

2007 Chanhassen Baseball and Softball News **Including the cities of Chanhassen, Chaska, Victoria, Carver, East Union**

Welcome to the 2007 Little League Baseball and Softball Program. This is the Official Little League for families residing inside District 112 boundaries, offered as a program of Chanhassen Athletic Association. For players and families returning for another season, welcome back! For families new to the area or those with a child newly interested in playing baseball or softball, the registration process begins here.

Your local Little League is an entirely volunteer group that follows this organizational structure:

- >Little League Board of Directors
- >Little League Baseball and Softball each managed by and Baseball and Softball Chair
- >Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Volunteers

It is critical for parents to step-up and volunteer to play a role in helping our Little League operate efficiently.
Help make YOUR league successful!

For 2007, our Baseball and Softball registration process is straightforward. Attached to this welcome page are 2007 Baseball and Softball registration forms. Instructions and the 2007 fee schedule are located on the form. Key dates for the league are listed below and will be posted online at www.chanhassenathleticassociation.org. The 2007 registration cutoff date is February 24th, 2007. Take advantage of the \$10 Early Bird Discount by registering before January 31st, 2007.

2007 Key Little League Dates:

December 15 th , 2006 – February 24 th , 2007	Little League Registration Period
January 31 st	Early Bird Registration closes
February 24 th	Walk-up registration at Chanhassen Recreation Center
April 14 th	Baseball and Softball Evaluations
April 16 th	Teams formed and Draft occurs
April 23 rd	Practice begins
May 5 th	Opening Day
June 1 st -June 3 rd	Mid-Season Tournament
June 22 nd	Regular Season Play Ends
June 25 th – June 28 th	Year-End Tournament Play
June 28 th	Championship Games
July 6 th -	Little League Post Season begins

Other key announcements for the upcoming 2007 season:

- 1) For the first time, Little League Baseball and Softball will form Major/Minor divisions. These divisions will be formed through the evaluation process and be offered to players ages 9-12 in both Leagues. All age 9 children will automatically be placed in the Minors and age 12 will be placed in Majors. Players ages 10 and 11 will be placed based on evaluation results in the division which suits their ability. All children in these age groups will still evaluate to promote parity in divisional play.
- 2) In addition to Major/Minor league division play. We will again offer Tournament Team play for another level of competitive play.
- 3) The Little League has petitioned Metro Baseball to offer a traveling program for those interested in the highest level of competition. We anticipate hearing shortly whether our petition has been accepted. This offer will be extended to children ages 11-13. Interested parties should note it on the registration form in the box designated. Further details about price and scheduling will follow about this exciting opportunity.
- 4) Because of the many new opportunities being offered to the children this year, parents can expect a Monday through Saturday Baseball and Softball schedule. The growth of the program and expanded opportunities has spurred this decision.
- 5) In addition to the \$10 Early Bird Discount, families with 3+ children playing in Little League in 2007 will receive an additional 10% Family Discount for every child registered. Please note on the registration form(s) if you have 3+ children playing Little League this year.
- 6) Look for information soon on indoor workouts to get your ball game going – details to be posted on the chanhassenathleticassociation.org web page on both Baseball and Softball pages

We will see you at the ballparks!

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