

ATTENTION ALL WESTONKA YOUTH BASEBALL PLAYERS

Welcome to the Whitehawk Youth Baseball Association (WYBA). The information below is for prospective baseball players in a competitive summer, "traveling" league.

Enclosed with this letter is the 2011 WYBA Registration form for youth ages 13- 16 (age as of April 30, 2011) or grades 7-10 to play on traveling teams this summer. This program is separate from the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grade school teams although players on the WYBA teams typically play school baseball if they are not involved in a different spring sport. Likewise, one of the goals of WYBA baseball is to help develop players for the high school varsity program. WYBA will sponsor a 16-year old team if a sufficient number of players register at that level.

The number of teams at each age level and the team roster will be determined by the number of players registered. If we have enough players for 2 or more teams at one level, try-outs will be held to determine the best placement for each player on a team. Our goal is to place every player at a level which is fun, positive and competitive for them and consistent with their abilities. Every player who has a positive attitude and desire to play baseball will be placed on a team provided that coaches can be found for that team. "Try-outs" will not be used to eliminate any player as long as there are coaches available.

WYBA sponsored six teams last year and our goal is to sponsor at least six teams again this year. Each WYBA team will be registered to compete in either the Metro Baseball League, the Crow River League, or, possibly, a third league. WYBA tries to place each of its teams in leagues in which they can be competitive while still playing teams from geographically convenient cities and suburbs.

WYBA coaches are volunteers and are essential to the success of our program. Volunteers are currently needed to serve as head and assistant coaches at all age levels. Interested parents are encouraged to volunteer.

The teams will play an 11-16 game regular season schedule. In addition, WYBA teams often compete in weekend tournaments. Teams can qualify for state championship tournaments in July by performing well in tournaments, by doing well in their leagues, or by applying for and receiving an at large bid.

It is up to the players, coaches and parents of each team to decide if they want to play in tournaments. WYBA will pay the registration fees (but not the spectator admission, travel, lodging, meals, etc.) for each team to play in up to two tournaments and, if they qualify, the state championship tournament.

The 2011 Registration Fee for WYBA play is \$290.00 per player, which is non-refundable and is intended to cover the following expenses for:

- * League Registration fees and umpires * Field Maintenance fees
- * Administrative/Publicity * Tournament Fees
- * League Insurance * Umpire fees
- * Equipment- balls, team bats, batting helmets

Uniforms for all 13 yr old players, new players and those who out-grew their uniform will be additional costs of approximately \$95.00 which includes jersey, pants and belt. Last year's vest style uniform will be used again this year. Detailed cost and an order form are attached will also be available on our website soon. www.westonkabaseball.org

In Person registrations will be taken at MWHS on **March 6 from 6:30pm-8:30pm** and again on **March 8 from 6:30 pm-8:30pm** in conjunction with our pre-season clinics. After March 8, a \$50.00 late fee will be added to the registration fee and the player will only be added if room allows. Uniforms orders will also be taken at this time and will require payment directly to our vendor, Howling Wolf Embroidery. If you are unable to attend the In-Person registration, please mail your forms with payment to Jill Schmidt, 4671 Bedford Rd, Mound, MN 55364 before March 8.

The WYBA board welcomes your input and encourages parent involvement. WYBA relies largely on parents to serve as head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, administrative board members, umpires, and to assist with field preparation. If you are willing to assist in any of these roles or if you have any questions regarding anything about WYBA matters please feel free to contact the board members as listed below.

President Vicenta Hoffman

Past President Bill Sjoquist

Secretary and Registration / Uniform Coordinator Jill Schmidt

Treasurer and Scholarship Coordinator Kathy Erickson

Treasurer Elect Lori Anderson

Field Coordinator Pam Robinett

Umpire Coordinator Celeste Skaar

Fundraising Coordinator Lynn Brady

To contact a board member, please email westonkabaseball@gmail.com.

Fundraising Activities – In the past WYBA has funded equipment, field enhancements, scholarships etc through registration fees. As costs increase we are finding it more difficult to continue funding these activities. Again this year we have decided to embark upon fundraising activities that will enable us to continue supporting the activities that enhance the player's baseball experience. We appreciate your support in making these activities a success.

Following the success of last year's Twins tickets fundraiser, WYBA is again purchasing a block of tickets for a single Twins game. Each player is asked to purchase 4 tickets at \$27.00 per ticket. It may be possible to sell tickets you are unable to use / purchase more tickets at our parent meeting on April 11.

We are also planning to host an omelet breakfast, details to be announced. Thank you for your support.

2011 WYBA Registration Form (Please Print this Page)

Player's Name _____
Player's Age as of 4/30/2011 _____ D.O.B. _____ 2010/11 grade level _____
Player's Home Phone _____ Address _____
Email address (most often used, player's or parent's) _____
Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____
Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Medical Insurance Provider _____
Policy number _____
(Parents assume all medical responsibility for their child/player)
Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Fee \$290.00 Please make checks payable to WYBA. Due In-Person 3/6 or 3/8 or mail by 3/8

If cost is an issue which would prevent your child from playing, please contact Kathy Erickson about possible scholarships- ph. 612-990-3331. To keep costs down for everyone, WYBA has budgeted for only a limited number of scholarships. Scholarships cover only player registration fees. No scholarship money is available for uniform costs or other expenses associated with participation. All scholarship information will be kept confidential.

WAIVER and CONSENT (please print this page)

I, the parent or legal guardian of the above named player, hereby gives my approval for this player to participate in any and all baseball activities.

I know that baseball may result in serious injuries, and that protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to a player, and I do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the Whitehawk Youth Baseball Association and its board members, the coaches and assistant coaches, umpires, other players and their guardians and relatives, the organizer, the league, sponsors, supervisors, field owners and operators, and participants for any claim arising out of any injury to my child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.

I understand that no refunds of registration fees will be given after the clinics commence, except that a player who moves away from the area or sustains a season-ending injury before the beginning of the regular season may receive a partial refund at the discretion of the WYBA board and except that any player who is unable to play because a coach could not be recruited for a team will be given a full refund of the registration fee.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct found on the WYBA website (www.westonkabaseball.org) and agree with its contents in its entirety.

Parent or guardian Signature _____

Player Signature _____

Uniforms

Sample uniforms will be available at the in-person registrations on 3/6 and 3/8.

___ My child will use his uniform from last season, which is uniform number _____

___ My child will need to order a uniform for this season.

Please use the uniform order form for ordering. Items can be ordered ala carte.

These uniforms are well-made and should last your player a minimum of 2 years so allow for growth.

Admin use:

Amount Paid _____ check number _____ Copy of Birth Cert rec'd _____ on file _____

Sch req _____ plan _____

Twins Tickets amount paid _____ check number _____

Uniform ordered _____ number given _____

Pre –Season player clinics are available to all registered players free of charge

Sunday, March 6 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, March 8 6:30 -8:30pm

Registrations Deadline: THE WYBA REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 8, 2011. Registrations will be taken in person on March 6, 6:30pm-8:30pm and March 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm at MWHS. Please bring registration form, waiver and consent page, check for registration fee made payable to WYBA, and a photocopy of birth certificate (returning players already have a copy on file).

Registrations not received in-person will need to be mailed to WYBA Secretary, Jill Schmidt, 4671 Bedford Rd, Mound by March 8th.

To ensure all players can be placed on teams, registrations received after March 8th will be taken only as room allows and a \$50.00 late fee will be applied.

Player / Parent / Team Breakout Meeting: A pre-season meeting for all WYBA parents, players and coaches followed by a break-out meeting for each team has been set for Monday, April 11 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Navarre. A confirmation of this date will follow.

Try-outs: Weather permitting, player try-outs/evaluations will take place at the WRA fields in Minnetrista on April 2 or April 9. If necessary due to weather constraints, try-outs will be conducted at MWHS. Players will also be evaluated at player clinics. Players will be evaluated on fielding, throwing, hitting, base running, pitching/catching (if applicable) and player hustle and attitude.

Spring School Baseball: Mound Westonka offers baseball for grades 7 – 12. The fee for spring baseball is the activity fee:\$95.00 (7th /8th grade) \$125.00 (9th-12th) payable to ISD 277. See the Westonka school website for more info.

Summer Traveling Baseball: Practices begin mid-April. The number of practices per week and times will be determined by coaches. Tournament play usually goes into mid-July. Home games and practices will take place at WRA, MWHS or St. Boni fields.

There is some unavoidable overlap of games at the end of the spring school season and the beginning of the summer season. We work very closely with the high school and do everything we can to avoid conflict between the two schedules although sometimes Mother Nature does not cooperate and forces us to change our plans. We hope you consider both spring baseball and summer baseball.

A note about bats from varsity baseball coach, Jeff Peterson:

As most of you may know we have new baseball bat standards for this year and again for next year. I was just in Iowa at the coaches clinic down there and heard from a person who is with the NFHS. I want everyone to be aware that some of the old bats are illegal.

The link listed here is the link from WSU where the bats have been tested and made legal or illegal. The NFHS has a link to newly approved bats at www.nfhs.org and they will keep that one updated with pics of only the composite that are legal.

White Hawks Youth Baseball

2011 APPAREL

Vest

- Color: RED
- Embroidered with 2-color M in tackle twill on left chest
- 8" player number in tackle twill embroidered on back
- Sizes S-3XL

Price: \$39.00

Pants

- Color: WHITE
- Pro-weight double-knit polyester
- Extra large double knee
- Wide anti-roll waistband
- Inseam from 28.5" – 30"
- Sizes 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44

Price: \$28.00

Compression T-shirt

- 79% polyester/21% spandex
- White or black
- Moisture control for comfort
- Full cut length/body, reinforced construction
- Long or short sleeve
- Sizes Adult XS-4XL

Price: \$17.00 – long sleeve
\$16.00 – short sleeve
Add \$2.00 for 2XL

Basic T-shirt

- 100% cotton, white or black
- Long or short sleeve
- Sizes Adult S-3XL

Price: \$6.00 – long sleeve
\$4.75 – short sleeve

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Vest: Size _____ Number on back _____

Pant: Size _____ Black Belt (\$5.00) _____

T-shirt: Size ____ Color _____ Short Long Compression T Basic T

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Red vest total \$ _____

Pant total \$ _____

Belt total \$ _____

Shirt total \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please return order forms and payment (cash or checks made out to Howling Wolf Embroidery) to Jill Schmidt by March 8th. THANK YOU!

WYBA Spirit Wear Summer 2011

1. Sweatshirt, Hooded - \$46 w/name, \$38 w/o name; adult sizes S-2XL; youth S-XL.

2. Sweatshirt, Crew - \$43 w/name, \$35 w/o name; sizes S-2XL; youth S-XL.

Oxford grey, red or white hooded sweatshirt, 60% cotton/40% polyester, 10 oz. fleece; 2-color tackle twill (TT) design on front; optional 2-color TT name embroidered on back (11 letters/spaces maximum).

3. Basic T-shirt – \$14.50 youth XS-XL and adult S-XL; \$16.00 adult 2XL-5XL

100% cotton; black or grey; front screen printed with baseball design in two colors.

4. Baseball T-shirt – \$16.50 youth S-L; \$17.50 adult S-XL; \$19.50 adult 2XL

100% cotton, white w/ ¾ length red sleeves or black sleeves; screen printed w/ baseball design in two colors.

5. Mesh shorts – \$21.00 youth S-L (6” inseam); \$21.00 unisex adult S-5XL (9” inseam)

100% polyester mesh; black or red, embroidered w/ block M and ball; name &/or # optional.

6. Pullover windshirt – \$32.00 youth S-L; \$34.00 unisex adult S-2XL

100% micro-polyester w/ polyester mesh lining; black with white accents or red with white accents; embroidered with block M and ball; name and/or # optional.

7. Mid-length full-zip jacket – \$33.00 unisex adult S-4XL

Brushed micro-polyester with a polyurethane coating; windproof & water resistant; black w/ charcoal trim or red w/ black trim; embroidered with block M; name and/or # optional.

8. ¼ Zip Sweatshirt with collar - \$32.00 unisex adult XS-2XL

Black or red; 80% cotton/20% polyester 9 oz. fleece; baseball logo emb. on left chest; name emb.on upper back below collar.

9. “MW” Swarovski crystal pin in RED stones – \$20.00; or “I Love (heart)” pin – \$12.00

10. Charms to hang on “MW” or “I Love” pin – Sterling silver - \$6.00; crystal baseball - \$15.00

Charms include baseball; glove w/ ball inside; bat and ball; baseball player; player number; crystal baseball (specify below).

Add \$4.00 for name and/or number embroidered on shorts, wind shirt or jacket.

Add \$4.00 for name and \$6.00 for number screened on back of t-shirt.

WYBA Spirit Wear – Spring/Summer 2010

Name _____ **E-mail** _____ **Phone** _____

Team manager _____ **Phone** _____ **Coach** _____

- Attach cash or check to this form, made payable to Howling Wolf Embroidery (Kristin Davis, 952-472-1262).
- Submit order at registration, give to your team manager, or mail to Kristin Davis, Howling Wolf Embroidery, 2631 Setter Circle, Mound, 55364 by April 30, 2010.
- Be sure to specify adult or youth size, where necessary. If not indicated, adult sizes will be assumed.
- Specify personalization below.

Item # & Brief Description	Qty	Size	Color	Price Each	Total
				Merchandise total	

Personalization (specify item): _____

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