

Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball

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Important Dates:

Field Day – Veteran Acre	April 19
CLBR Chartered in 1960	April 22
15 yr old Tournament Team Tryouts	April 25
Picture Night	April 28
ASEP Coaches Training Class	April 29
Prep Opening Night	May 11
First Aid Clinic	May 13
Major Opening Day	May 23
Senior Opening Day	May 30

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ◆ Banner Signs
- ◆ Scoreboard Signs
- ◆ Donations

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Babe Ruth Celebrates its Golden Anniversary

After all the planning, field prep, and practices, it will finally be time to PLAY BALL! By now, each player has been notified what team they are playing on. Tuesday April 6th, will be the first opportunity to meet all the teams at Parents Night.

The Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball League will the Golden Anniversary season officially with a pair of Prep League games on Wednesday, May 14 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 for the game schedule.

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

Senior League Organizing for the 2010 Season

Crystal Lake Babe Ruth Baseball is building on the past success with senior players and will again have a Senior League in 2010.

Registration for the 2010 CLBR Senior League is ongoing. Players can download all the forms from www.clbr.org. All players new to the League must bring a birth certificate. All players' parents must sign a medical and liability waiver.

Any player who will be 16, 17, or 18 by April 30, 2010, and lives within the Crystal Lake Babe Ruth area (all of

McHenry County) can register to play. Players can request to **play on the same team with up to 3 friends**, provided they all register. The League will have a limited number of teams so register early to guarantee a spot on a team.

The start of this program is coordinated with the end of High School Baseball.

For more information go to our web page at www.clbr.org

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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**The players, coaches,
managers, and
parents would like to
thank all of our 2010
sponsors!**

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 league who will be 15 or younger on May 1, 2010 are eligible to try out.

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 try out 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.

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, 2009 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 17. 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

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 Tom @ tkoch@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 8.

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 and choose option #1. 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.



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.

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 rostered players or the game will be forfeited.

Managers are encouraged to read the complete detail on sister teams in the 2010 CLBR Rule Book, section XVII: Game Draft Procedure.

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