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## **PIPPINS, BANNER BANK PARTNER FOR FREE COMMUNITY CLINIC**

**Event to be held June 20 at The Orchard**

YAKIMA, Wash. – As the Yakima Valley Pippins put the final touches on the off-season in preparation for the club's second season, the team announced that it will hold a free community kids skills clinic at The Orchard on Saturday, June 20 from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. Attendees will be taught baseball-specific skills by Pippins players, and enjoy a lunch and root beer floats presented by the Pippins banking partner, Banner Bank. Attendees will also receive a general admission ticket to the Pippins game that evening against the Kelowna Falcons.

The event is free for children ages 5-13 years old to attend. While free to attend, children must register in advance of the clinic. Registration for this free clinic will begin June 8 and run through June 17 at the Pippins downtown team store, Hunky Shaw's, located at 12 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Larson Building.

"Banner Bank continues to demonstrate a community-minded spirit, working as our partner to help create events that bring children and families together," said Pippins team President Zachary Fraser. "We are excited to work with them on this fun day and to welcome these children back to the ballpark that evening with their parents to enjoy a great night of family, community and baseball."

For more information, interested families are invited to call 509-575-HITS (4487).

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### **ABOUT THE WCL:**

The West Coast League has developed into one of the best collegiate wood-bat leagues in the country, as the nation's top collegiate baseball players are drawn to the beauty and strong communities of the Pacific

Northwest. Collegiate wood-bat leagues allow college players develop their skills in professional settings and stadiums without sacrificing their college athletic eligibility. Players such as Jacoby Ellsbury (centerfielder for the 2007 and 2013 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox), Jeff Francis (pitcher for the 2007 National League Champion Colorado Rockies), and Chris Davis (2013 AL Homerun Leader) began their careers in the West Coast League. For more information, please visit [www.westcoastleague.com](http://www.westcoastleague.com).

#### **ABOUT PACIFIC BASEBALL VENTURES:**

Pacific Baseball Ventures, Holdco is a group of civic-minded individuals with strong ties to the Columbia Valley, Yakima and to the game of baseball. PBV will strive to provide their fans, sponsors, business partners, and investors with the very best in competitive baseball and entertainment, including atmosphere, comfort, food & beverage, safety, competition, fun and value. PBV also owns and operates the Walla Walla Sweets.