



# 2025 School Kids Day Prep Course

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# Welcome



Welcome to the 2025 Buffalo Bisons "Prep Course". We look forward to having you join us for our annual School Kids Day game on May 29<sup>th</sup>!

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 The Arts of Buffalo, the art, music, and architecture of our city.

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](mailto:solay@bisons.com) no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks and we'll see you at the game!





# Bisons Baseball



- Triple-A Baseball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays
- Baseball season: March-September (75 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!



## Online

- Website: [Bisons.com](http://Bisons.com)
- X: @BuffaloBisons
- Instagram: @BuffaloBisons
- Facebook: Buffalo Bisons





# 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



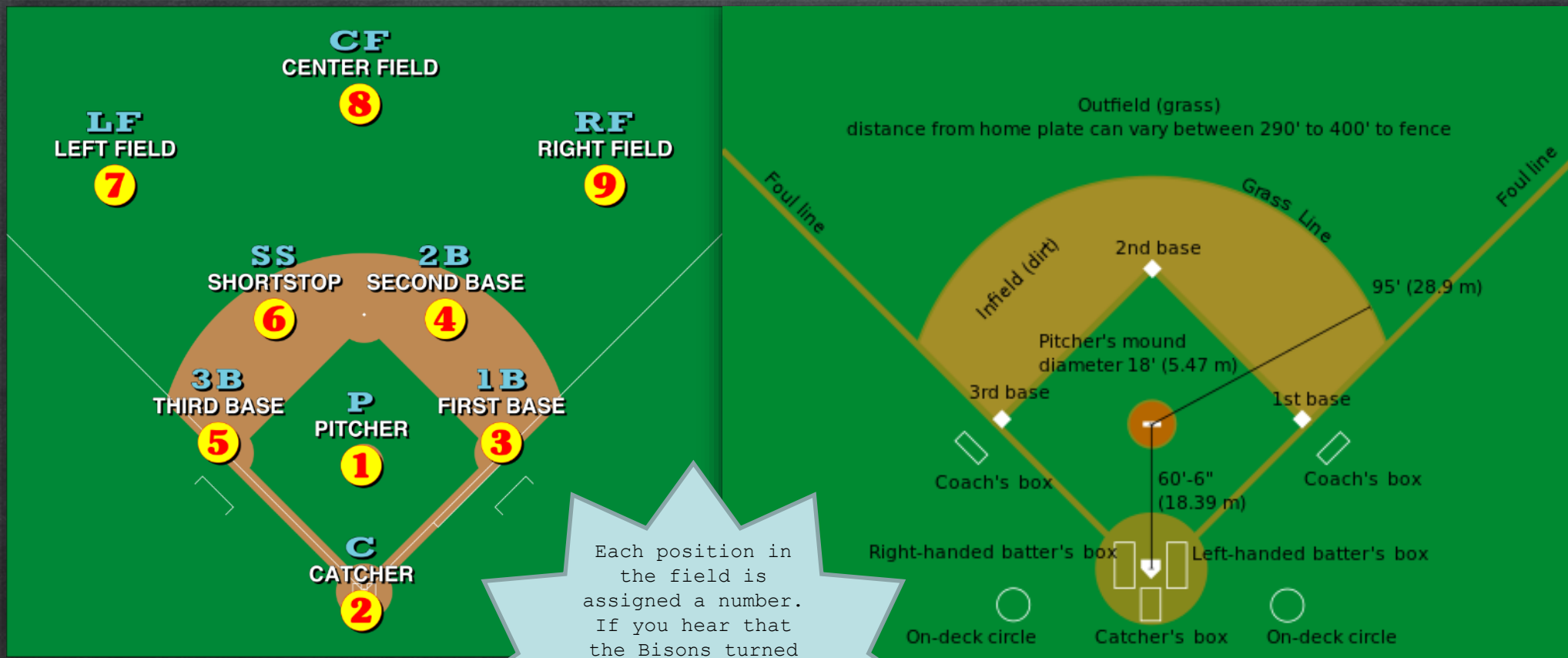
Here is a look at the players in the field:

- 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 4,6,3 double play, that means the second baseman threw to the shortstop, and he threw to first base to get 2 runners out.





# 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

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TIROTTA	.260		3B						
RODEN	.259		AB	AVG	OPS				
PALMEGIANI	.207		102	.235	.836				
KASEVICH	.000		HR	RBI	SB				
LANTIGUA	.255		6	13	3				
CANCEL	.235	LA NOVA MPH:							
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# 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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# Game Info



Looking at this photo of the Bisons lined up down the first base line for the National Anthem, can you find:

- The mean of the jersey numbers
- The median of the jersey numbers
- The range of the jersey numbers





# Statistics/Game Info



- 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 0.29496
      - 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 89 hits in 303 at-bats.

What is his batting average for this season?

- **On Base Percentage**

A batter has been at bat 243 times, and in that time has made: 76 hits, 19 walks, been hit by a pitch 2 times, and 12 sacrifice flies.

What is his On Base Percentage?





# The Arts of Buffalo



Buffalo is known as the “Queen City” as it is the second most populated city in New York state, behind only New York City. It is home to great sports atmospheres like the Bills, Sabres, Bandits and Bisons! Our city is full of unique, mouth-watering food like Chicken Wings, Beef on Weck, Fish Fry and Pastry Hearts. Buffalo is also a very diverse, inclusive community that celebrates events like Juneteenth, Dyngus Day, and St. Patrick’s Day to name a few.

Aside from all these great characteristics, Buffalo sets itself apart in Art, Music, and Architecture.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Art



Buffalo is full of art – both public and in museums. Public art is done for the public to see in public places, like murals painted on the sides of buildings or sculptures placed in parks. These art pieces can tell a story of past, present, or future and show what is important to a community and their culture.

The next slide has examples found on Hertel Avenue in Buffalo.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Art



“Buffalo Map” – Mario Zucca



“Goo Goo Dolls” – Philip Burke

Hertel Alley mural –  
Nicole Cherry





# The Arts of Buffalo – Art



The Buffalo AKG ART Museum (formerly the Albright-Knox Art Gallery) is one of the oldest art museums in the United States and has a world-renowned collection of modern and contemporary art.

**Modern Art** – a style of art that was created between the 1860s-1970s and is known for its bold colors, abstract forms, and rejection of traditional techniques

**Contemporary Art** – is innovative, challenging, and thought-provoking. Contemporary art reflects the social, political, and cultural issues of our time.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Art



Modern Art Example  
"Starry Night" – Vincent van Gogh



Contemporary Art Example  
"Political Woman" – James Tissot





# The Arts of Buffalo – Music



Music also has its place in the streets of Buffalo, where there are many venues and musical artists who are well known beyond the city limits. There are many different styles found around town, from country to pop and jazz to funk, which are all welcome in the City of Good Neighbors.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Music



Here are some popular venues according to Visit Buffalo Niagara:

- Asbury Hall
- Town Ballroom
- Mohawk Place
- Pausa Art House
- Nietzsche's
- Sportmen's Tavern





# The Arts of Buffalo – Music



Here are some famous singers and bands from Western New York:

- Goo Goo Dolls – Pop
- Rick James – Funk
- Aqueous – Indie-Jam Rock
- Ani DiFranco – Folk/Alternative Rock
- Willie Nile – Folk/Alternative Rock

Be sure to listen throughout the game for some of these amazing performers!





# The Arts of Buffalo – Architecture



Architecture truly sets Buffalo apart and is considered one of the most architecturally significant cities in all the United States. The city's style includes Victorian, Art Deco, Colonial Revival, Neoclassical, and Gothic Revival to name a few. The architecture reflects its history as an industrial capital in the 19th and 20th centuries. These buildings are protected under preservation laws and some have even been restored/completed to their original design.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Architecture



A building you will see when driving past the ballpark or walking into the stadium is part of the ECC campus. This building used to be a post office and showcases the Gothic Revival style of architecture used in the city of Buffalo.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Architecture



There are many influential architects who helped shape Buffalo into what it is today. Joseph Ellicott is responsible for founding the city and mapping the roadways, while Frederick Law Olmsted is responsible for designing the parks and parkway system.

Because of their designs, Buffalo is considered the best planned city in America, since you can realistically get anywhere in the city in 20 minutes or less.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Architecture



Another famous architect who deserves recognition is Frank Lloyd Wright. He is arguably the greatest American architect of all time as his innovation has changed the way we build and live. Here in Buffalo, he has designed 10 different buildings or houses, some which you may visit as part of a field trip or visit with family.





# The Arts of Buffalo – Architecture



*The Martin House*



*Graycliff*



*Fontana Boathouse*



# The Arts of Buffalo – Architecture



Check out these websites for more info:

<https://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/hertelwalls-the-avenue-of-amazing-art/>

<https://buffaloakg.org/>

<https://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/wright-road-trip/>





# The Arts of Buffalo – Art



There is a saying that “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder”, meaning that what one person finds beautiful or admirable may not appeal to someone else. This is the case for all forms of art! As individuals, we all have a certain taste or preference for what we like and dislike. It is alright to disagree on things or have different opinions, if it is done respectfully!





# 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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