

Western Branch

April 2005 News

Little League

FROM WOODY...

First let me welcome you to the Western Branch Little League Girls Softball 2005 season. We're really excited as we begin our 13th year as an independent Little League organization. We have approximately 185 girls playing this spring in 2 t-ball teams, 4 coach pitch teams, 5 major teams and 3 senior teams.

Watch for information on Western Branch Little League Night at Harbor Park on May 28th. We will be asking you to help sell tickets as we continue to fund raise for our fields.

Please keep in mind that we are a volunteer organization. Our managers and coaches are parents just like you who have volunteered their time to teach your daughters the skills they need to successfully play fast pitch softball. Remember that they need help to accomplish this. Please offer to help whenever you can, not just as a team mom or dad, but also as a helper on the field during practices or games. One example is that your team will have a time when it is responsible for cutting grass and picking up trash. This is not your manager/coaches responsibility but yours as a parent in the league so please step up and help.

I will be meeting with each team individually before the season starts; I hope to see you there.

Lastly as we get into the games, remember that our girls are children and what they see from the parents around the fields is what they act like when they are adults. So act like you want your children to act when they become adults. Also, this is not professional softball and the girls and coaches don't get paid. It is a game in which the kids (and I reiterate KIDS) are supposed to have fun. So let's make sure as parents we make it fun for our children.

Have a great season and I will see you at the fields!!

Woody McLeod, WBLL President



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OPENING DAY – 9 APRIL

The WBLL Spring 2005 Season will officially kick off this Saturday, 9 April, with our Opening Day Ceremonies. **All players should arrive at the field at 8:30 a.m. in their uniforms** to assemble with their teams. The Opening Day Ceremonies will start at 9 a.m. and will feature introductions of teams and players, a special speaker, the First Pitch of the season, the Little League Pledge, and more!

Following the ceremonies, the first games will start at 10 a.m. Don't forget to enjoy the cake walks and face painting that will be going on throughout the day. Questions? Contact Greg Robinson, Opening Day Chair, at 488-8482.

TEAM PHOTOS – 16 APRIL

Team photos will be taken **Saturday, 16 April at the WBLL Fields**. Contact your team parent for details! Questions? Contact Lynn Perkinson, 483-3292.



FOR YOUR SAFETY– NO JEWELRY

Please remember that, for safety reasons, players are not allowed to wear any jewelry. This includes all earrings, watches, bracelets, etc. All pierced earrings must be removed. Please make sure all jewelry is either left at home or is given to parents for safekeeping. Thanks!

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR
CANDY SALE IS IMPORTANT –
THANKS!**



CONCESSIONS

The WBLL Concessions Stand depends on our parent volunteers. Each team will be assigned times to work during the season. All parents will be expected to work a short shift or to arrange for a qualified individual to work for them.

Ask your team parent about your concessions time. If you'd like to help out more with concessions, please contact Sabrina Sexton at 405-0380.

Anyone 13 or over interested in being a substitute concession worker, please contact Sabrina.



NEWSLETTER SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions or info for the newsletter, please contact Deb Anderson at debanderson@wbll.org or 483-0234. Thanks!

WBLL TIDES NIGHT – SATURDAY, 28 MAY



Saturday, May 28 will be Western Branch Little League Night at Harbor Park! WBLL has partnered with the Norfolk Tides for this exciting fundraising event. For every \$8.50 reserved seat ticket sold, Western Branch Little League will earn \$3.50. We need everyone's support! Bring your families! Approach your friends, neighbors, and coworkers! Businesses and organizations may also want to support this worthwhile effort. All proceeds will go to the league's capital fund for restrooms and concessions.

Fliers and order forms are being distributed by Team Parents. **Ticket orders, with payment, must be returned to the Team Parent by Saturday, May 14.** The top individual ticket seller will be able to throw out the first pitch. The top selling team will participate in the Tides "Field of Dreams" promotion prior to the game and will take the field with the Tides players during the national anthem. It will be a lot of fun for everyone!

Thanks in advance for helping to make this event a tremendous success for the league. See you at

the ballpark! Questions? Please contact Ken Maddrey at maddr3@netzero.net or 465-0434.

UNIFORMS

Carol White, Uniforms Chair, will be distributing uniform shirts the week of Opening Day. She is continuing to take and fill orders for the black shorts.

A reminder to all majors and seniors ... the shirt you are given is to be returned at the end of the season - when you sign up to play you also promise to return the uniform. A big thanks to Denise Conter, Joan Maddrey and Deb Anderson that helped Carol sew patches on the shirts. Questions? Contact Carol at 465-2438.

April is Volunteer Recognition Month

THANKS

to all WBLL volunteers!