



2022 School Kids Day Prep Course



Welcome



Welcome to the 2022 Buffalo Bisons "Prep Course". We look forward to having you join us for our annual School Kids Day game on Tuesday, June 7th!

To help you get ready for the game, we have put together this guide to give you all the info you will need to enjoy the day.

Inside you will find information on the Bisons and the basics of a baseball game, as well as some information tied to our theme for the day, which is Flag Day: Honor and Respect!

Our friends from WNY United Against Drugs & Alcohol have also provided us with some information to help your kids stay away from drugs and live a healthy lifestyle. This additional link can be found on the Bisons School Kids Day page.

At the end of this guide is a certificate of completion. Snap a picture of your class holding them up, and we'll put it up on the video board during the game! Email pictures to solay@bisons.com.

Thanks and we'll see you at the game!



Bisons Baseball



Triple-A Baseball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays

Baseball season: April-September (72 home games)

Play at Sahlen Field in downtown Buffalo

Stadium capacity: 16,600 seats!

Home to Buster T. Bison, Chip, Chicken Wing, Bleu Cheese, Atomic Wing, Beef on Weck, Carrot, Fish Fry and fan-favorite, Celery!

Website: Bisons.com

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Baseball Basics



- Game is 9 innings (includes top + bottom)
 - Extra innings played if tied after 9, until someone wins
- Top of the inning – Bisons are in the field
- Bottom of the inning – Bisons are batting
- 3 outs end half an inning
- Outs can be made by:
 - Batter striking out (3 strikes)
 - A batted ball caught before touching the ground
 - A batted ball thrown to base before player arrives
 - A runner tagged out by a fielder



Baseball Basics



Here is a look at the players in the field:

How many positions are there?

Is that an even or an odd number?

How many bases are on the field?

What shape is the infield?

At what degree angle do the baselines intersect?

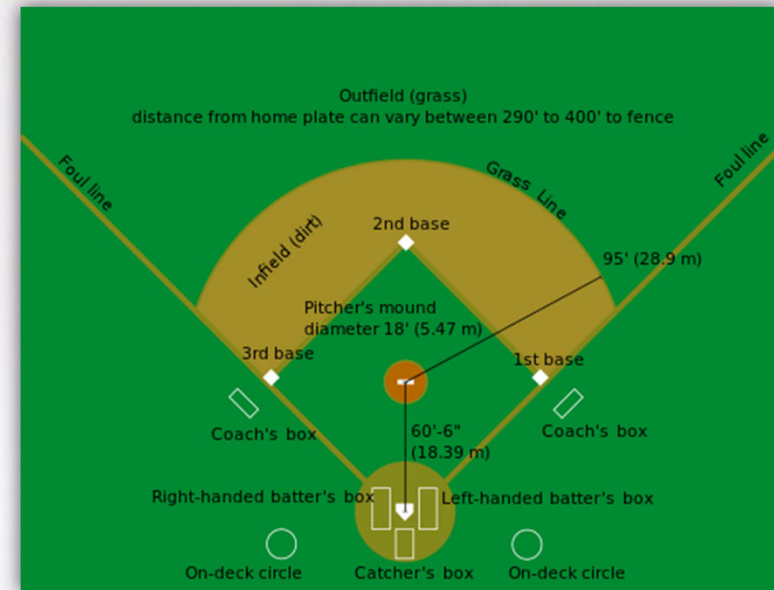




Baseball Basics



Each position in the field is assigned a number. If you hear that the Bisons turned a 5,4,3 double play, that means the third baseman threw to the second baseman, and he threw to first to get 2 runners out.





Statistics/Game Info.



Line Score

R: Runs scored for the game for each team

H: Each team's total Hits for the game

E: Total Errors made for the game for each team

MORALES
B: 4 ERA: 0.00
S: 4 TP: 8
Sahlen's
MPH

GREGORY POLANCO # 5 RF
H: 19 AB: 62 AVG: .306
HR: 4 SB: 4 OBP: .358
RBI: 12 R: 7 OPS: .939

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Platter's CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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Statistics/Game Info.



Pitch Count

B: number of balls

- 4 balls put a man on base!

S: number of strikes

- 3 strikes and you're out!
- Foul balls count as strikes up to 2
- If 2 strikes already, foul ball doesn't count

O: number of outs

- 3 outs and teams switch places

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Batting Average (AVG)

- Calculated by dividing hits by number of at-bats
- Ex: 3 hits in 10 at bats = .300 avg.

HR – Home Runs

RBI – Runs Batted In

On Base Percentage (OBP)

- Measures how often a batter reaches base by calculating (hits + walks + hit by pitch) / (at bats + walks + hit by pitch + sacrifice flies)
 - Ex: If a batter has been at bat 127 times, and in that time has made: 32 hits, 7 walks, been hit by a pitch 2 times, and 3 sacrifice flies, then:
 - 32 hits + 7 walks + 2 hit by a pitch is 41.
 - 127 at bats + 7 walks + 2 hit by a pitch + 3 sacrifice flies is 139.
 - 41 divided by 139 is 0.295
 - Therefore, the batter's on base percentage is .295.



Statistics/Game Info.



Now let's see if you can calculate:

Batting Average

A player has 72 hits in 243 at-bats.

What is his batting average for this season?

On Base Percentage

A batter has been at bat 333 times, and in that time has made: 93 hits, 36 walks, been hit by a pitch 5 times, and 6 sacrifice flies.

What is his On Base Percentage?



Flag Day: Honor and Respect



The American Flag, or “Old Glory” as it may be referred to, has a history that dates all the way back to the Revolutionary War. The flag has undergone many changes throughout history, as America developed into the country we know today. It is important to know the history behind the flag and what it means not only to our country, but to everyone individually, as citizens of the United States. The flag may have a different meaning to everyone, hopefully this course will help identify what it means to you!



Flag Day: Honor and Respect



When the Revolutionary War, also known as the American Revolution, began in 1775, the 13 colonies were fighting for independence from British reign. Although the colonies were fighting together against the British, most had their own distinguished flag. In June of 1775, the Continental Army was created, which brought the colonies together, allowing a unified and organized army to battle together. They soon realized that a flag was needed to show this unity and created the "Continental Colors", or Grand Union Flag, which is considered the first "American" Flag.





Flag Day: Honor and Respect



Flag Day Facts

Who – Idea originated by a small-town teacher, Bernard Cigrand

What – Annual Flag Day

Where – Wisconsin

When – June 14, 1885

Why – Mr. Cigrand thought we should recognize our flag annually out of respect for our country and its history. June 14 is when the Second Continental Congress agreed upon the adoption of the American Flag in 1777.



Flag Day: Honor and Respect



It wasn't until 1916, that Flag Day was recognized nationally by President Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president. Congress then made Flag Day official in 1949, under President Harry S. Truman. It is not a national holiday but is more of day to remember America's history. Since 1777, there have been 27 variations of the American flag, some lasting as little as one year, as stars are added when new states join the Union.

The most recent changes to the flag came when Alaska and Hawaii joined the union in 1959. A 17-year-old student from Ohio, Bob Heft, was credited for the flag design that included 50 stars. His design was selected by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.



Flag Day: Honor and Respect



The current American Flag has 13 alternating Red and White Stripes, representing the 13 original colonies. There are also 50 white stars, representing the 50 states, which are arranged in a Blue field.

Each color has its own meaning:

Red - hardiness and valor

White - purity and innocence

Blue - vigilance, perseverance
and justice





Flag Day: Honor and Respect



Where else is Red, White, and Blue used to portray unity? There are many sports teams and league logos that incorporate these colors also:





Flag Day: Honor and Respect



The next time you are traveling, whether it's around your city or you are on vacation, look and see how many different places have flags outside/inside their building. You can even turn it into a game to see who can find the most flags! Here are a few places to look:

Local Government Buildings

Schools

Hospitals

Libraries

Sports Facilities

Police, Firefighter, Military Uniforms

Peoples' homes



Flag Day: Honor and Respect



It's amazing that what started as an idea of a teacher and a design of a student, is recognized across our great nation. It shows that anyone can make a change or a difference at anytime, which is one of the special qualities and freedoms we have Americans. What does the American Flag mean to you?!

*Freedom, Independence, Pride, Opportunity, Respect,
Diversity, Loyalty, Greatness, Remembrance, History,
Change, Superpower, Honor, Family, Heroes,
Patriots, Success, Growth, Glory, Thankful*



Flag Day: Honor and Respect



*For more information and to continue the discussion,
check out these sites!*

<https://www.history.com/news/what-is-flag-day>

[https://www.army.mil/article/247395/the importance history of flag day](https://www.army.mil/article/247395/the_importance_history_of_flag_day)

<https://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/history/old-glory/>



Game Day Check List



- Game time is 11:05am, gates open at 9:30am
 - Don't be afraid to get here early!!!
 - Games typically last 2.5-3 hours
- Dress accordingly for the weather
 - Sunblock/hats if it's warm + sunny
 - Raincoats/ponchos if there could be inclement weather
 - Plan on attending rain or shine, we will do our best to play the game either way!
- What you can bring
 - Gloves for foul balls
 - Backpacks
 - Bagged lunches
- Be Smart
 - Listen to your teachers' instructions
 - Be careful when crossing the street
 - Don't litter
 - Don't run, be courteous to other fans at the game
- **HAVE FUN!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS



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