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BatSpeed® Academy Gets Ahead of the Curve with Its Youth Umpire Clinic

Gurnee, IL August 22, 2008 – BatSpeed Baseball and Softball Academy is committed to teaching the whole game of baseball. Who doesn't want to be a great hitter, pitcher or catcher? But a game is only as good as its officials and great umpires are made, not born.

To initiate that process, BatSpeed has introduced the first of its kind Youth Umpire Clinic. Designed for ages 14 and up, this 1½ hour clinic will teach baseball mechanics (i.e., the six basic calls), the body language used to communicate them and how to take the correct field position. Each participant will receive their own copy of the *Baseball Rules Book* and the *Baseball Case Book for 2008*.

At the conclusion of the clinic, each new youth umpire will receive a Certificate of Completion that can be shown to local park districts who seek youth umpires for either 1 or 2 man umpire systems.

Stanley “Stosh” Pestka, Commissioner of the Lake Bluff Baseball Association, will instruct the clinic. It will be offered twice – Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2. Go to www.batspeedacademy.com for clinic details.

About BatSpeed

BatSpeed is a new baseball and softball academy which opened its doors in Gurnee, IL in June, 2008. The spacious (17,800 square foot), air conditioned, year-round facility features state-of-the-art equipment and a thirteen person staff of instructors, all of whom have solid teaching credentials. In recognition of the increasing popularity of fast-pitch softball, two members of the staff have in-depth, softball teaching credentials.

Local owner, Scott Czerniejewski, and every member of the staff are committed to instruction which is custom-tailored to the physical abilities, needs and goals of the individual player. BatSpeed offers a wide range of programs from private lessons to a full menu of camps and clinics which run throughout the year.

All ages are welcome, from the youngster just learning the fundamentals to the high school and collegiate player looking to take their game to the next level. Teams also find BatSpeed's flexible layout useful for infield practice in addition to hitting and pitching practice.

BatSpeed has already been selected as the training home of the Warren Blue Devil Travelers, Waukegan Raiders and the Warren Wave.

BatSpeed is located in the Tri-State Business Park immediately west of Six Flags Great America® Theme Park.