

What's new for 2012 Simpsonville Baseball / Softball !

We are very excited to have partnered with the Departments of Mauldin and Fountain Inn to form the "Golden Strip Baseball/Softball League" Regular season will not see many changes to what you are used to now, but now the post season will be for everyone, we will conclude our regular season and then enter every team into a seeded divisional round robin style tournament between Simpsonville, Mauldin and Fountain Inn teams. Lack of interest, participation and quality of experience with the "all-star" tournaments have also lead us to try and revamp rather than eliminate this. This year we will have all-stars, but by the major league model - each group grades 2nd-7th - each team (players) will select a pre-specified number of players from their team to represent them in the all-star game/series - each league will have two teams coached by the coaches of the regular season teams as a group and come together for a best 2 out of 3 series of games along with a skills competition put on by each division.

We are working through which set of playing rules will best suit all leagues involved now and will have that settled by practices starting.

Read the following information carefully and keep as there are dates and information you will need as we get started.

Simpsonville Youth Baseball/Softball 2012 Spring Season

Baseball & Softball

In grades where numbers allow - we will have single grade groups. Minimum 4 teams or combine with another grade level.

Divisions - K4, K5, 1st grade

You will be contacted by your coach by March 9th (You can login and see your coach and team where you registered)

Evaluations - Baseball and Softball Ages 7-12

The evaluation process is intended to give each coach an idea of the experience level of each player so he/she can select players in the draft to round out his/her team for the season. By giving each coach this opportunity to gather information about the players, and then by an equitable draft system select from the pool of players we give each coach the opportunity to have a competitive team and improve the play in the league(s).

The evaluations will be conducted by the coaches in each division over the course of the first week in March.

After the evaluations are done the coaches will meet along with staff from the Athletic Office and draft teams into rosters.

After the draft is complete each coach will contact the players on his/her team with the details of their team's first practice.

Players who cannot attend their scheduled evaluation time or makeup time will NOT be penalized - all players not attending an evaluation will be placed in a hat and drawn onto a roster during the draft. This keeps coaches from having players not attend the evaluation in an attempt to hide a player from other coaches.

Grade Divisions

Baseball 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th/7th - ---- *Grades 8th-10th start later and do NOT have evaluations if numbers allow.*

Softball 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th and 6th/7th

All evaluations will be held Feb 27th - March 2nd, 2012

You will only have to attend one session during this week.

The week prior to evaluations we will email the evaluation schedule and post it on our website.

This way we will know the definite divisions and how many players will be in each group and how many sessions will be needed to cover each group.

The last week of February check your email you used to register and our website www.simpsonvilleheritagepark.com for the schedule

Uniforms

Provided

Game Jersey, Cap/Visor, **socks** and a secondary insurance policy are provided by the league.

These will be issued to each coach prior to beginning of play.

You will need to acquire

Game Pants, glove, athletic shoes, or rubber cleats, batting helmet(ages 7 and up).

Refund Policy

By registering your child you are reserving a spot in the Simpsonville program.

The leagues fees, uniform costs, insurance costs and many other expenses are based on the number of players registered initially - for this reason no refunds will be granted.

Facilities

City Park - off East Curtis St behind the Police Department

College St Park - located behind the Activity Center (overflow parking for College St is at the Activity Center

Woodside Park - located on West Curtis Street across from Cannon's Mortuary

Alder Park - Located in the Westwood subdivision

Heritage Park our 7 field competition complex located on S.E. Main St just beyond Hillcrest Hospital going towards Ft. Inr

Umpires

Are recruited, scheduled and managed through the Athletic Office by Athletic Staff at Heritage Park

If you are interested in becoming an umpire contact us at 228-0022 or by e-mail (below)

Dates to Remember

Practices - will begin the week of March 11th. Expect 1-2 practices per week that could include any combination of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday afternoons.

Games

Will begin around April 9th and run through May/Early June (depending on weather and numbers)

Expect 1-2 games per week depending on the size of each division.

Fund Raising (This helps to keep our fees at the level they are and to fund our scholarship program)

We do one group fund raiser - Cookie dough sale - We will have a meeting with all team moms prior to for details.

Staff Information

Athletic Department

Chad Foster - Athletic Director e-mail - CFoster@simpsonville.com Phone 228-0022

Chris Elledge - Athletic Coordinator - e-mail - celledge@simpsonville.com Phone 228-0022

Blake Thrift - Athletic Coordinator - e-mail - bthrift@simpsonville.com phone 228-0022

Lisa Everidge - Concessions/Office/Sponsorships - e-mail - Leveridge@simpsonville.com - phone 228-0022

Heritage Park office hours vary with our event schedule - regular schedule is 9am-5pm M-F - we close on some Wednesdays and Fridays depending on events.

Website

www.simpsonvilleheritagepark.com

Go here for all your League and Athletic Information

Team Sponsorships (Please help us find sponsors, this helps keep our fees from going up each year)

Help our kids and their program - \$200 per sponsorship Gets business name on a placard displayed with all sponsors at Heritage Park.

If you have any questions contact us by e-mail or at leveridge@simpsonville.com or at 228-0022 M-F before 2pm- ask for Lisa