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The Easter break is a well-deserved week off for most high school student-athletes and coaches.

But most baseball coaches around the county are using the week off of school to participate in tournaments in order to stay sharp and ready themselves for the remainder of the conference season.

Eastern Randolph, Wheatmore, Southwestern Randolph and Providence Grove will compete in the ZooKeepers Baseball Invitational beginning Wednesday at SWRHS, while the Randleman Tigers head to Charleston, S.C., for the Hanahan Invitational Tournament. Uwharrie Charter Academy and Trinity will also be playing in tournaments.

Asheboro High School will spend the week playing inside the Mid-Piedmont Conference before participating in a tournament at Chatham Central High School next week.

The ZooKeepers Baseball Invitational also features Walkertown and Rockingham. There will be three games Wednesday, three more Friday, two on Friday and one Saturday.

"We're using this to get better and prepare for the remainder of the conference season," said Wheatmore coach Trey Byrd. "I want to see a better offensive approach for all three games. We're showing hunger and desire, but we need to get back to having a better offensive approach."

Wheatmore opens the tournament Wednesday at 1 p.m. against Eastern Randolph. Walkertown will meet Providence Grove at 4 p.m. and SWR will battle Rockingham at 7 p.m.

Randleman, the undefeated and defending state 2-A champions, will be competing in the 52nd annual Hanahan Invitational Tournament in South Carolina. The Tigers begin play tonight and will have at least three games. Three wins means a fourth game for the championship.

RHS coach Jake Smith said competing in this tournament has plenty of benefits.

"Number one, we will play against some good competition, some different competition we know nothing about," Smith said of the Tigers, who open with Hilton Head, S.C., today. "We want to face as good of competition as we can and getting away from our comfort zone will help us. Being away from Randleman and playing good competition, we're going to be challenged. We're playing at different venues with different atmospheres. This is great for the kids."

States represented in the 2022 HIT are South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio and New York. Another squad will make its way into town from Washington, D.C.

"It's great to get away and relax and enjoy each other's company," Smith said of another benefit to the tournament. "Going out to eat, maybe do some sightseeing, spend some time together at and away from the field."

UCA will be in a tournament beginning Tuesday in York, S.C., and Trinity will be at Jordan-Matthews High School Saturday and Monday.

For complete schedules and results of all tournament games this week, go to Sportstone.net and click on the baseball page.