

HOUSE LEAGUE BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

PHILOSOPHY OF YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Lake Forest Recreation Department provides equal opportunity for all residents to participate in programs. No participants shall, based on race, sex, national origin, or disability be denied equal access to programs or activities.

GOALS OF YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL

The purpose of Lake Forest Recreation Department's Youth Baseball/ Softball Program is to provide young people with a safe and enjoyable athletic experience with emphasis on sportsmanship and fair play. All participants will be instructed in the fundamental skills of the sport including positioning, rules and basic strategy. Every player is given an equal opportunity to participate in games and practices as well as the chance to play various positions. All players will be assured of playing at least 50% of each game.

VOLUNTEER COACHES

Parent volunteer coaches and assistant coaches are needed for each team. Parents may request to coach with one other parent in order to work out their personal schedule. If this is abused we will assign all coaches. **If you are interested in helping out, please attend the mandatory volunteer coaches meeting prior to the season. All coaches will be contacted in late March with all of the details.** Coaches will receive league playing rules, a Positive Coaching Alliance Instruction Book, and run through a mock practice session.

TEAM FORMATION

The Recreation Department staff will assign teams based on the participant's skill level and evaluation rating to ensure fair and equal teams. All participants in the 3rd - 8th Grade Leagues must attend an Evaluation Session. For administrative and program continuity reasons, we are **not accepting** any special requests or considerations for team assignments in the **baseball league**. For **softball leagues**, friendship requests can only be **made at the evaluations**.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To receive the early bird registration fee, please register your son or daughter by the **registration deadline of March 2nd**. This extra time is necessary to ensure that we can plan appropriately for the upcoming season. After March 2nd, registration will be accommodated to fill existing teams only and players must pay the regular registration fee. More detailed information concerning each league is available in a separate Baseball/Softball Parent Manual which will be mailed to all participants.



We have partnered with Lake Bluff Park District to enhance your **softball** experience. Games and practices will be held in both communities. Teams will consist of players from both communities

SPONSORSHIPS

Opportunities exist within the Youth Baseball/ Softball Program to be a team sponsor. You can sponsor your son or daughter's team, and your designated sponsorship name will be placed on the back of your team shirts. The cost of sponsorship is \$175. All funds received help offset the cost of program clothing and equipment. If you are interested in sponsoring a team(s), please return the application form provided in this booklet to the Recreation Center by March 4, 2011. If you would like to learn more about sponsorships, please contact Joe Mobile, Program Manager, at 810-3941. Thank you for your support!



Don't Miss Early Bird Registration by March 2nd 4:30 p.m.



EVALUATION SCHEDULE (ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND)

Players will rotate through stations being evaluated by Recreation Department staff. Players must be evaluated at each station for a complete score. The stations include Hitting, Pitching, Fielding and Running. Once a player has completed all stations they are finished and may go home. The schedule is listed below.

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Location
2nd - 8th Grade Girls	Saturday	March 17	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Lake Bluff Park District Gym
	or Saturday	April 7	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Lake Bluff Park District Gym
3rd - 4th Grade Boys	Sunday	March 18	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	LFHS East Campus Field House
5th - 6th Grade Boys	Sunday	March 11	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	LFHS East Campus Field House
7th - 8th Grade Boys	Sunday	March 4	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	LFHS East Campus Field House

See our Summer Camp 2011 brochure for more summer program options!

ALL BOYS' LEAGUES WILL MEET AT DEERPATH PARK FOR THE FIRST MEETING AND THEN WILL MEET AT VARIOUS PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY DETERMINED BY THE VARIOUS LEAGUE SCHEDULES.

TEE BALL - CO-ED

The Kindergarten tee ball league will be centered on learning and success. Players will be instructed in the basic fundamentals of the game by qualified volunteer coaches. This is a coed league where the children will bat the ball off of a batting tee. For more information contact Ken Pierini, Program Supervisor at 847-810-3943.

Loc: Deerpath Community Park

Age: Kindergarten

Fee: Early Bird- R: \$139 NR: \$167

Regular- R: \$172 NR: \$204

Instr: K. Pierini

Note: No games or practices on May 25

Code	Day	Time	Date
28835	Tue, Fri	4:00pm- 5:00 pm	Apr 10-Jun 1

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The 5th – 6th grade baseball league is a semi-competitive league that focuses on learning and success. Players will be instructed in the fundamentals and strategies of the game by Recreation Department trained volunteer coaches. Each program will meet three days a week with the teams having two games and one practice a week. For more information contact Anthony Anaszewicz, Program Supervisor at 847-810-3945.

Loc: Deerpath Community Park

Age: Gr 5 - 6

Fee: Early Bird- R: \$185 NR: \$222

Regular- R: \$229 NR: \$273

Instr: A. Anaszewicz

Note: No games or practices on May 26 and 28

Code	Day	Time	Date
28838	Mon, Thu	5:30pm- 7:30 pm	Apr 5-Jun 2
	Sat	9:00am - 2:00pm	

COACH PITCH BASEBALL

The 1st – 2nd grade baseball league is centered on learning and success. Players will be instructed in the basic fundamentals of the game by qualified Volunteer Coaches. Players will be facing live pitching from the coaches. This program will meet twice a week. For more information contact Anthony Anaszewicz, Program Supervisor at 847-810-3945.

Loc: Deerpath Community Park

Age: Gr 1 - 2

Fee: Early Bird- R: \$139 NR: \$167

Regular- R: \$172 NR: \$204

Instr: A. Anaszewicz

Note: No games or practices on May 28

Code	Day	Time	Date
28836	Mon, Thu	4:00pm- 5:00 pm	Apr 9-May 31

PONY LEAGUE BASEBALL

The 7th – 8th grade boys baseball program is a semi-competitive league that is combined with the Lake Bluff Baseball Association in order to make the league larger and more competitive. Each program will meet three days a week and play in both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. For more information contact Ken Pierini, Program Supervisor at 847-810-3943.

Loc: Deerpath Community Park
Ball Diamond #2

Age: Gr 7 - 8

Fee: Early Bird- R: \$185 NR: \$222

Regular- R: \$229 NR: \$273

Instr: K. Pierini

Code	Day	Time	Date
28839	Tue, Thu	5:30pm- 7:30 pm	Apr 3-Jun 2
	Sat	9:00am - 2:00pm	

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The 3rd – 4th grade baseball league is a semi-competitive league that focuses on learning and success. Players will be instructed in the fundamentals and strategies of the game by Recreation Department trained volunteer coaches. Each program will meet three days a week with the teams having two games and one practice a week. For more information contact Ken Pierini, Program Supervisor at 847-810-3943.

Loc: Deerpath Community Park

Age: Gr 3 - 4

Fee: Early Bird- R: \$185 NR: \$222

Regular- R: \$229 NR: \$273

Instr: K. Pierini

Note: No games or practices on May 25 and 26

Code	Day	Time	Date
28837	Wed, Fri	5:30pm- 7:30 pm	Apr 6-Jun 2
	Sat	9:00am - 2:00pm	

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Softball Camps
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We are looking for Baseball / Softball Sponsors and Coaches!

Sponsorship / Coaching Form

If interested please fill out this form:

Your Name _____

Phone # (Home) _____ (Work) _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Name of son or daughter (if applicable) _____ Grade _____ Boys Team () Girls Team ()

<u>YOUTH ATHLETICS SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM</u>	<u>COACHING INFORMATION FORM</u>
<p>Business Name (to be put on back of shirts) _____</p> <p>If this is a family sponsorship would you like us to put the team name (i.e. Cubs) on the back of the shirt? Yes () No ()</p> <p>Method of Payment (check one): Check() Visa() MC() Discover()</p> <p>Please Bill()</p> <p>Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>	<p>Program _____</p> <p>Are you 16 years of age or older? ___ yes ___ no</p> <p>Drivers License# _____</p> <p>Have you had any previous coaching experience? If so, please briefly list: _____</p>