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## PRESS RELEASE

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## Charleston County Sheriff's Office Recognizes "Charleston Power Brigade Youth Baseball Camp" for Outstanding Volunteer and Community Service

(North Charleston, S.C.) The Charleston Power Brigade Youth Baseball Summer Camp held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual summer camp this year on August 3 - 7 at Wescott Park in North Charleston. The camp had 105 kids from the Low country in attendance. The camp is run by Pinewood Assistant Varsity baseball coach and Charleston County Sheriff's Sergeant Jay Christmas. This year's youth baseball camp was a great success and proves that when kids are surrounded by positive role models it will always yield positive results. During this week long camp, kids are given baseball instructions and taught about individual responsibilities. This year, Sgt. Christmas had an ice cream truck to stop by the camp and he purchased ice cream for all the kids out of his own pocket. This year, the camp was able to give away over \$2000 worth of baseball equipment to the kids at the end of the camp.

All camp proceeds are used towards underprivileged youth in our community. The camp instructors are the who's who of baseball in the area: Pitching coach Britt Reames from the Citadel, Former Assistant Coach Brandon Sizemore from the College of Charleston, Ryan Morris former Cleveland Indians minor league pitcher, Ben Boykin former College of Charleston infielder and DH, Brian Killgallen former Citadel catcher, current Citadel player Steven Hanson and current Summerville High School standout player Brock Tobin.

The camp is designed for each player to receive fundamental instruction in the morning sessions and participate in scrimmage games after lunch so that the players can demonstrate what they learned from the morning session. There will be a Fall Camp at Wescott Park as well. The date for the fall camp will be announced at a later time.

Some of the camp past instructors includes former Major League player Bryce Florie, former minor league and USC pitcher Patrick Sexton, former Louisville Cardinal player and Citadel Assistant Coach Aaron Gershenfeld, former Citadel and minor league player James Reeves, former Citadel player Justin Mackert, Former C of C pitcher Matt Pegler and infielder Bradley Goodson, current C of C outfielder Brandon Glazer, current Citadel player Stephen Windham, former Western Carolina University catcher and City of Charleston police officer Brain Sigmon.

On April 29, 2015, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office presented Coach Britt Reames with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Citizen Award. Coach Reames volunteers with the camp and help developed this youth baseball camp program.

You can find more information on the Charleston Power Brigade Facebook page.