

2008 WEST LAFAYETTE LITTLE LEAGUE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

General Information

1. The annual meeting of the West Lafayette Little League is Sunday, March 2 at 7:00 PM at the WLLL Complex on Benton Street. This is a public meeting, and we encourage all interested people to attend and provide input to the WLLL program.
2. All WLLL board meetings are also open to the public; schedule will be posted at <http://www.westlafayettelittleleague.org>
3. If you are planning to volunteer (manager, coach, team parent, umpire etc.) please bring to our player registration session the completed Little League Volunteer Application along with a copy of your driver's license or state identification card. The form is available at <http://www.littleleague.org/common/forms/volunteerapp.pdf>

Player Registration at the WLLL Complex: Friday, February 29, from 5 - 8 PM and Saturday, March 1, from 9 - 11 AM

Please follow these steps:

- Fill out the information on the attached form, indicating for which program you are registering your child;
- Bring the signed and completed form, a birth certificate copy and the registration fee to one of the registration sessions. Additional forms are available at your school, the WL Parks & Rec office, or at www.westlafayettelittleleague.org .
- **Age eligibility rules have been changed by the national Little League organization**
 - **Girls (Major and Minor leagues)** – age on December 31, **2007** is the age to use for Little League registration
 - **Boys (Bank and Business leagues)** – age on April 30, **2008** is the age to use for Little League registration
 - **Tee Ball, Junior Softball and Junior Baseball** – age for boys and girls will be their age on April 30, 2008
- Scholarships are available based on need. There is a \$10 late fee assessed for those registering after March 31. Registration will be open longer for Jr. Softball and Tee Ball.

West Lafayette Little League is available for children who live in the West Lafayette postal area (47906). The programs begin in April with skill clinics and Team Selection Day. Coaches hold practices and schedule practice games from then until the season officially starts May 5th. A six-week season is followed by a tournament, all of which finishes (weather permitting) by June 25. All-Star teams are selected and compete in July and are eligible to advance to the Little League World Series in August.

BASEBALL -- Ages 9 - 12

Two competitive baseball leagues are available. The BUSINESS LEAGUE is organized for younger or less skilled players of ages 9-12. A pitching machine is used as opposed to "live-arm" pitching. Games are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. The BANK LEAGUE is composed of players ages 11-12, who possess greater skills. The games for the bank league are scheduled for evenings at 7:30 p.m. **Questions about Baseball registration? Call Stu Kline 497-9249.**

SOFTBALL -- Ages 9 - 12

Two competitive softball leagues are available for girls, ages 9-12, based upon age. Girls 9 and 10 years of age play in the Minor League, with games beginning at 5:30 p.m. 11 and 12 year-old girls play in the Major League and their games begin at 7:30 p.m. **Questions about Softball registration? Call Tim Bobillo at 743-2820 or Laura Bittner at 497-4351.**
Depending upon the number of girls registering for the various age levels, 8 year-old girls may be eligible for Minor League Softball this season. An information sheet will be available at WLLL Registration on February 29th and March 1st.

JUNIOR SOFTBALL -- Ages 7 to 8

The intent of the junior softball program is to offer girls, ages 7 to 8, the chance to learn the skills, positions, and rules that they will later use in competitive team softball. Teams will play two games per week.

Rule changed in 2006 and continues in 2008– safety baseballs are used as they better fit smaller hands for learning fundamentals and they are softer and safer to use.

Questions about Junior Softball registration? Call Laura Bittner at 497-4351.

JUNIOR BASEBALL -- Ages 7 to 8

This program provides a Team format with the focus on learning fundamentals. Teams will play two games per week.

Questions about Junior Baseball registration? Call Randy Truitt at 463-1737.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASEBALL (TEE BALL) – Ages 5 to 6

For information and age eligibility regarding this weekday morning program, which runs June 2 – June 20, **please see the blue Tee Ball registration forms** (available at www.westlafayettelittleleague.org, the Cumberland school "slot monster", W.L. Parks and Recreation office, Morton Center, and at the WLLL Registration tables).

Questions about Tee-Ball registration? Email : tee-ball@westlafayettelittleleague.org.

CLINIC SESSIONS

All players (including existing Bank League players) wishing to play in competitive programs are expected to participate in their respective clinics and skills evaluation sessions for their age group. Players will be asked to run, throw, field grounders and flies, and bat. This enables coaches to get an idea of a player's skill level so that teams may be selected that are as evenly balanced as possible. Team managers will be present to assess players' skill levels. The purpose of these sessions is to make it possible for coaches to get to know the players and to help the players develop basic skills. These sessions will be held:

Baseball Clinics Community Field

Date	Time	Age
Mon. 4/7	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	12
Tues. 4/8	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	11
Wed. 4/9	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	10
Thur. 4/10	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	9

Softball Clinics (Little League) Skehan Field

Date	Time	Age
Mon. 4/7	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	11 & 12
Tues. 4/8	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	8, 9 & 10

Team Selection Day

Baseball – Sat., April 12 at 9:00 a.m. for 12-year-olds; 10:00 a.m. for 11-year-olds; 1:00 p.m. for 10-year-olds; 2:00 p.m. for 9-year-olds; Location: Community Field

Softball – Sat., April 12 at 9:00 a.m. Location: Skehan Field – Major and Minor Leagues only!

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL PARTICIPANTS

Each child will receive a hat and a uniform shirt which is her/his to keep and wear anytime. Children playing in the competitive programs will also receive stirrup socks. **White baseball-style pants must be worn, but the league will not provide the pants.** Each player must provide fielder's gloves. Catcher's equipment will be provided by WLLL, but catchers MUST provide their own extra protection; by Little League rule, protective cups are required equipment for all catchers. Participants must wear sneakers or rubber cleats - - - METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED. All bats must have the Little League Approved logo if they are to be used in any of our leagues.

New in 2006 and continues in 2008 – all players will be required to wear league-provided batting helmets with attached face mask!

INSURANCE

Registration fees allow us to obtain secondary insurance for participants. Claims resulting from any injuries incurred at any scheduled game or practice must first be submitted to the parent's insurance company. Claims for coverage in excess of the parent's policy should be submitted to Little League insurance through the League President.

FIELD DAY

One day is set aside for getting fields ready for the season. **Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26** beginning at 8:30 a.m. **Every player and parent is expected to come and help out for at least an hour.**

One final note: We are very proud of the Little League program that this community has enjoyed for many years. It is a program which emphasizes growth and development for our children in a positive and healthy way. Making this program work requires the involvement of ALL parents. Whether you serve as a manager, coach, team parent, or umpire, your involvement is welcome and necessary. Your participation in Field Day makes the task of getting the fields ready for play less of a burden for everyone.

Please remember that having children in Little League requires more than just dropping them off and picking them up.

Come on and join the fun!

IF IT ISN'T FUN - IT ISN'T LITTLE LEAGUE!!!

Rob Kochon, President (463-7195)

BE SAFE !! DON'T BE LEFT OUT !!

West Lafayette Little League

IT'S TIME !!! PLAY BALL !!!

140 Vigo Ct.

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West Lafayette, IN 47906

WL schools, WL Parks and Recreation Office, and Morton Center.

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**WLLL Annual Meeting (*Public invited*) – Sunday, March 2 – 7:00 p.m.
-- at the West Lafayette Little League Complex --**

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Child's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Sex: M F

WE MUST HAVE A COPY OF THE PLAYER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO VERIFY AGE!

Circle shirt size: **YOUTH:** S(6-8) M(10-12) L(12-14) or **ADULT:** S(32-34) M(36-40) L(42-44) XL(46-48)

Parent(s) Name: _____
(Last Name) (Father's Name) (Mother's Name)

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

I AM VOLUNTEERING FOR:

PLEASE CIRCLE: MANAGER - COACH - UMPIRE - TEAM PARENT - OTHER _____

Did your child participate in any WL Little League program last year? Yes - No

Vacation dates during May-June-July (if known): _____

List other sports activities from April 1st to July 1st your child will be participating _____

I wish to enroll my child in:

SOFTBALL - for girls or boys **age 9 - 12** (age on 4/30/08 if male, 12/31/07 if female) FEE: BY 3/31/08 = **\$80.00**

_____ Team Competitive Softball consisting of two divisions, **AFTER 3/31/08** = **\$90.00**
one for players 9 & 10, and one for players 11 & 12

JUNIOR SOFTBALL - for girls or boys **age 7 - 8** (age on 4/30/08) FEE: BY 4/15/08 = **\$60.00**

_____ Team Non-competitive (instructional) league **AFTER 4/15/08** = **\$70.00**

I/We, the parents or guardians of the above named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities. I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the West Lafayette Little League, Inc., Little League Baseball Incorporated, West Lafayette School Corporation, West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance. Further, I/We agree not to hold the above named parties responsible for any damage done to a vehicle, whether by a baseball, softball or vandalism while parked at the fields. I/We agree to return upon request any equipment issued to my child in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.

I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to Little League officials, upon request.

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian _____

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