

VAN BUREN YOUTH SPORTS
BASEBALL / SOFTBALL
SPRING 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

WELCOME

The 2018 baseball and softball season is just around the corner and the Van Buren Youth Sports Baseball and Softball League is looking forward to a great spring/summer! We have some important changes as we continue to try to improve the League and we welcome your input.

REGISTRATION

Attached is a copy of the Registration Dates and Locations, the final date of registration will be **Saturday, March 3rd, 2018!** All registrations must be turned in and fees paid prior to that date to guarantee your child participation this season. *Please note that we've maintained registration fees again this season, for the 4th year in a row!*

In addition to the on-site registration you can also register by mailing the registration form and fee to VBYS, P.O. Box 65, Van Buren, IN 46991 or by sending the registration form and fee to ENE to the attention of Mrs. Hodson.

Please registration early to give us a better and earlier estimate of how many players we can expect this season. We are trying to avoid having too many players on a team, so we can maximize playing team for each player.

What does the registration fee cover?

The fee covers the cost of a hat or crazy socks, jersey and insurance for the year.

EQUIPMENT

What equipment does your child need to play?

- Softball/baseball glove
- Rubber cleats or tennis shoes
- Bat (optional, coaches will have bats for players that do not have one)
- Batting Helmet (facemask required for softball)
- Facemasks for infield players for softball clubs (optional)
- Baseball pants or softball pants/shorts & socks

More information on color and style will come from your child's coach.

IMPORTANT CHANGES!

- In addition to the registration dates, please read the attached "Save the Dates 2018" flyer for other important league dates.
- Opening weekend will be Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th with the alternate rainout date being Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. Please save the dates!
- We will NOT be hiring coaches pitch umpires this year as we found it to be too cost prohibitive. So we will need some volunteers to assist with umpiring. We will be having a free umpiring clinic for those interested on Monday, April 9th at ENE.
- Finally, we will be having our first all-league informational meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018 from 6 pm to 7 pm at the ENE gym. This meeting is an opportunity for our Board to share information about the upcoming season, as well as general league information with everyone. It is also an opportunity for you to share your ideas and suggest changes for the league moving forward. Please try to attend.

- We will be trying to schedule some Friday night and Saturday games this year.

FUNDRAISERS

Laundry Soap: We will continue to partnering with Profitable Solutions selling five (5) gallon buckets of laundry soap. It's less expensive than buying it from the store, you need it and it's easy. This is our only fundraiser. The first order will be due on Opening Day, Saturday, April 28th, 2018.

VOLUNTEERS

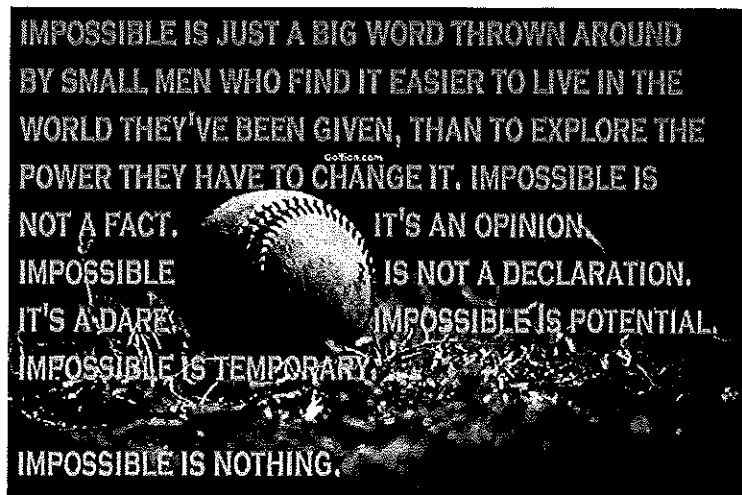
Finally, we need your help! The league is dependent on volunteers to donate their time to help the season run smoothly. Please contact Tom Biehl if you are willing to volunteer.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on Facebook at Van Buren Youth Sports (www.facebook.com/groups/1463349033990818) and Twitter@ VBYBSL or search "PlayBall_VanBuren"

QUESTIONS / CONCERNS / SUGGESTIONS

We welcome your input. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to contact Tom Biehl at thomas.biehl@faegrebd.com or 260.760.0374.



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SAVE THE DATES 2018!

VBYS has set the spring calendar of events so please save these dates!

REGISTRATION DATES

Friday, January 12 th	3 pm – 5 pm @ Van Buren Library
Saturday, January 27 th	10 am – Noon @ Van Buren Library
Tuesday, February 6 th	6 pm – 7:30 pm @ ENE Science Night
Wednesday, February 21 st	3 pm – 5 pm @ Van Buren Library
Friday, March 2 nd	3 pm – 5 pm @ Van Buren Library
*Saturday, March 3 rd	10 am – Noon @ Van Buren Library

*This is the final day for registrations!

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, February 1 st	6 pm – 7 pm All League Info. Meeting @ ENE Gym
Saturday, March 17 th	Skills Assessment @VBYS Diamonds Times to be Determined
Monday, March 19 th	6 pm – 8 pm Coaches Meeting/Draft @ ENE Library
Monday, April 2 nd	Practice Opens @ VBYS Diamonds
Saturday, April 7 th	9 am – 1 pm Field Maintenance Day @VBYS Diamonds
Monday, April 9 th	Volunteer Umpire Training Details to be determined
Saturday, April 28 th	OPENING DAY!

** VBYS will be starting an annual All League Informational meeting this year to provide all league participants, families, coaches, sponsors etc. an update on all league business as well as to provide an opportunity for everyone to voice concerns, offer suggested changes and ask questions!

REGISTRATION DUE BY March 3rd

Late _____

Draft: (circle) Yes No

Van Buren Youth Sports

Date: _____

P.O. Box 65, Van Buren, IN 46991

Player's Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Grade _____ Parent's Email _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Home Phone _____ Mother's Cell Phone _____ Father's Cell Phone _____

Did the child play last year? Yes or No If yes what team? _____

Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Is your son or daughter involved in the 4H Fair? Yes or No

(Softball leagues determined by age on Jan. 1st/Baseball leagues determined by age on April 30th)

- _____ T-Ball (co-ed) (ages 3-4)
- _____ Softball Coaches Pitch (ages 5-8)
- _____ Baseball Coaches Pitch (ages 5-8)
- _____ Softball 12U (ages 9-12)
- _____ Baseball 12U (ages 9-12)
- _____ Softball 18U (ages 13-18)

Please Note: (1) All new players will go through a skills assessment and the teams will be divided for competitive fairness; (2) late registrations are not guaranteed participation; (3) participants may only play on one team unless they are approved by the Board to also play in an older club; (4) there are no guarantees that a player will be assigned to a particular coach but the Board will try to accommodate players with transportation issues; (5) players that register and later withdraw after the draft to join another league will not be refunded their registration fee.

I would like to Volunteer: _____ Coaching _____ Umpiring _____ Fundraising _____ Maintenance _____ Concessions

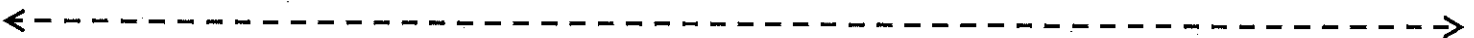
I/we, the below signed parent/guardian of the above named child do hereby grant permission for him/her to participate in any and all activities sanctioned by the VBYS program during the current season, including the use of photos/video for league promotion. The parent/guardian agrees to exonerate, indemnify, and save harmless VBYS, individual board members, Eastbrook School Corporation, offices, sponsor and organizers from all claims; actions, awards, verdicts or judgments based upon or arising from any damages or injuries including death to persons or properties caused by or sustaining in connection with the activity noted above. The parent/guardian shall waive, the extent not covered by liability insurance, any claims against any person transporting him/her to or from activities.

Signature _____ Date _____



T-Ball is \$40 per child, Coaches Pitch & 12U = \$50 per child, Senior Girls = \$60 per child or \$150 family maximum

Make checks payable to: VBYS



League Use Only: Cash or Check: # _____ Amount Paid: _____ Total due: _____ Family Max: _____

Sponsorship brought in _____

