



## Piper Davis Youth Baseball League

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### About Piper Davis Baseball League

The Piper Davis Baseball League was founded in 1992 by Fred Plump in Birmingham, Alabama, USA. The idea was conceived due to the limited opportunities for African-American youth to participate in organized baseball, affording them opportunities to gain knowledge in the game of baseball. The league was founded for the purpose of putting Little League baseball back into inner city parks, giving youth an opportunity to express their athletic abilities, as well as to honor all players that played in the Negro League.

The Piper Davis Baseball League is a 501© (3) nonprofit organization that is molding young urban student athletes into future leaders in our society. With the numerous negative influences within the inner-city, children need an outlet other than the streets. Piper Davis Baseball League seeks to inspire educational and entrepreneurial opportunities to develop well rounded citizens. Our mission is to provide opportunities for character development, sportsmanship, self-esteem, discipline, leadership, provide educational support, life skill training and furnish a blueprint for success through sports training for the youth of metro Birmingham, AL, and other regions by creating safe and nurturing environments through the areas of sports and academics. Currently, the league operates in ten states in the U.S. and The Bahamas, offering the sport of baseball to boys and girls.

The league was named for Lorenza “Piper” Davis, an African-American, professional baseball player, who was born in Piper, Alabama. He excelled in both baseball and basketball. Piper played industrial baseball before signing with the Birmingham Black Barons to play in the Negro American League in 1942. Piper was one of the most multitalented players in baseball during his day. He could handle any position on the baseball field diamond equally well. When he moved to the Negro American League, he made five straight Negro League All Star teams as the West Squad’s starting second baseman.

Mr. Piper Davis and Coach Plump became acquainted over the years, and in 1992 Coach Plump made a request of Mr. Davis to allow him to name the league in his honor. Mr. Davis’ response was affirmed, and the league was officially named the “Piper Davis Baseball League”. Piper Davis died in 1997. The league today maintains a close relationship with Piper’s family and they frequently participate in special events.

The league hosts an annual academic/baseball fundamentals clinic during the first three weeks of June each year to academically support students in reading, mathematics and writing, and to sharpen skills in baseball fundamentals.

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