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Twenty youngsters who are playing baseball in local programs this summer got a brush-up on the basics of the sport at a fundamentals camps last week.

Three members of the Imperial Crush wood bat baseball team conducted the camp last Friday and Saturday at Campbell Park.

Campers were split into two age groups, which met in separate sessions both days.

On the opening day, the youths were shown proper stretching techniques to start off the day. They were then split into groups that included pitchers, catchers and infielders to work on those skills.

At batting stations, they were instructed in proper hitting techniques and were given numerous swings at the bat.

On Saturday, some review of Friday's work was given, then the campers went through more fielding and hitting drills. The last 45 minutes of the day were spent playing a baseball game with game situations emphasized.

Each camper received an orange Imperial Crush T-shirt. Extras will be sold at upcoming home Crush games.

Imperial Crush players who conducted the camp were Scott Way, Lance Milner and Darrin Schultz.

Funds raised from the camp will be used by Imperial Crush for team expenses including purchase of wood bats and umpire costs.

Imperial Crush is entering its second season this summer in the Nebraska Baseball Association's wood bat league.

The team has a 10-game season, with games on Sunday afternoon. Home dates are June 14, June 21, July 5, July 12 and Aug. 2 at Campbell Park.