saturday March 8: First Scrimmage TBA
- Tuesday March 11: Opening Day for Varsity and JV
- ***Friday March 14: Varsity Foundation Game at Coors Field 2 PM, All players attending***
- ***Saturday March 15: Games for all 4 Levels, before Spring Break !!***
- Sunday March 16: Varsity travels to Tucson for Spring Break Tourney
- March 17-22: Spring Break, no lower level games, practices etc. TBD
- March 24-May 16: Regular Season, See attached schedules
- May 17: CHSAA Regionals: round of 32
- May 23-24: Final 8
- May 30-31: Final 4, State Championship

Varsity Spring Break, Tucson AZ

- Chris Moon Memorial Classic Tournament
- Tucson High School, Cherry Field
- Travel on Sunday March 16
- Practice Monday March 17
- 5 Varsity games Tuesday thru Friday
- (1 game that counts toward CHSAA, others are Foundation/Scrimmages)
- Return Saturday March 22, could go back Friday night
- Costs/details per player will be set early January
- Would like to take Varsity/JV to Vero Beach FL in 2026

Player Equipment Needed

- White spikes for Varsity, preferred for all levels. Navy or other for lower levels is OK
- White Batting Helmet for Varsity, preferred for all levels. Navy or other for lowers is OK. Decals provided
- Good fitting baseball pants. At least 1 pair of White, 1 pair of Gray. We are going to plain White game pants!!! Required for Varsity, preferred for all levels. Gray pants for practice
- Standard Navy baseball socks, Navy belt, Navy undershirts. Stirrups will be provided
- Standard gloves, batting gloves, bats (would encourage wood and metal), catchers gear (TR colors) etc.
- Optional T-Shirts, Sweats, Hoodies etc. available on online stores
- Link for online store will be sent out 12/17.

Player Gear Provided

- 2 Hats for games and practices
- 2 practice tops
- 1 Hoodie for cold weather
- Game Jerseys to be turned back in after season. Eventually entire program wearing same uniforms
- We have a few jackets but would eventually like to have a full set to be issued for every player in program

Fundraising

- Necessary lifeblood of any program
- TR Baseball in top 1% of any high school program
- Need to continue tradition of excellence and things done right
- Direct benefit to players first consideration for every expense

Fees and Fundraising 2025

- DCSD Participation Fee \$200
- Additional GBBC Membership/Fundraising Fee for TRHS Baseball \$300
- Rockies Ticket Voucher Program
- Outfield Fence Banners, see attached flier
- Concession Stand Plaques, see attached flier

Rockies Ticket Vouchers

- 1 voucher gets 2 tickets to Rockies game
- \$50 per voucher=2 tickets
- \$180 for 4 pack = 8 tickets
- We are required to sell 1000 vouchers, can go over but not under 1000
- Each player in program sells 20 (Five 4 packs)
- Varsity level players playing at Coors Field sell 24 (Six 4 packs)
- TR Baseball clears \$22 per voucher.
- \$22,000 Fundraiser for the program
- Vouchers are ready!! Need to be done by March 15th
- Geoff and Becky Paquette Voucher Coordinators
- We have an online account set up for orders. Will send out and post link ASAP!!

Outfield Banners/Concession Stand Plaques

- See attached flier

ThunderRidge Baseball

- No charge for Winter pre-season practices
- No charge for Winter weight training
- No charge for Summer practices
- No charge for Fall practices
- High Level offerings for Summer and Fall Teams at reasonable cost
- Fortunate to have the facilities we have on campus
- We sit at ground zero of High School Baseball in Colorado
- Everything we want has to be worked for and earned

Summer and Fall Baseball

- 36 different clubs for TR players last summer
- Players encouraged to make best choice for them in summer and fall
- ThunderRidge is committed to being best around. We are active and working, year round, Spring thru Winter
- No right or wrong way, every school program is different.
- We do what works best for us!!
- We will continue to expand our Summer and Fall programs as needs grow

Information!!!

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- TRathletics.org
- trhsbaseball.com
- Facebook and Instagram