

Western Branch

May 2006 News

Little League

A few words from the Pres...

Well we are off to a pretty good start despite a few miscellaneous showers... and a couple of downpours!! The season is going good so far with a couple of minor bumps but nothing we haven't overcome. I would like to thank everyone involved with Opening Day for all their help and hard work. From my perspective it was a huge success.

Don't forget our fundraising event at the Tides game in May.... this will add more funds to the new concessions stand undertaking which I am proud to say should begin construction very soon.

All Stars is just around the corner and I am seeing quite a few hopefuls amongst our girls. Please keep in mind that All Stars requires commitment to be there for the team. The District Tournament starts June 26th and state tournaments are in mid-July.

And speaking of tournaments..... Western Branch will be hosting the District 6 tournament starting June 26th. This is a huge opportunity for the league to make some money and show the other leagues how hospitable we can be. Running the tournament takes a lot of time and energy from quite a few volunteers so please step up and help when asked to volunteer.

Woody McLeod
WBLL President



**WESTERN BRANCH LITTLE LEAGUE DAY AT
HARBOR PARK - WATCH A TIDES GAME -
MAY 14, 1:15 P.M.**



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WESTERN BRANCH LITTLE LEAGUE DAY AT HARBOR PARK!

Sunday, May 14th is Western Branch Little League Day 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 neighbors, friends, and coworkers! Businesses and organizations may also want to support this worthwhile effort. **All proceeds will go to the league's capital fund for the new fieldhouse/concessions building.**

The top individual ticket seller will be able to throw out the first pitch at the Tides Game. The top selling team will participate in the Tides "Field of Dreams" promotions prior to the Game and will take the field with the Tides during the playing of the National Anthem. Game Time is 1:15 p.m.

Ticket money is due May 6; a table will be set up at the fields. We are hoping that each Western Branch Little League Family will purchase four (4) tickets to the game. Thanks for your support. ☺



WESTERN BRANCH LITTLE LEAGUE MAGNETS AVAILABLE!

If you would like a WBLL car magnet, or two or three, we have them for you, at the reasonable price of only \$6!!! See design above (actual size is 6"). They are available at the concessions stand. For info, contact Denise Conter (deniseconter@wbl.org).

ALL STARS!

At the end of the spring season, players and managers in the Majors and Seniors Divisions will vote for the WBLL All Star players. The 4 All Star teams (for ages 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and 15/16) will be announced the middle of June and will practice extensively for the District Tournament which starts the end of June. Teams winning at the District level will move on to State.



DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AT WBLL!

Western Branch Little League will hold the District 6 softball tournament this year. Hosting a tournament is a lot of fun! To make sure everything goes smoothly and to show what a great job WBLL can do, we'll need your help! Please contact any of the Board members to offer your assistance!



FOOD LION FUND RAISING

As a community service, Food Lion offers groups an opportunity to fundraise using their MVP card. Another way for you to support Western Branch Little League is to register your MVP card and identify Western Branch Little League as the organization you want your funds to go to. By doing so a portion of your receipt is applied to a fund for the Little League. The league could receive a check from \$10 to \$350 per quarter based on the number of participating parents and the number of registered MVP cards.

Go to our WBLL web site www.wbl.org and follow the links to the Food Lion Fundraising Info.

This is an easy fundraising for the Little League and only costs you 5 to 10 minutes of your time to register.

Thanks!

winning and losing of games and often lose sight of why they are there. Staying true to reason adults volunteer for the children of their community is most important. The reason should be to provide a safe fun atmosphere for kids to learn and grow as individuals. Learning how teamwork and dedication can help them accomplish any goals that they set for themselves.

I now see Mr. Cioffi from time to time as he is a volunteer team host at our Little League World Series as well as my daughter's third grade teacher. Visiting with him reminds me about all that is good about Little League and how much of an impression he has made on me as a child that carried through to adulthood.

Now, let's get back to my original question. How do you want to be remembered?

Wouldn't it be nice to have one of your former players approach you with their son or daughter and say "Let me introduce you to my Little League coach!"

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http://www.littleleague.org/coachsbox/06jan/be_remembered.htm