

NORTHWEST YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



SPRING BALL NEWS

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NWYB offers Dizzy Dean franchise (competitive) and non-franchise (instructional) baseball and girls' fast-pitch softball leagues from Pre-T Ball (4-year-olds) through Juniors (ages 15-16). The Spring season is just around the corner, and we encourage you to register early! Our BIG Opening Day is Saturday, February 27th.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

At the Annual Public Meeting on August 27, NWYB members voted for the entire Executive Board and open at-large director seats. This year's Board is listed below:

2009—2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Board

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Anton Plaines.....743-2829

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Joan Simmons.....204-1084

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Registrar

Tiffany Kremer698-9365

Spring 2010 Managers Needed

There are still openings for Spring 2010 season Managers. Applications can be downloaded from our website www.northwestyouthbaseball.org and may be mailed to our Post Office box or e-mailed to Cathy Sedwick at cathynoyessedwick@verizon.net.

We have knowledgeable people in the League who will provide all the assistance you need to succeed. Please consider helping out.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

NWYB Clubhouse: 345-1902
NWYB Website: www.northwestyouthbaseball.org
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 40174
Saint Petersburg, FL 33743-0174

THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER:

- FOR ALL PLAYERS: A valid City of St. Petersburg Recreation Card. Cards are available at the Cate Recreation Center at Northwest Park or at any St. Petersburg city recreation office. Two forms of I.D. showing proof of residency are required. For more information and a link to the St. Pete Recreation Brochure, visit the NWYB website at www.northwestyouthbaseball.org.
- A copy of the player's birth certificate is required ONLY for players new to Northwest Youth Baseball & Softball.

REGISTRATION DATES

SATURDAY	JANUARY 2	9 AM - Noon
TUESDAY	JANUARY 5	6 - 8 PM
THURSDAY	JANUARY 7	6 - 8 PM
SATURDAY	JANUARY 9	9 AM - Noon
MONDAY	JANUARY 11	6 - 8 PM
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 13	6 - 8 PM
SATURDAY	JANUARY 16	9 AM - Noon
MONDAY	JANUARY 18	6 - 8 PM
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 20	6 - 8 PM

BASEBALL TRY OUT DATES

SATURDAY	JANUARY 9	1 PM
SATURDAY	JANUARY 16	1 PM
THURSDAY	JANUARY 21	6:30 PM

Note: There will be no registrations taken during try-out times. Players MUST have a completed, paid registration BEFORE trying out. Warm-ups begin 1/2 hour before try-out, so please get there early.

SOFTBALL TRY OUT DATES

TUESDAY	JANUARY 12	6 PM
SUNDAY	JANUARY 17	11 AM
SATURDAY	JANUARY 23	11 AM

REGISTRATION FEES

Baseball ages 7–14.....	\$100
Softball ages 7 through 16*.....	\$100
Ages 5-6 (Tee Ball).....	\$80
Age 4 (Pre-Tee).....	\$50
Juniors (15–16 year old baseball) ...	\$150
*Softball older age division includes ages 13-16	
Sibling Discount (each additional sibling; sorry, no discount for Pre-Tee).....	\$15 off

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Northwest Youth Baseball is to promote the development of a strong character, sense of responsibility, and good citizenship in our players.

SPRING 2009 TEAM SPONSORS

Thanks to the following organizations and individuals for their generous financial support:

A+ Lawn Maintenance
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Steps to a HealthierFL
Teenvillage.org
Toby's Little Italy Pizza
Westshore Pizza

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Northwest Youth Baseball is seeking sponsors for the Spring Season. If you are interested in sponsoring a team, please call Cathy Noyes-Sedwick at 656-6475, or check-out the sponsor tab on our website.

CONCESSION HELP REMINDER!

While we do not ask for any direct fundraising by families, each team is assigned two mandatory concession duty dates to be staffed by four parents each time. The failure of your team to provide service on those dates may result in the forfeiture of the next scheduled game. Moreover, working the concession stand is a good way to get to know each other and it is usually fun and goes by fast.

KEEP OFF THE GRASS!

St. Petersburg City Code prohibits parking on the grass anywhere at Northwest Park. Violators are subject to a costly citation. Please, save yourself some money and park only in the parking lots.

NO SMOKING PLEASE

Remember: St. Petersburg City Ordinance prohibits smoking **within 100 feet** of any youth event. Please do not smoke near the dug outs OR playing field when games or practices are being held. The kids thank you!

NWYB PLAYER AWARDS

The Milton Petzoldt Memorial Award and the Wilbur Pillsbury Award of Excellence are given annually by Northwest Youth Baseball in the Freshman division (11 and 12 year old franchise). In addition to these awards, the Most Valuable Player and Player with the Most Heart awards are recognized in all competitive divisions. Players are nominated by the league managers, and must be the older league ages in each division. The winners of the awards are chosen from the nominees by the Board of Directors. The criteria for selection of candidates for these awards is as follows:

Most Valuable Player Award: Leader through example, hustles, perfectionist, sportsmanship, gentleman, role model for all Northwest players.

Player with the Most Heart Award: Representative of and dedicated to the Northwest Baseball program; dependable and always striving to improve personally and as a team member.

In addition, past President Charlie Gerdes instituted an award for one player in the Freshman Division and one in the Sophomore Division who surpassed all expectations and achieved beyond his apparent ability level. This award is deemed the "President's Choice" award.

Congratulations to the following players for being the 2009 Player Award winners.

DIVISION	MVP	MOST HEART
Farm (7-8)	Tanner Hayes	Frank Skapura
Minor (9-10)	Darius Blasingane	Chase Wright
Freshman (11-12)	Travis Dugan	Nate Stewart
Sophomore (13-14)	Alex McGathey	Jeremy Nimrick
President's Choice: Briers Gudykunst (Freshman)		

Northwest Teams Very Successful in Spring 2009 Post-Season Play

- The 16U girls softball team won the Miss Florida Mid-Season tournament against 25 other teams, and also won the District 5 All-Star Tournament!
- The 10U mini-minors won the District 5 All-Star Tournament!
- The 14U baseball All-Star team repeated for the third time in a row as Florida State Champions and were runners-up in the Dizzy Dean World Series!
- The 10U baseball team won the District 5 All-Star Tournament!
- The 9U baseball All-Star team won the Florida State Championship!
- The 10U Cautero Law Red Bombers won the non-franchise City Tournament!

A word about safety...

Safety is the number one priority, and we at NWYB want you to know that we take every reasonable step to ensure that your child is safe at Northwest. From providing safety equipment for the practices and games, to our background checks on managers, coaches, directors and volunteers, the Board constantly works to keep NWYB a place where you can feel safe and secure. If you ever have any concerns about safety at our park, please don't hesitate to contact a Board member. Thanks for your continued support!

Please **RECYCLE YOUR NEWSPAPERS** and other paper in the big green bin in the West parking lot. Besides helping the environment, NWYB gets all the proceeds from the recycled paper. So Pitch In!



NWYB WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website experienced technical difficulties during the Fall season, but is now up and running, and updated. For all your Park news, please visit us at:

www.northwestyouthbaseball.org

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