

# **ABOUT THE MAROONS BASEBALL CLUB**

## ***ESTABLISHMENT***

Founded: June 15, 2021

Founder: Noah Ondo

Registered Status: 501(c)3 not-for-profit

Registered Hometown: Zion, IL

Service Region(s): Lake County, IL, Kenosha County, WI



## ***MOTTO:***

“We develop people first and baseball/softball players second.” (Playing baseball/softball will end someday, unfortunately. If we do not take the time to develop the character of the young individuals we influence, then baseball/softball may not have lasting value and purpose once it is over).

## ***MISSION:***

The Maroons Baseball Club stands to develop character in our youth and provide access to competitive baseball opportunities in underserved communities through intentional coaching and character leadership.

## ***ORGANIZATIONAL PILLARS:***

1. Develop character and unity with the young players we serve and prepare them to serve our communities.
2. Provide a unique opportunity and emphasis on baseball in communities with limited access and exposure.
3. Provide high-class, competitive baseball opportunities that meet the socioeconomic considerations of our communities. The Maroons Baseball Club is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

## ***COACHING PHILOSOPHY:***

As coaches, we live out a mission to first and foremost, develop the character of the athletes and the community we impact through leading by example. Our coaches

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understand that the actions and examples they set carry heavy and impactful weight to those around them. Our coaches understand they hold immense power and influence on our community and will strive to use that tool only to improve our world.

Secondly, our coaches teach a fundamental approach to baseball that emphasizes a positive and uplifting culture of growth. If our young players become better young people for our community from our coaching, that is the most rewarding win that our coaches can achieve. If they also happen to develop their baseball skillset more in the process, that is just an added bonus. If our players push us to be better leaders and coaches for our youth, then our coaches will realize a generational impact on the community.

## ***THE STAFF:***

Below is our current staff, including our directors and cornerstone members of the organization. Cornerstone members are the key leaders and decision-makers of the Maroons Baseball Club. Directors are also part of the Maroons Baseball Club Board.



### **Noah Ondo**

#### **Athletic Director & Founder**

Noah Ondo founded the Maroons Baseball Club in June of 2021 with hopes of creating change in the Zion-Benton District baseball culture while providing an emphasis on character development in the youth of the community above all else. Noah is a Zion-Benton graduate and baseball alum from the class of 2020. Noah took his playing career to Division II standout Quincy University in Quincy, IL. Noah is the director of the Maroons Baseball Club. Noah is a cornerstone member of the Maroons Baseball Club.

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## **Lura Myers**

### **Business Director**

Lura Myers has an extensive background in financial management and was hired by the Maroons Baseball Club in the summer of 2021. Lura is a former Zion-Benton Baseball mom of alumni and Maroons Baseball Club staff member, Timmy Myers. Lura is the second in command of the Maroons Baseball Club. Lura is a cornerstone member of the Maroons Baseball Club.

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## **Timmy Myers**

### **Off-Season Development Team Lead & Head Coach**

Timmy Myers is a dedicated member of the Zion-Benton community and plays an extensive role in the off-season development of Maroons Baseball Club players. Timmy is a Zion-Benton graduate and baseball alum in the class of 2021. Timmy took his playing career to Division III standout Dominican University in River Forest, IL. Timmy is a cornerstone member of the Maroons Baseball Club.

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### **Jake Oatsvall**

Off-Season Development Assistant Lead & Assistant Coach

Jake Oatsvall is a passionate member of the Zion-Benton community and plays an extensive role in the off-season development of Maroons Baseball Club players. Jake is a Zion-Benton graduate and baseball alum in the class of 2021. Jake took his playing career to Division III standout Iowa Wesleyan University in Mount Pleasant, IA. Jake is a cornerstone member of the Maroons Baseball Club.

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### **Tim Schiappacasse**

Coaching and Leadership Development Mentor & Board Member

Tim Schiappacasse has been a teacher in Zion-Benton Township High School District #126 for thirteen years at New Tech High at Zion-Benton East. Tim has also coached baseball at Zion-Benton for the last thirteen years, including his last four seasons at the helm of the program as the varsity coach. Prior to his tenure at Zion-Benton, Tim taught and coached at Boone Grove High School for three years.

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