

Bulldogs Set to Howl In Historic Cooperstown

Brooklyn's 78th Precinct Youth Council's Bulldogs and their coaches Marc S. Lussier, Richard Gutekunst, Gabe De Angelo and Gonzalo Gonzales will be heading to Cooperstown, N.Y., the legendary home of baseball, on August 16. The Bulldogs, representing the 78th Precinct Youth Council in Park Slope, will be in an invitational tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park where they will compete against other teams from across the country. In addition to playing in the tournament, the members of the Bull Dogs will be enshrined in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Cooperstown Dreams Park experience will include more than baseball as it will be a culturally enriching trip for the members of the team. Players will have the chance to visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, share home town stories with kids from all 50 states and fulfill a childhood dream by being immortalized in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

This summer, Cooperstown Dreams Park is hosting a series of tournaments for baseball players under 12 years old. On a nationwide basis, forty teams a week will be selected to

play at Cooperstown Dreams Park over the June 29 to August 30 time period. Teams will come to pursue their dreams on a baseball diamond in the birthplace of the sport and to be immortalized in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

Cooperstown is a natural location for Cooperstown Dreams Park because of its legendary baseball past.

The various attractions that Cooperstown offers such as the National Baseball Hall of Fame obviously sets the scene for these future Hall of Famers. They will walk in the streets and play ball in the same town as their heroes before them.

Equipped with professionally groomed and lighted fields, the Cooperstown Dreams Park is a fa-

cility second to none. Specifically designed for the participating age groups, the park, situated on 105 acres just 2.8 miles south of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, features six baseball diamonds with grass infields surrounded by eight foot high fencing, batting cages, practice fields and the American Youth Hall of Fame.

During the week, teams will have the opportunity to walk the historic streets of Cooperstown. All players and coaches will have time to see the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Abner Doubleday Field, the American Baseball Archives and the James Fenimore Cooper House Museum.

Each member of the

team, including the coaches will receive a Cooperstown Dreams Park home and away jersey, baseball stockings, baseball cap and a America Youth Baseball Hall of Fame ring. The team will stay at the Cooperstown Dreams Park for seven days and six nights in the Baseball Village clubhouses and eat three meals daily in the Team Dining

Hall.

The Cooperstown Dreams Park philosophy is to promote the highest caliber play and to teach young players about the purity of baseball -- that one can be victorious just by stepping up to the plate and giving it his or her best effort. The Bulldogs will leave Cooperstown filled with pride and carrying memories for a lifetime.