



Windsor Central Little League The Cyclone Zone



January, 2010

So you've signed up for baseball. You're a "Cyclone" now!

It's winter, and Opening Day on Saturday, May 1st seems like an awfully long time away. You may be surprised at just how much actually happens between now and then, and how fast it goes! Perhaps you've told your friends how excited you are about playing baseball this spring, and now they want to sign up too. It's not too late. We'll be holding our Second registration on Saturday, February 20th, at the Peace Lutheran Church located at the corner of Rossini & Tecumseh Rd.

After this date on March 20th, 2010 there will still be an opportunity for late registration at the address above. Late registrations will be accepted from 1 - 4 pm. *A late fee of \$20.00 will apply.

If you've got friends who want to sign up too, we'll need to be sure they're in the Windsor Central Little League boundaries. Please take a look at the our website www.wcll.ca to see if they live within the "Cyclone Zone"!

WANTED: HOUSE LEAGUE & ALL-STAR COACHES!

Want an exciting and rewarding way to make a difference in a child's life? Coaches are needed in ALL divisions and groups. Baseball experience is helpful, but not necessary. The most important thing you can bring is the desire to work with the kids and have fun. Coaches clinics will be available in April to help you learn the ropes.

Interested: Contact our **League President, Donna Standel** by emailing her at President@wcll.ca

SIGN UP TO BE AN UMPIRE

Want to earn some extra cash? Become an Umpire for WCLL. Clinics will be available to help you learn the ropes.

Opportunities are also available for high **school students** looking for a fun way to make a difference volunteering their **40 hours of community service** with our organization this year.

Interested? Contact our **Umpire in Chief, John Sabatini** – Umpireinchief@wcll.ca



WCLL IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **January 30**
Winter Clinic start date
- ◆ **February 20**
2nd Registration
- ◆ **March 20**
Final Registration
- ◆ **March 27**
Coaches Clinic
- ◆ **May 1**
Opening Day
- ◆ **May 15**
Picture Day/Garage Sale
**Donations Needed*
- ◆ **May 28-29**
Tag Day
- ◆ **June 11**
2nd Tag Day
- ◆ **June 13**
Bowl-a-thon
- ◆ **June 18 - 20**
T-Ball House league
Tournament
- ◆ **July 23 - 25**
Minor/Major Tournament
- ◆ **August 29**
2010 Wrap Up Party

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Central Zone. The 2010 Baseball season marks Windsor Central Little Leagues 46th year. I'd like to welcome back all of our returning Windsor Central Families and extend a special welcome to the families who are joining us for the first time. I hope your experience with Windsor Central Little league will be everything you expect and much more.

All of our volunteers work very hard year round, to make WCLL the best sports youth program it can be and to make your Child's experience a memorable one. Each of us continues to learn and grow everyday in this organization, and your input and assistance in helping us lead the way is greatly appreciated and welcomed. I can assure you that the reward you receive for giving your time is far more worth the time spent! Since WCLL is only as strong as it's volunteers, I cannot thank the Board of Directors enough for all of their hard work to make Windsor Central Little League a success. Without the many hours given by them our league would not be the great place that it is, where families in our community can spend time together enjoying watching the great game of baseball.

Let's play Ball!



Donna Standel,
WCLL President

THE TRUE COST OF PLAYING BASEBALL

Did you know that it actually costs more than \$250.00 per player to provide the baseball experience each year? WCLL's expenses include the cost of equipment, uniforms, first aid kits, Insurance, park and clubhouse facilities, diamond rental, tournament fees, clinics, gym rentals, and much more. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers and sponsors within our community, we are able to keep the registration fees at less than 1/2 the actual cost for the year.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fundraising events are just one more way that we're working to help keep the cost of player registration down. Our events will include a Bowl-a-thon, a Yard Sale and Tag Day. Come on out and support your league. Without you it would be difficult to offer a baseball season that was affordable, well-equipped and fun! We will be accepting donations for the Yard Sale beginning May 1st. (Yard Sale to be held on May 15th)

SHOPPING CHECKLIST

- ◆ **baseball pants**
(gray in colour)
- ◆ **suitable shoes**
(steel spike not allowed)
- ◆ **athletic support**
(protection for boys & girls)
- ◆ **OPTIONAL ITEMS**
helmet

While a batter's helmet is provided by the league, it's shared by all players. You may wish to purchase your own helmet for your child if you have health or hygiene concerns.

Events

2010 Bow - A - Thon

A fundraiser bowl-a-thon is being held on Sunday, June 13th from 1-5pm @ Rose Bowl Lanes on Dougall Ave. Each player must have a minimum of \$20.00 in pledges. Prizes for the most pledges brought in. Includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental & pizza lunch.

2010 Wrap Up Party

The 2010 season will come to an end with a party being held on August 29th at the Croatian Centre, (5259 Tecumseh Rd. E.) Lunch will be served @ 1:00 with entertainment to follow.

Contact our Special Events Coordinator, Beth for more information. SpecialEvents@wcll.ca



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VOLUNTEERS: THE LIFEblood OF OUR LEAGUE!

What makes Little League tick? It's almost completely supported by volunteers! From the coaches who make things safe and fun on the fields, to the folks in the board room who make sure there's equipment and facilities in place, WCLL works because of people just like you who chose to give up a bit of their time for kids. Whether you have an hour once a season, or an hour once a week, you can make a meaningful difference to the Little League players this year. Please contact any Board Member to learn more about the opportunities available to help: www.wcll.ca

All-Star Season

All-Star tryouts will begin during the regular house league season. If your child makes the All-Star Team there is an additional registration fee that must be paid before your child is given an All-star Uniform. There may be additional costs depending on travel and tournaments your team may be attending.

Passport Information

All-Star players and their families that are in the Minor, Major and Junior Divisions must have a Passport!

HOW WE'RE WORKING TO KEEP PLAYERS SAFE

Our "League Protection Program" is just one of the ways that we work with our volunteers to ensure the safety of our players. Little League programs nationwide are required to annually conduct a background check of Managers, Coaches, Board of Directors and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams. The purpose of these background checks is, first and foremost, to protect children. The checks maintain Little League as a hostile environment for those who would seek to do harm. We know you'll agree that protecting our kids is the most important thing we can do. We value every single one of our volunteers, and want to make sure the experience is safe for them too. If you have any questions or concerns about the background check, please feel free to contact our **President, Donna Standel**, to discuss it further.

Have you visited our website yet? Access schedules, stats, tips, League updates, photo's, and even share your ideas. Questions or thoughts? Contact **Bonnie Fitzgerald @ B.Fitzgerald@windsorcentralcyclones.org**

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