We are thrilled to announce that the Duke Center for Autism is partnering with the Duke Baseball team to host a baseball clinic this spring. Youth on the autism spectrum between ages 6 and 18 years are invited to participate. The event is free and previous experience with baseball is not required. If you are interested in participating, please read below. **PRIOR REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.**

*Families interested in attending should email Charlotte Stoute (autismresearch@duke.edu). Due to limited space, interested families will be registered on a first come, first served basis. More information on the event and registration is included below.*

The Duke Baseball team has invited the Duke Center for Autism to meet them at the Jack Coombs Field on Duke University’s West Campus on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 for a 2 hour clinic—an exciting opportunity to meet and practice baseball with Duke baseball players! The clinic will offer healthy refreshments and water for participants and caregivers. Each participant will be able to collect autographs from players and will have the opportunity to take photos as a group and with the team members.

**Clinic Details**
Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018
Time: 9:00-12 PM (Note: Sign in starts at 9 AM and closes at 9:45 AM. The basketball clinic starts at 10 AM. We suggest arriving by 8:45 AM to allow for parking.)
Location: Jack Coombs Field on Duke University’s West Campus, in Durham, North Carolina. **We will send parking information and directions separately.**

The clinic is free and can host up to 70 children and youths on the autism spectrum. The event will include baseball demonstrations by the team (including a home run derby!), basic baseball skills instruction and practice, snacks, beverages, time to interact with and receive autographs from Duke Baseball players, and a gift for each participant.

Parking will be provided at no cost. Participants will need to coordinate their own transportation to and from the event. Transportation costs are not covered for this event.

Dress Code: Athletic shorts and shirt. Athletic shoes must be worn. All participants will receive a t-shirt at registration which they can wear during the event.

Notes: Registrants will be coordinated by the Duke Center for Autism and Brain Development. Participants under age of 18 must be attended by an adult. **A registration form, signed media waiver and signed liability waiver is required for all participants.** (Note: there are limited spots, which are being filled on a first come, first served basis.) Additional details will be sent to each participant who registers so that students can be aware of baseball terminology and clinic procedures in advance. **Registration information is included below.**
REGISTRATION INFORMATION- BASEBALL CLINIC 2018

If you would like to register your child for this event, we will ask you to complete the following:

1. Read the information about the event in this document.
2. Complete the online registration form (survey link can be accessed here.) We will ask you for information about your child to accommodate his/her preferences. Our friendly staff members who are experienced in working with persons on the autism spectrum will be there to provide your child with guidance and support as needed. Let us know in advance if there’s anything we can do to help your child have a great time.
3. After registration, you will receive two waiver documents from Charlotte Stoute (autismresearch@duke.edu) for your date and signature. You may read the media waiver and liability waiver when you download copies from the registration form, but please do not sign or send in that copy. If you have more than one child who will be a participant in the event, you will be asked to fill out a registration form, media waiver, and liability waiver for each child.

WHO IS INVITED TO ATTEND?

Individuals between ages 6-18 on the autism spectrum are invited to participate in the baseball clinic. All participants must be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian. Your child’s siblings and other family members may attend to cheer on your child, but will be asked to remain in the bleachers with other families while the event is taking place, to allow the participants and baseball players to interact and engage in the activity. Please indicate who will be accompanying you/your child in the registration form.

MEDIA PRESENCE & USE OF PHOTOS/VIDEOS

We’re excited to host our third sports clinic with Duke Athletics and would love to capture these memories through photos and video. Duke news office staff will be taking photos, and we are also hoping some local reporters will attend. For this reason, all families will be asked to sign a form (“Media waiver”) indicating their permission for Duke staff and external media to take photos and video as their child participates in the baseball clinic organized by the Duke Center for Autism and Brain Development. Each participant will be given name tags bearing their first name, and these may appear in some photographs. If you prefer for your child to not have a nametag, we can give him or her a blank one that only indicates his or her group assignment.

The photos will appear on websites for the Duke Center for Autism and Brain Development, as well as on social media for Duke Children’s Hospital and Duke Health, and any media covering the event. Because this is event is publicly characterized as one for “youth on the autism spectrum”, attendees may be perceived as being on the autism spectrum and/or as being associated with the autism community. Given the size of the event, and the number of families who are participating and photographers/videographers who may be taking pictures/video, we are currently unable to accommodate families who do not want their child to appear in any photos or other media. Please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns at autismresearch@duke.edu.

USE OF PERSONAL CELLPHONES/CAMERAS

Families may take pictures during the clinic. All youth attending the event will have had their parent/legal guardian sign a permission agreeing to appear in photos/videos and will be informed that other families may be taking pictures/videos as well.

PARKING

More information on parking and sign up will be made available as the date approaches. Please plan to arrive at Jack Coombs Field in Duke University’s West Campus at 8:45 AM to allow for parking and sign up. The event is from 9AM – 12PM on Saturday, May 5th 2018.

If you have any questions please contact Charlotte Stoute at autismresearch@duke.edu.