



**Welcome** to the Coon Rapids /Andover American Little League...

Preparation for our fifty-fourth season is well underway and we look forward to the contribution that your family will make to another very successful year. The mission of this program is to provide participants the opportunity to play baseball in a positive and safe environment. The league is divided up into five divisions in which players are placed either by age or skill level. Players of certain age groups starting at six are allowed to move up to a higher level through an evaluation process. (See division sheet for more detail)

Although the program is run by an all volunteer board of directors it truly belongs to the players... and is very dependent on the time and talent of the parents, coaches and other volunteers for its success and enjoyment while also keeping it affordable. The registration fees are also kept down due to the financial support we have been given, and continue to receive from our many sponsors as well as the annual raffle. A list of sponsors can be found on our web-site. [www.ezteam.com/crall](http://www.ezteam.com/crall) Please patronize these establishments as much as possible.

As you may or may not know, the Little League portion of Sand Creek Park is not owned by the city, therefore we are responsible for the entire cost of operating our park. For many years the fields and have been kept in exceptional condition and are thought to be among the best in the area along with the rest of the park amenities. Although we do hire out some of the lawn care and field preparation work, a good deal of the park and field maintenance is done on a volunteer basis's, particularly the extra attention given to the fine details which is what sets our park apart from the others. The concession stand is also managed by volunteers and is staffed by the parents throughout the season. We would like to thank everyone for what they have already given back to the league. This again keeps the registration fees low and allows us not to collect an upfront volunteer fee, as so many youth sport organizations do.

Have a great summer,

American Little League

Board of Directors

**We continue to refine all of our policies and procedures based on their degree of success and the feedback received from all those involved in the program.**

# KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1. March 5<sup>th</sup>** - Coaches Applications for the Majors division must be received or postmarked. Mail applications to: CRALL PO BOX 48375 COON RAPIDS, MN 55448  
Or email them to: [jwieland@cisco.com](mailto:jwieland@cisco.com)
- 2. March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - Player Evaluations (see evaluation sheet for details)**  
This event is only for players who intend to play at the AAA or Majors level this year.
- 3. April 14<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – Coaches Clinic and Uniform Handout @ Sand Creek Park**  
**Mandatory** for all head coaches, assistants are also encouraged to attend.  
Meet the Coaching Coordinator and your fellow coaches at this comprehensive clinic on proper (and fun) drills for your team. This is a wonderful way to learn how to run effective practices and what to teach at specific age levels. You'll learn basic First Aid and how to deal with potential injuries. This clinic helps fulfill our League Safety Plan requirements for Little League Baseball. **Don't miss it!**  
You will receive your team uniforms at the conclusion.
- 4. April 28<sup>th</sup>** - Opening Day at Sand Creek Park for all divisions.
- 5. May 5<sup>th</sup>** - Team and Individual Picture Day at Sand Creek Park  
Coaches will receive picture day packets and scheduling information.
- 6. June 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Player Appreciation Day starting at noon;  
Raffle tickets must be turned in by 12:30pm. Drawing will be held at 1pm.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE SEASON  
VISIT OUR WEB-SITE AT [www.ezteam.com/crall](http://www.ezteam.com/crall)**

**You can also find us on Facebook at Coon Rapids Andover Little League**