Youth Softball

Trying to find an extremely low cost, low time commitment, fun athletic opportunity for your child?
Looking for a great way to boost your child’s confidence and self-esteem?
Hoping for ways to have your son or daughter make new friends?
Have a son or daughter who is not naturally athletic but you would like to see give sports a try?

If you answered ‘Yes’ to any of these questions, then it is time for you to consider joining our Youth Softball program!!

Our three co-ed youth leagues cover boys and girls from K-5 through 8th grade, and are run by volunteer parents with a passion for teaching the game to young people. Beginners with zero baseball or softball experience have joined these leagues at all age levels and have grown with confidence as they learn the game and make meaningful contributions to their teams! Experienced athletes participating in soccer, basketball, lacrosse, fast pitch softball and even Little League have found this to be a wonderful alternative and a chance to enjoy competitive sports in a more recreational, family-friendly setting. Many of these kids are able to participate in two sports during the spring because our league has an extremely low time commitment of 1-3 hours per week, with an expectation that there will be occasional conflicts and an incredibly low cost that makes limited participation a non-issue!

In each league, one volunteer parent serves as the Manager, and is responsible for organizing practices, soliciting a sponsor, handling team communications, and coordinating all team activities. The manager is given a refund of the cost of registering one child from their family into the softball program in exchange for his or her service to the league. Additional volunteer coaches are sought to assist the manager with technical skills and other support duties. Practices are generally once or twice per week until games start, but are at the discretion of each manager. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please email mangeli1@wi.rr.com

Players are randomly assigned to teams based on the school they attend, but we honor and encourage requests to be paired with other friends to help with car-pooling and to make it a comfortable and enjoyable experience for the kids. Returning players are automatically assigned the same team they played on the year before. There are no rules with regard to how many boys or girls are on each team’s roster or in the field of play at any given time, but efforts are made to maintain competitive integrity in the Junior and Senior leagues. Managers ensure that all players receive an ample amount of playing time regardless of ability. Games in the Junior and Senior leagues are umpired by adult recreation staff. To minimize disruption to family vacation plans, our seasons in all three leagues will conclude by July 19th. It is acceptable for players to make only 8 or 9 of the 12 games each season due to conflicts.

PARENT PITCH: Parent pitch is for those just finishing K5 through 1st grade. This league uses a soft, squishy ball. No scores or league standings are kept, but players are introduced to the fundamentals of batting, running bases and fielding under the watchful eye of several adult parent volunteers. Games are generally played on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

JUNIOR BOYS/GIRLS: The Junior league is for boys & girls just finishing 3rd thru 5th grade, and uses an 11” softball. Scores and league standings are kept, and teams finishing with a winning record are recognized with individual trophies at the annual Awards Banquet. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and there is an all-star game for those selected.

SENIOR BOYS/GIRLS: The Senior league is for boys & girls just finishing 6th thru 8th grade, and uses a 12” softball. Scores and league standings are kept, and teams finishing with a winning record are recognized with individual trophies at the annual Awards Banquet. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and there is an all-star game for those selected.

The form below MUST be filled out and returned or mailed directly to the Nicolet Recreation Department. Circle program choice below:

Grades: League: Gender: Program #: Fee: Games: 1st Practice: 1st Game: Location:
(K-2) Parent Pitch Boys/Girls 311800-02 $45 M/W 5/7/18* 5/21/18 Parkway #3
(3-5) Junior Boys/Girls 311800-03 $50 T/R 5/7/18* 5/22/18 Parkway #3
(6-8) Senior Boys/Girls 311800-05 $50 T/R 5/7/18* 5/22/18 Parkway #1

*Practices may begin as early as the week of May 7th, but are scheduled by the individual team Manager. Managers will reach out to players assigned to their teams around May 7th to communicate practice schedules and other information. If you have not heard from a Manager by May 11th, contact the Recreation office. Games begin the week of May 21st and the season will end no later than July 19th.

YOUTH SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM

NAME__________________ MALE/FEMALE (M/F) ______ BIRTHDATE_______ GRADE (2017-18)________

AGE______SCHOOL__________________EMAIL:________________ PHONE:________________

ADDRESS________________________________________CITY____________________ZIP________

Will a Parent serve as a volunteer: MANAGER (Yes/No)______________ASSISTANT Coach (Yes/No)______________

Returning Player: 2017 Team/League:______________________________

If new to league or program-Requests:______________________________

All requests are taken on a first-come basis, and are not guaranteed. Many circumstances need to be considered when placing players on teams: availability, roster size, siblings, coaches, competitive balance, etc. We will make every effort to accommodate requests.

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED:_________(check #:___) cash: _____ credit: ____MC/Visa Exp Date____ Card #:________________

Name on Card:________________________________________

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (if under 18 years of age)