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Carwash Helps Players



A dozen or so 12-year-old and younger baseball players, a head coach and a few assistant coaches have earned a chance to compete at a national level.



Here are (from left) Jeythian Merced, Shane Hilligoss Sr. and Shane 'A.J.' Hilligoss Jr., helping to solicit donations for the all-star team's trip to Seminole County.

On Saturday (May 26), team members, coaches and supporters were washing vehicles at the Bronson Ace Hardware on the corner of Hathaway Avenue (U.S. Alt. 27) and Thrasher Drive (State Road 24) as a fundraiser for the team. They were also accepting donations by holding buckets for people to put cash as a donation. Last Monday night the Bronson Town Council authorized a \$500 donation and Council members promised to donate themselves. This car wash is part of the various methods to generate the \$3,400 that is needed for the Bronson Parks and Recreation team to go to Sanford (Seminole County) from June 29 to July 5. The All-Star team from Bronson is led by Head Coach Jeff Jordan. Also on the coaching staff are assistant coaches -- the Rev. Mark Stiles of Bronson United Methodist Church, Chad Thompson and Berlon Weeks. Players on this team are Seth Haley, Caleb Kellum, Jeremiah Linley, Zachary

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McClelland, Jeythian Merced, Tristen O'Neal, Cian Ronaldo, David Runion, Kevin Runion, William Six, Blake Taylor and Kasey Weeks. Also playing during the regular season on the team were Noah Gray, Rico Mitchem, Daniel Vega and Shane 'A.J.' Hillgoss Jr. This team is one of three from Florida that is competing. There are also three teams each from California, Texas and Louisiana to make the 12-team tournament. The weeklong competition in Sanford is at the Boombah Sports Complex in Seminole County. This all-star team made up of the players from the Bronson Parks and Recreation Department who recently completed their regular season with a record of 21-2 and are now going to a long-awaited tournament championship.

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