

# Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball

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## Opening Day! Babe Ruth Kicks Off 50th Season in 2009

After all the planning, field prep, and practices, it's finally time to PLAY BALL! Well – maybe not all the practices. The weather has been playing havoc on our fields so we are not able to schedule the fields for practices – stay tuned. We fully expect to get the season started on-time.

Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball starts their **50<sup>th</sup> season** officially with a pair of Prep League games on Tuesday, May 12 at 6pm.

The Major League will begin play with a full slate of games on Sunday, May 24th. Senior League schedule will be announced after the release of this newsletter.

The season schedules will be released soon – watch [www.clbr.org](http://www.clbr.org) for the game schedule.

So come on out and help Babe Ruth kick-off the 2009 with a HUGE crowd!

### Important Dates:

First Aid Clinic	May 7
Prep Opening Night	May 12
Culver's Night	May 19
Major Opening Day	May 24
Senior Opening Day	TDA
CLBR Car Wash	June 20

Check out the complete schedule of events online at [www.clbr.org](http://www.clbr.org).

CL Babe Ruth is also on **Facebook** upload pictures, stories or keep in touch with friends.

## MCYSA Tournament – Home Stay Families Needed

Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball is a host team for the 2009 MCYSA/ USSSA International Championship tournament. The tournament starts Friday July 24. In order to off-set some of the expense for the international teams traveling to this tournament MCYSA has a Home Stay program. You would open your home to 2 players from the same team to stay at your home during the tournament as well as transport your player's to and from their tournament games.

The players are from the 9, 11 or 15 year old age group. The teams include

Puerto Rico, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Japan, Panama and Brazil. There may be other teams added after this newsletter is distributed.

Families that will volunteer will receive discount coupons for meals at local restaurants, 2 cases of water, \$150 gift card per player and free admission to all tournament games.

For more information contact **Justin Banaszynski at 815-762-5799 or email [jbanaszynski@clbr.org](mailto:jbanaszynski@clbr.org)** or go to our web page at [www.clbr.org](http://www.clbr.org).

## Sponsorship Opportunities

- ◆ **Banner Signs**
- ◆ **Scoreboard Signs**
- ◆ **Donations**

**Contact a CLBR Board Member**

## CLBR Managers and Coaches must be certified

The CLBR Board wanted to ensure all players were in good hands again this season. To accomplish this the league mandated that anyone who will be on the field instructing our players this year had to attend a youth sport coaching clinic.

All on-field managers and coaches attended a three hour American Sport Education Program (ASEP) clinic led by the Crystal Lake Park District. Based on

the philosophy of "**Athletes First . . . Winning Second**" the program places the emphasis on developing players' skills, sportsmanship, and character. Youth sport volunteers must repeat this training every three years.

The board also performed background checks on all the managers and coaches in all three of our leagues prior to assigning them to a team.

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### 2009 Goods & Services

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Player's Choice Academy

**The players, coaches,  
managers, and  
parents would like to  
thank all of our 2009  
sponsors!**

## Want to be a bat boy / girl or scorekeeper?

**Calling all 9-13 year olds** interested in Experiencing some real high level baseball!!

The 15U, 11U and 9U Year Old MCYSA / USSSA International Championships and the 13U National Invitational will be held in Crystal Lake from July 25th to August 2nd (3U tournament - July 29 – Aug 2).

**We're looking for young baseball enthusiasts** to assist visiting teams as bat boys or bat girls. Your experiences and memories will last a lifetime!

Contact MCYSA directly to sign up:  
[MCYSABB@comcast.net](mailto:MCYSABB@comcast.net)

MCYSA tournaments: Scorekeepers are paid per game. Inquiries should be sent to Mike at [mkolton828@yahoo.com](mailto:mkolton828@yahoo.com). You can request times and fields to score games at. There will be training sessions to learn the scoring system for the software. This is a good opportunity for players and team scorekeepers to help out in the tournament.

Volunteers needed to assist with data entry for game statistics MCYSA are looking for volunteers to record game statistics into the computer software. Anyone (adult or teenager) with data entry skills who would like to help should send an e-mail to Mike: [mkolton828@yahoo.com](mailto:mkolton828@yahoo.com).

## Get your 2009 CLBR Discount Card & Raffle Tickets

How would you like to **save \$5** on an oil change? Or get discounts on pizza and other food locations, \$5 off on sporting goods, 10% off on dinner, **\$2 off car wash**, or **free batting tokens**? How? Just buy a 2009 Babe Ruth Offer Card!

They still cost only \$5.00 per card and this year there are 24 local merchants participating in the discount program. The offers are good until February 15, 2010 and can be used every day at every location. Use it once or twice

and it pays for itself!

Also, raffle tickets are available. For \$5 each or 5 for \$20 you will have the chance to win great prizes. Including, the Grand Prize of \$500. Drawing will be held at the CLBR Chamber Mixer at Lippold on June 16. Also – the player who sells the most will be awarded a prize as well.

To get your cards or raffle tickets, contact your team manager or any board member listed at the bottom of page 3.

## -----Babe Ruth Classifieds-----

**CPA Needed:** The Babe Ruth Board is looking for a CPA with ability to assist with audit of non-for profit organization. Contact Jim Sabo at 815-459-4849

**For Sale:** Babe Ruth Offer Card, good at over 24 local businesses for discounts on goods or services. \$5/each. You can't beat this deal! Contact any Board member.

**FOR SALE:** Babe Ruth Spirit Wear: Sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats; great colors! Contact Jim – [jtaege@clbr.org](mailto:jtaege@clbr.org)

**Wanted:** A company seeking fame and name recognition to sponsor a scoreboard at Lippold Park. Name displayed from May through October. Plenty of warm-fuzzies returned for supporting youth athletics. Contact John @ [jbarrett@clbr.org](mailto:jbarrett@clbr.org)

**NEEDED:** Donations to support the construction of a permanent snack stand and restroom facility at the Lippold Park Babe Ruth Complex. Design and engineering studies are underway. Significant donations of materials, time, and cash sought. Please contact any board member if you can help or know someone who can.

**FREE BASEBALL:** Local youth sports league begins full weekly slate of games on May 14, 6pm at Lippold Park. Admission is free, good time had by all.

**For Sale:** Raffle Tickets. New and unused. \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Prizes to be awarded to winners on June 16.

Contact any Board member

## Rainouts – How to Check

Spring not only brings baseball but also storms and rain that can cause havoc with the baseball schedule. It is the responsibility of each player to check whether or not rain has cancelled their game.

To check if your game is called off due to weather, **no earlier than 90 minutes prior to game time** call 815-356-7884. This will provide you with a recorded message detailing which, if any, games

have been cancelled that day. Please **DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE** on this line, it is to broadcast information only. In fact, please hang-up as soon as the rainout message ends.

Not all games are cancelled on a given day, so listen for your field and game time to be sure. Rainouts are rescheduled ASAP as the league schedule permits.



## Sister Teams: What Are They & How Do They Work?

There are times during the season, due to vacations or other conflicts, when a team may have trouble getting enough of their players to play a game. To alleviate this problem, CLBR has adopted the "Sister Team" plan.

Every team in each league (Major and Prep) will be randomly assigned another team in their league to act as their "sister" team. Before the season starts, each team manager will designate four players that can be used as temporary players to their sister team. Players chosen will be those that a) can use extra playing time to continue to improve their skills and b) are willing and available to play additional games.

The manager of a team that needs temporary players to play a game can

call any of the four players on his sister team's list. Players will be rotated so the same player isn't always filling in for his sister team. If the manager can't get enough players from his sister team, he may call any player on other sister teams. If no player on any sister team can fill in, the manager may call any player in the league on the sister team list in an effort to play the game.

A team can draft up to four substitutes to bring its player roster up to a maximum of ten players per game. A team must field at least 6 of its own roster of players or the game will be forfeited.

Managers are encouraged to read the complete detail on sister teams in the 2009 CLBR Rule Book, section XVII: Game Draft Procedure.

### *Batting Cage Use*

1. Use of the batting cages switches at the top and bottom of each hour. No matter when a team starts their batting cage session, that session will end at the next top or bottom of the hour.
2. Helmets are required for any player, whether pitching or batting, while in the batting cages.
3. **Only** the pitcher and the hitter are allowed in the cage at any time.
4. Batting cages are **not** to be used as a bullpen.

*Batting cages are for CL Babe Ruth or the visiting teams' players only. Please help police this policy.*

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