

Dear Coach / Team Coordinator,

In light of events that have taken place at several universities over the past few years, our staff has taken a close look at the security of the dorms we use on the SUCO campus for you all during the summer.

Those of you who have been with us before are aware that each dorm has a front desk, which is staffed by a college employee. There is also a sign in and sign out log at that desk for the parents to use when removing their child for an off campus activity.

CBW also provides each of you with a team counselor. Each counselor is usually assigned three teams who all live on his floor in the dorms and he acts as an extra pair of eyes and ears for the coaches and he is also in charge each night for accounting for each member of his teams to be sure we know where everyone is.

Each dorm has a key-code pad box on the outside which requires a 4 digit code to be accessed. When the college kids leave each year, the college changes the codes so that they are used in the summer for CBW campers only. Upon arrival, each coach is given the 4 digit code by his counselor and he shares that code with the players so they can get in and out of the dorms.

Here lies where the problems can begin. Each coach, because you are busy, does not want to be bothered coming down or sending a player to let the parents in when they want to visit, so they begin handing out the code to everyone who is on the trip with them. In turn, a few hundred people, whom do not know each other, all become aware of the security code, which defeats the purpose of having one! They begin to hold open the door, out of general courtesy, to people they believe are simply there to visit their boys as well. However, living in today's times, we have to remember, this may not always be the case!

Other than Saturdays, when they are helping to move their child in, **the parents will not be allowed into the residence halls other than between 6:00pm – 9:00pm each night, with the exception that they may come to the front desk, at any time of the day, to sign their child in and out if they are taking them off campus.** They should understand when they come to sign a player out, if it not in the 6:00pm – 9:00pm time frame, they will need to make arrangements ahead of time for the player to meet them in the lobby as they will not be allowed up to their rooms. I ask that you explain to your parents this policy so there are no misunderstandings once they get there. The team coordinators who live in the building, along with the college staff, who also reside there, will be instructed to not allow parents in before or after those times and will ask anyone found sneaking in to leave.

We ask that you, as the Managers and Coaches, come down to let them in and escort them to your floor so there aren't people coming and going without any security. It may be somewhat of an inconvenience to those of you used to a fast pace of moving and I am sure many of the parents will be somewhat annoyed they need permission to see their child, but it is in the best interest of these children and the adults staying there, that we all take these precautions!

It is my job to make sure each of you who arrives to Baseball World, along with your teams and have a great time and a safe one at that so I am asking for your assistance on this procedure. The most troublesome time will be check-in on Saturday, when excitement levels are high and parents are curious about the living quarters.

Thank you for your help on this one!

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