



2026

# DIRECTOR'S LETTER

It's hard to believe this is our 11th year of hosting Iowa Baseball Camp for the Deaf (IBCD). Thanks to the incredible support from our community here in Iowa and across the country, IBCD has continued to grow every year since we started in 2015.

This year was our biggest camp yet, with 46 campers who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, ages 7-14, along with countless volunteers and supporters helping make this week possible. It started as a simple baseball camp that grew into something much bigger - a community that families look forward to every summer.

IBCD was created to bring children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing together through the game of baseball, but it has become so much more than that. Many of our campers often feel left out of sports and other activities because of communication barriers and limited accessibility. At IBCD, communication is never a barrier. Whether through ASL, interpreters, or simply the patience and willingness to connect, every child here has full access and the freedom to be themselves.

Campers build confidence, come out of their shells, form lifelong friendships, and realize they are not alone. For many of these children, IBCD is one of the few places where they can fully communicate, belong, and feel understood without struggling just to express themselves.

We want to thank the Iowa Cubs for hosting ASL Night for the third straight year in celebration of the Deaf community. The Iowa Cubs will once again wear custom ASL jerseys, with this year's special light-blue jerseys being auctioned off to support IBCD. Our campers will throw out first pitches, sign the national anthem, and participate in on-field activities to proudly showcase Deaf culture and our community.

This year, we are also honored to have the USA Deaf Baseball National Team join us at IBCD. Their athletes spent time giving back to our campers and showing them what is possible as successful Deaf adults and athletes. Thank you, USA Deaf Baseball, for inspiring the next generation.

We also want to extend our sincere thanks to Iowa Hands & Voices for being an incredible partner as IBCD continues to grow. Thank you as well to Johnston Little League for allowing us to call your fields home.

Thank you to every volunteer, interpreter, coach, supporter, donor, and family member who makes this camp possible. IBCD is entirely powered by community support, generosity, and love. Every hit, pitch, fly ball, smile, and memory made this week exists because people chose to give their time, energy, and hearts to these kids.

And finally, to the parents and families who trusted us with your children - thank you. Because of you, your children have a place where they feel supported, seen, and free to enjoy the game in their own language and culture.

IBCD is more than just a summer camp. It's a community. Let's keep it growing.

## THANK YOU! ¡GRACIAS!

Sincerely Yours,  
**Dylan Heuer**  
Camp Director



**Nancy Heuer**  
Camp Coordinator



IBCD is a week-long, half-day summer baseball camp for children who are Deaf and hard of hearing, ages 7-14, made possible by Iowa Hands & Voices, the Iowa Cubs, and a community of generous partners.

We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization through Iowa Hands & Voices. EIN: 75-3169070



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# CAMP ROSTER

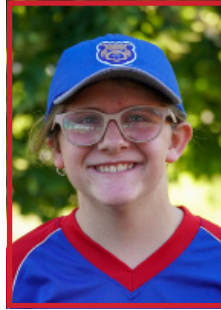


## IBCD By the Numbers

- 45 Campers
- 4 States Represented  
(IA, KY, MI, NE)



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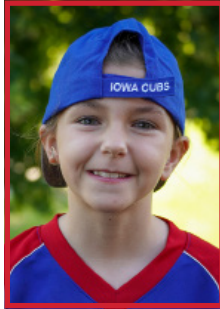
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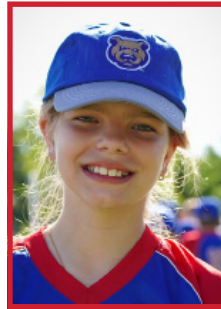
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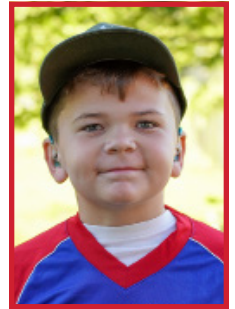
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Sawyer Leinen



Jed Lewis



Asher Lopes



Maverick Lukowicz



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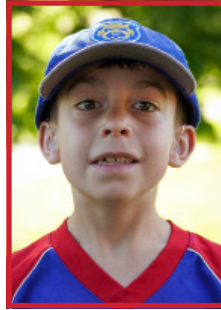
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Walter Schmitt



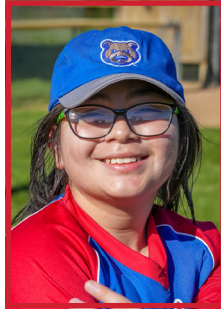
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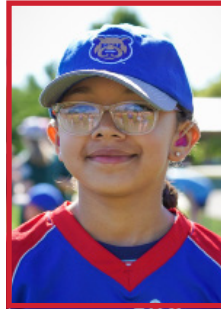
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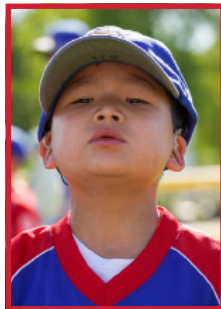
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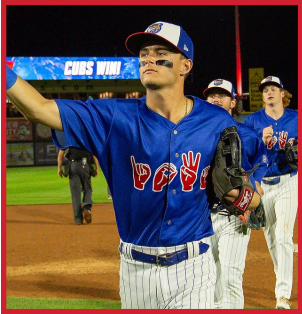


# IOWA CUBS ASL NIGHT

This year marked the third straight year of ASL Night with the Iowa Cubs, continuing a tradition that has become a highlight of the IBCD experience. Over the years, the Iowa Cubs have worn special ASL jerseys in blue, red, and now light blue, raising awareness and celebrating the Deaf community and IBCD.



From the players and staff to the campers and fans in the stands, ASL Night showcases the power of inclusion, accessibility, and community through baseball. We are grateful to the Iowa Cubs and everyone who continues to support IBCD and celebrate Deaf culture.



## USA DEAF BASEBALL



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# TESTIMONIALS



*"I remember picking [him] up from his first day at IBCD and seeing him beaming with pride - a sight that I will never take for granted."*

- IBCD Parent

*"It makes me feel happy to be around other kids who know what it's like."*

- Maverick (Age 11)



*"Camp is her favorite week of the summer because she's just one of the gang."*

- IBCD Parent

*"He gets to be himself without being shy by being with others who are deaf or hard of hearing."*

- IBCD Parent



*"The first time I went, I had a blast. Seeing others just like me made me feel comfortable... It made me feel like I truly belong."*

- Lyni (Age 10)



# CAMP VOLUNTEERS

## Head Coaches



Ryan Fitzgerald



John Linden



Luke Tasler

## Volunteers

Lou Bassman  
Denny Barton  
Rusty Channon  
Sembetu Dalay  
Gordon Dierauer  
Lani Dirks  
Katy Faircloth  
Nathan Faber  
Emmi Goetz  
Eddie Hamann  
Tom Heuer

Lucas Johnston  
Sybil Luft  
Emily MacDonald  
Chase Magsig  
Cindy Manker  
Steve Manker  
Haley Matias  
Kasey McDaniel  
Jeff Nulph  
Dylan Nulph  
Amanda Parker

Jordan Patton  
Jen Reed  
Hannah Rodrigues  
Casey Shanaberger  
Linda Sjolund  
Barbara Suapaia  
Elizabeth Van Camp  
Maddy Wagner

## Interpreters

Kaydn Dimler  
Amanda Gallant  
Susan Hardine  
Ursula Heuer  
Paige Kauffman  
Tailyn Kaster  
Julia Lyttle  
Jenn Murphy  
Heidi Parrow  
Ken Padilla  
Jeff Reese  
Stephanie Sabin  
Jane Sutcliffe  
Amber Tucker  
Tara von Walden



# CAMP SUPPORT



## ADDITIONAL SUPPORTERS

Barry Family Trust  
 Nina Brown  
 Paul Carter  
 Gordy & Renae Dierauer  
 Lynn Doerr  
 Darci Duey  
 The Fynaard Family  
 Chad, Tonya, & Bo Gerbracht  
 Carrie Haugh  
 Suann Hibbs  
 Marvis Knosp  
 Wayne & Marcia Laxox  
 Maverick Lukowicz & Friends

Jack Mattis - JEM Group LLC  
 Meghan Moratz  
 Debbie Nielsen  
 Molly Olsasky  
 The Pinegar Family  
 Mel Pomerantz  
 Scott Family Fund (Mary Scott)  
 Steven Sjolund  
 Amy Stevens  
 Deb Tezak  
 Joni Tibbetts  
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