

## WLLL – 2009 Tee Ball — Information !!!

There will be a brief informational meeting for parents on the first day of the Tee Ball Program. We will meet in the bleachers on the third baseline of Skehan Field. (If it is raining – lightly or moderately – we will meet in the dugout on the first baseline of Skehan Field.) Skehan Field is located at the West Lafayette Little League (WLLL) Complex, which is on Benton Street behind Cumberland School. Until then, the following information may answer some questions. ☺ Please read all of the following information. It will make the meeting shorter. ☺

The WLLL Tee Ball Program will run weekday mornings – 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. – June 1 – June 19, 2009. The Tee Ball Program has 2 - 3 practice days and 2 - 3 game days each week. Everything takes place 9:00 – 10:15 a.m., Mon. – Fri. Our practices are run by the coaches rotating the players through batting, throwing, catching, fielding, and base-running practice stations. The players get a lot of personal attention at each station. The children have a lot fun, and they really learn how to play baseball.

The games run about 1 hour. Usually 2-3 innings are played. Players and coaches stand for the National Anthem with hats over hearts. There are announcers who announce the games, who's at bat, etc. Players rotate through different positions in each game. By the end of the season, a child will have played every position for at least one inning. We do not keep score in the games; every player is a winner in tee ball!

The WLLL Tee Ball Program gives young children the opportunity to be coached by and learn a sport from current high school students who are both good students and practicing athletes. One of the adult tee ball directors is at the field everyday to supervise the coaches.

**Tee ball games** will be played from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Tom Skehan Memorial Field, Community Field (the field next to Skehan Field), and the Jr. Baseball Field (the field behind Community Field). We plan on playing games on the following dates:

Th – June 4  
M – June 8  
M – June 15

F – June 5  
W – June 10  
W – June 17

F – June 12  
F – June 19

The players will be divided into 6 teams. A roster sheet listing members of all 6 teams will be emailed to the parents prior to the start of the season. On the first day of Tee Ball the players will be given their t-shirts and team hats. Each team will have its own color hat (red, blue, yellow, green, orange, lt. blue). **Please write your children's names** with laundry marker on the underside of the bill of their hat. Players should wear their hat everyday that they attend tee ball.

**Rain-outs:** There will be no rain-out make-ups. While tee ball, like baseball and softball, will be played in light to moderate rain, we leave the decision up to the parents as to whether their child plays in rainy weather. If you feel your child would be happier not playing tee ball on rainy days, then you need not have them attend on that day. We will call an official rain-out for heavy downpours, lightening, and thunder. As soon as we know we have to cancel due to rain, we will fly the official rain-out flag (color: **red**) at the WLLL Complex concession stand (the building between Skehan and Community Fields), and will e-mail parents.

**Team mate requests:** We make every effort to keep the teams equal in terms of ability and experience. We will place siblings on the same team unless parents request otherwise. Parents may request that their child be placed on the same team with one other friend (no more than one, please!). While we do not guarantee requests, we will do our best to honor them when we can. Please make any placement requests by mail or e-mail by Fri., May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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**E-mail:** You will find the tee ball web page at: [www.westlafayettelittleleague.org/teeball.html](http://www.westlafayettelittleleague.org/teeball.html) .  
The e-mail address for tee ball is [wlteeball@yahoo.com](mailto:wlteeball@yahoo.com) .

**Water bottles:** Your child must have a water bottle every day. It is very easy to dehydrate in the summer heat. We give frequent water breaks and also allow any requested water breaks. There are three drinking fountains in the ballpark. They are located beyond the ball field fences behind the third baseline bleachers of Skehan Field and behind the first and third baseline bleachers of Community Field.

**Public Restrooms:** The public restrooms are located next to the concession stand (to the right of the concession counter). The concession stand is located between Skehan and Community Fields.

**T-shirts, hats, and fielder's gloves:** Tee Ball hats and t-shirts will be handed out to the children at the beginning of the first day. You may put whatever name and number your child wants on the back of his/her shirt. The closest place to have names and numbers put on shirts is Sports, Etc., which is located downtown. Players do not have to wear their tee ball t-shirts every day (unless they want to ☺), but we do recommend wearing tee ball t-shirts on game days. A fielder's glove must be provided by each player. The usual size for Tee Ball is a 9 – 10-inch glove. Gloves are available at sporting goods stores, Walmart, Target, Kmart, etc. **Please write your children's names on the underside of the bill of their hat and on their fielder's glove.** Players should wear their hat and bring their glove everyday that they attend tee ball.

**Picture Day: Friday, June 5 at about 10:00 a.m. (after the 2<sup>nd</sup> game).** A local professional photographer--Jim's Photo Gems--will take pictures of the tee ball teams (all lined-up and smiling ☺☺) and pictures of individual players for those parents who want them. Jim photographs all of our upper-level Little League teams. The pictures are excellent. Depending on the number of players getting individual pictures, this photo session may run a little past 10:30 a.m. that day. **Raindate is:** Wed., June 10 (after the 4<sup>th</sup> game).

You may take action shots and videos at any time. You may also take your own team pictures. Parents may coordinate that on their own with the coaches and other parents on their child's team.

**Water Day: Tuesday, June 16. BRING SQUIRT GUNS and TOWELS!!! KIDS, WEAR YOUR SWIMSUITS!!! (raindate: June 18)** Water Day is a long standing tradition in WLLL Tee Ball. On Water Day the tee ball players get a chance to throw water balloons, squirt their coaches with squirt guns, practice sliding on slip-n-slides, eat popsicles, etc. With the help of several wonderful parent volunteers, ☺ Water Day is always a fun day for the kids. (Parents: we will email you about volunteering for Water Day after the start of the season. ☺) Note: Your child will most likely be wet when you pick them up on Water Day. You may want to have extra towels for your car.

**Summer Baseball/Softball:** ☺ Several of the tee ball coaches play on the high school summer ball teams. We will email the high school summer game schedules during the first week of tee ball. Come see your coaches play ball. It makes for a fun evening!

**Volunteer opportunities in West Lafayette Little League:** Directors and members of the Little League Board, parent coaches and umpires at all levels of Little League are volunteers. It's a great organization to get involved in! We need more parent volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email us at: [wlteeball@yahoo.com](mailto:wlteeball@yahoo.com) .

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR CHILD AT TEE BALL!**