

For Immediate Release – January 14, 2010

Interns wanted. Requirements: Work late May to mid-August. Host families are available so you will have a place to stay in Moses Lake. Must have own reliable transportation. Benefits: Get to hob-knob with future major league baseball players. Attain experience money can't buy.

Pay: \$0

The Moses Lake Pirates Baseball Club, a member of the West Coast League, invites you to join the team. The call goes out for the ultimate volunteers — interns. They are usually college students who meet the above requirements and, according to Brent Kirwan, Owner, "Generally do a really great job; we could not operate without them. They are usually college students majoring in sports management or broadcast journalism." He adds that while a background in business, sport management or broadcast journalism is helpful, the jobs are varied.

"We do Internet broadcasts, some interns work the gate, inning promotions or beer sales. Others write stories and set up or tear down."

The team requires that interns have reliable transportation and we can arrange their housing if necessary. Interns can seek paid employment during the summer prior to arriving in Moses Lake.

Far-reaching responsibilities

The interns arrive from colleges throughout the country. Some live in the area and attend college elsewhere. Generally, interns report to their jobs in late May and work through mid-August or when league playoffs conclude.

Before the season begins, interns may be given administrative duties with team officers, participate in fundraising or public relations work.

When the season starts, duties might include announcing, producing play-by-play for the online production, writing articles for the Web site or newspapers or welcoming fans at the gate and concession stands, which requires showing up an hour-and-a-half before games to set up and staying until everything is cleaned up after the game.

Past interns came up with ideas on how to get fans attending the games involved. All ideas are taken seriously and some of them are really fun.

While there may not be any guarantees volunteering will lead to a future in baseball, there are a couple of things we can promise...you will have fun and you will learn how a baseball team works from the back office to the event.