

# Cooperstown Tips from the Alum

## What to Pack for Your Player

- Small clip-on fan for player's bed
- Bedding & Pillow (college length, twin mattress)  
Mattress is covered in plastic, a towel or blanket under the sheet is nice for comfort
- 2 combination locks (give the coach the combo)
- Baseball pants, 2 belts (1 red, 1 blue)  
(knee-length, no striping, you can buy from Dreams Park)
- Baseball gear
- Trading pins- (wrappers removed!) (bring a small string bag or other for pins)
- Towel and washcloth
- Toiletries (include athletic powder, sunscreen)
- Swimsuit & shoes for shower
- Hanger for towel
- Snacks (discouraged, but everyone brings them)
- Personal clothes
- 1 case of bottled water to share with the team

| What to Pack for your Team  | What to Pack for Your Family  |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1 lock for outside team equipment</li><li>● 4 box fans</li><li>● Large cooler for bottled water</li><li>● Extension cords, power strips</li><li>● Whiffle ball set for downtime</li><li>● Cards</li><li>● Rope for laundry line</li><li>● Febreze</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No large coolers allowed</li><li>● No chairs needed</li><li>● Small bags/backpack with food is fine</li><li>● Umbrellas or rain-ponchos (umbrellas are great for the sun. It is hot!)</li></ul> |

## Tips for Cooperstown

- As a team, check out your players at the same time to give coaches a break and time with their families.
- Check-in on Friday night. Meet as a team before hand for dinner at a nearby restaurant. Good time to give coaches all your player's paperwork.
- Some games are streamed online. Great for those back home to watch, schedule provided once you arrive.
- Hall of Fame, fun to do as an all family/team event
- Penguin ice cream is yummy
- Tour Baseballism store, make reservations in advance. Located near Hall of Fame.
- Niagara Falls is a great trip add-on.
- Buy the tournament shirt early if you want it, they often sell out by the end of the week
- Heads on a stick or matching shirts are great for families to have so that the players can find you in the stands.

Some teams throw candy, soft baseball etc. out to the fans. (Think parade items)

## Tips for Flying

- People often think of NY airports, Boston is another great alternative

**Tips for Driving** Toll pass available (good deal! Offered by Illinois, Ohio and other states. I-pass was used by many) Requires some advanced planning, but saves time and money! <https://www.getipass.com/>