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## WESTERN HOSTS BIG BROTHERS BASEBALL CLINIC

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Sept. 20, 2004—The Missouri Western State College Griffon baseball team will host a Big Brothers Baseball Clinic. The clinic will introduce the fundamental skills needed to be a successful baseball player for children ages 9-12, and will be held 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Oct. 2 at Phil Welch Stadium, 2500 Southwest Parkway. Check in is at 8:45 a.m. Participants do not need to register in advance.

Cost of the all-day clinic is \$50 and participants must bring their own bat, baseball cleats or turf shoes, batting gloves and baseball mitt. Cici's pizza will provide lunch at noon.

The clinic staff consists of Head Coach Buzz Verduzco, Assistant Coach Sean Harvey and Griffon baseball players Jacob Sur, Ryan Zenn and Billy Payson. The clinic will provide instruction in throwing, catching, infield play, outfield play, hitting, pitching and base running.

Harvey believes that the day will provide a challenging and fun experience for all participants. "All drills and mechanics are the same techniques used by the Missouri Western baseball players," he said.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a player, or for more information, contact the baseball office at (816) 271-4484 or (816) 271-4258.

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