

# *Northern Columbia Little League*

*PO Box 264*

*Kinderhook, NY 12106*

## *“Baseball & Softball Leagues Forming Soon”*

The NCLL offers baseball and softball programs for all children residing in the Ichabod Crane School District who are at least four years old and up through age 16. All leagues below the major league level are considered to be entry level, non-competitive programs with an emphasis on fun, education, and skills development. Rookie Ball and T-Ball games are generally played on Sunday afternoons in May and June. Intermediate, minor league, and major league games may be played on weeknights and Saturdays during the same months. Practice for the teams above T-Ball usually begins in April.

- Boys and girls can play co-ed Rookie Ball, if they are age 4 before May 1, 2012. There can be no exception for children who do not turn 4 until May 1, 2012 or later.
- Boys and girls can play co-ed T-Ball, if they are currently enrolled in Kindergarten.
- For both baseball and softball, the Intermediate program is open to children enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, ages 7 & 8.
- For both baseball and softball, the Minor program is open to children beginning at age 9, however, children who participated in the Intermediate program the previous year may be permitted to play at the Minor level after a skills evaluation.
- For both baseball and softball, participation in the Major league level requires selection after an evaluation held in March.
- First time registrants should bring proof of age.

Registration dates have been scheduled for the 2012 season. They are **Wednesday, January 25** (5:30 to 7 PM) at the Town of Kinderhook Recreation Center at Volunteers' Park off State Farm Road, **Saturday, February 11** and **Sunday, February 12** (noon to 4 PM) at the Ichabod Crane High School. You may also mail the forms directly to the NCLL.

Registration forms will be available on the registration dates or can be downloaded from the NCLL website, <http://northerncolumbialittleleague.com>. The fees are \$55 for one child and \$110 for two or more children participating on NCLL teams at any level. Also, scholarships are available for those facing financial difficulties. Just contact league officers for information.

The NCLL is the largest youth recreation program in Columbia County. Organizing 500 players onto teams, recruiting managers and coaches, and lining up sponsors requires as much lead time as possible. Unfortunately, too many families are waiting until the last moment to register. Therefore, please note that those who have not registered for the 2012 season by March 1 will pay an additional \$5 per child. If you would like to help, volunteer forms are available on the NCLL website and at the registration dates.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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