

Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball

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Important Dates

13 & 14 yr Tournament
Teams Tryouts March 15

CL Expo, CLSHS March 21
 March 22

Parent/Player Night April 7

ASEP Coaches Clinic TBA

Field Day – Lippold TBA

15 yr old Tournament
Team Tryouts April 19

Picture Night April 22

Field Day – VA TBA

First Aid Clinic May 14

Check out the complete schedule
of events online at www.clbr.org.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ◆ Banner Signs
- ◆ Scoreboard Signs
- ◆ Donations

Contact any CLBR
Board Member

Parent Night Planned at Central High School

Our annual parent/player orientation will take place at Central High School's auditorium on Tuesday, April 7 starting at 7pm.

You'll get to meet your manager and your teammates for the first time and we'll be giving you details on the upcoming season, fundraising, volunteer help needed, tournament teams, field improvements, and we'll answer any questions you may have.

You may want to get there a little early and check out our Spirit Wear shop! You can pick up Babe Ruth shirts, sweatshirts, hats, jackets, batting helmets, and bat bags. While you're at it, pick-up an offer card or two and buy some raffle tickets to win cash prizes.

It's Not Too Late to Register to Play Ball!

There are still a few openings so **grab a friend and get signed up today!**

Contact Mike Barber – mbarber@clbr.org

13, 14, and 15 Year Old Tournament Team Tryouts

The tryouts for the Crystal Lake Babe Ruth **15 year old Tournament Team** will be held on Sunday, April 19 at Veteran Acres. All players registered in the Crystal Lake Babe Ruth who will be 15 or younger on May 1, 2009 are eligible to tryout.

Tryouts for both the **13 year old** and **14 year old tournament teams** will be held Sunday, March 15 in two sessions at CL Central starting at 11:30am.

All players registered in the Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Major League who are age 13 or 14 on May 1, 2009 are eligible to tryout.

Players trying out must pre-register by sending an e-mail to tournament_team@clbr.org. Include your NAME, AGE, PHONE NUMBER, BABE RUTH TEAM, and SCHOOL TEAM. After registering, players will receive a confirmation email and any updated information. Players should plan to arrive before the tryout begins to check-in and properly warm-up.

****HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS:** All High School players are eligible to tryout for this team. Under IHSA rules, high school players may attend tryouts for summer teams. Trying Out will not affect you or your team's eligibility.

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ASEP Training Required for ALL On-Field Personnel

The National Babe Ruth organization has specified that everyone who works with the players in any capacity must go through ASEP training this year. This certification is valid for life. If you have taken the class last year you will need to provide a copy of your certification. If you took the class prior to Feb 2007 you will need to take any of the current courses being offered. Babe Ruth is requiring everyone to pass the course.

Whether you are a manager, coach, or scorekeeper, anyone spending time with the players on the field during games or practices must take this training.

The good news is you have three opportunities to meet the requirement. The CL Park District will sponsor two **free clinics**, times to be determined at CLPD Park Place.

You can also take the course on-line at www.baberuthcoaching.org, but there it will cost you \$19.95.



Manager Orientation Meeting

If you have been approved by the board to manage a team in any of our leagues for the 2008 summer season, you must attend the Manager Orientation Meeting.

The meeting is **Thursday, March 12** starting at 7 pm. We'll meet in the community room in the basement of

Home State Bank which is near the corner of Main St. and Route 14. We'll be going over league policies, coaching expectations, manager responsibilities and a host of other league business.

Managers are required and coaches should plan on attending.

First Aid Clinic Planned for May 14

Coaches and managers have an opportunity to get **mandatory training** and help their teams at the same time!

At the Babe Ruth general meeting on May 14, Betty Mortenson R.N. will be running a first aid clinic for all coaches and managers.

They will cover treatment for minor injuries and explain how to handle more urgent emergencies. It is mandatory that at least one coach from each team take this training. We've made it so easy, why not all of us! Don't miss this opportunity!

CLBR Players selected for MCYSA Dominican Team

McHenry County Youth Sports Association has put together a team of players made up of the host teams for the MCYSA/ USSSA National Tournament held in Crystal Lake – July 24- Aug 2. The tryouts were held in early January 2009 at PCA LITH. More than 60 players from the five host teams tried out for an opportunity to represent McHenry County and the USA in a tournament in the Dominican Republic in June 2009.

The players have to meet requirements as grade checks and be recommended by a teacher. CL Babe Ruth had five players selected for the MCYSA Select team: **Sean Barrett, Kyle Hodorowicz, Eric Humpa, Jake Staab, and Dominck Winiacki.**

For more information visit: www.mcyasports.org or see the story in the Northwest Herald: <http://www.nwherald.com/articles/2008/12/15/49347904/index.xml>

Going out to eat in Crystal Lake?

CLBR has partnered with several area restaurants to help with our fundraising efforts. Watch these area businesses for chance to help CL Babe Ruth:

Georgio's Pizza
Culver's
Wendy's
Colonial Cafe

Crystal Lake Expo

Managers and coaches from Babe Ruth will be manning a booth at this year's Crystal Lake Expo.

The Expo will be held at Crystal Lake South High School March 21st and 22nd. Stop by, say hello, and pick-up an offer card or a raffle ticket!

CLBR Needs Help:

If you can assist, volunteer or provide any contacts in the areas Financial Accounting / Audit please contact Jim Sabo – JSABO@CLBR.ORG for information.