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HAZELWOOD BASEBALL CAMP FEATURES HOMETOWN HERO WHO NOW PITCHES FOR ST. LOUIS BASEBALL CARDINALS

Hazelwood, Mo., (June 30, 2009) – In conjunction with events going on to celebrate the 2009 MLB All-Star Game at Busch Stadium, Hazelwood Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Baseball Camp in association with The Fieldhouse Training Center during the week of July 13-16. St. Louis Cardinals pitcher and 2002 Hazelwood West High School graduate Kyle McClellan will be making an appearance with other Cardinal players (based on availability) at the Hazelwood Sports Complex, located at 4622 Aubuchon Road.

Registration is open to all youngsters between the ages of six and 12. The cost per player is \$75, which includes a specially designed t-shirt. A team rate of \$65 per player for groups of six or more is available. Individuals can sign up for the Baseball Camp at the following recreation centers operated by the city of Hazelwood: Hazelwood Community Center, located in White Birch Park at 1186 Teson Road; and Civic Center East, located at 8669 Dunn Road. Checks should be made payable to The City of Hazelwood.

The event will be directed by Matt McClellan, Hazelwood West High School baseball coach who has years of experience in playing, coaching and organizing a productive and enjoyable baseball camp. “Our goal is to provide each player with quality instruction that will assist them in making the most of their baseball ability and to learn to enjoy the game of baseball,” said Terry McClellan, owner of The Fieldhouse Training Center and Kyle’s father.

“Believe it or not, St. Louis is fast becoming a hotbed of major league baseball talent,” said Doug Littlefield, Hazelwood Parks and Recreation Division Supervisor. “Kyle McClellan is our hometown kid who has fulfilled his dream of pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals. Two other Hazelwood West baseball players, Dave Phelps and Mike Phelps, turned pro as well. Dave is currently with the New York Yankees organization. The same coach who helped these guys develop the fundamentals needed to become professional athletes will be running our Baseball Camp. It’s not too often you get to meet and learn from St. Louis Cardinal players during the same week our town is hosting the All-Star game.”

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Hazelwood Baseball Camp Features Cardinal Pitcher, Add One

The Fieldhouse is a complete baseball and softball training facility with the following features: 9 indoor batting cages; pitchers mounds; soft toss machines; batting tees; automated Iron Mike machines; Casey Pro machines for curve balls and sliders; Astro Turf flooring; excellent lighting; video analysis; pro shop; concession stand; team meeting room; Hot Stove League Lounge; old Busch Stadium memorabilia; and 5 satellite TVs. The coaching staff includes Ron “Pop” Warner, who is currently the Cardinals’ Springfield affiliate manager; Brian Rupp, who was named Manager of the Year in the Kansas City Royals organization; and Al Nipper, an instructor and part owner who works for the Boston Red Sox organization. This type of quality coaching has a St. Louis flavor that is beneficial to local kids who want to excel in sports.

For more information, call the Hazelwood Community Center at (314) 731-0980 or visit www.thefieldhouse.org.



**St. Louis Cardinal Kyle McClellan
2002 Hazelwood West High School Graduate**

Professional Experience

- Currently pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals
- Pitched for the Cardinals Minor League Affiliate in Springfield, Mo., in 2007
- Pitched in Peoria, Davenport and Palm Beach for Cardinal Affiliates
- Invited to Cardinals Spring Training 2004
- Led the Appalachian League in innings pitched in 2003
- Drafted by the Cardinals in the 25th Round in 2003

High School Experience

- Missouri State All-Star Team selection 2002
- Member of the Hazelwood West Conference and District Championship Team 2002
- First Team All-State Pitcher 2002
- First Team All-Conference Pitcher and 1st Baseman 2002
- First Team All-Conference Pitcher 2001
- Suburban North Conference Player of the Year 2002
- American National SLABA Team MVP 2001 and 2002
- SLABA All-Star Team 4 years