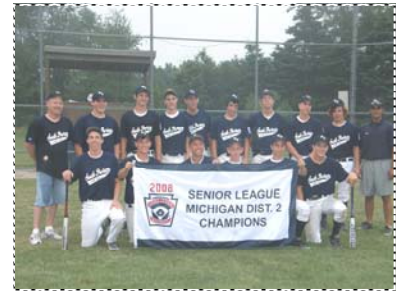


South Portage Little League Connection



March 2009

A Tale of All Stars



Congratulations to all of our baseball All Stars! You made the 2008 All Star season fun to watch. Both the Junior & Senior teams won **District 2 Titled Champions**.

February 25, 2009

Dear Little League Volunteers and Friends,

This is your invitation to be part of the "history of the future" as Little League International prepares to seal a time capsule in the Administration Building at Little League International in Williamsport, Pa.

Players, volunteers and fans from around the world are invited to send a message to Little Leaguers and Little League volunteers of the future. It's all part of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of Little League in 1939.

All are invited to click on the link below, or paste the URL into the browser, and submit an essay before May 1, 2009. Each essay will be reviewed, and those found to be appropriate will be added to a digital medium that will be placed in the time capsule.

<http://www.littleleague.org/media/LittleLeagueTimeCapsuleProject.htm>

The time capsule will be opened in 50 years, and the contents revealed to the leadership and participants of Little League in the year 2059.

So gather your thoughts about the future, and click on the link above. It will only take about five minutes, so make sure everyone in your league or district takes this opportunity to send a message to the future!

Sincerely,

Little League International
P.O. Box 3485
539 US Route 15 Hwy
Williamsport, PA 17701-0485
Phone: 570-326-1921
Fax: 570-326-1074



SPLL Softball Clinic

Hit, Catch & Throw like an All-Star

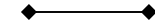
GET YOURSELF READY FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON
OF SOFTBALL AT SOUTH PORTAGE LITTLE LEAGUE

Attend a SPLL softball clinic at the new training facility. These clinics are designed to sharpen your skills at Hitting, Fielding and Throwing. SPLL coaches will be on hand with drills and fun practice tips. Have fun, see friends from the team and be ready to work. Bring a glove and your winning attitude.



Champions are created in the off-season.

Minor & Little Major
ages 7-10
Wednesdays 6-8 PM



Major & Junior
ages 11-14
Saturdays 3-5 PM

South Portage Little League



4801 East Centre Ave.

<http://www.southportagell.com>

Training Facility Update . . .

Rental Fees:

SPLL groups/families

Field Rental per hour: \$30.

Hitting/Pitching lane per 1/2 hour: \$ 5.

Rental Fees:

Non-SPLL groups/families

Field Rental per hour: \$60.

Hitting/Pitching lane per 1/2 hour: \$10.

If you would like to rent time at the Training Facility, please contact Steve Graham for availability: 929-3114

Looking for someplace to get started ?



Teams are being generated, but what can the players do?



Are you tired of your player asking when will practice start?

Attend a clinic or two:

Softball Clinics at the SPLL Training Facility

Baseball Clinics with the Portage Central High School

For full details check out the website:

www.SouthPortageLL.com

2009 Mustang Baseball Clinic

Portage Central High School

Saturday March 14

- 1:00-3:15 for 7-10 year olds
- 3:45-6:00 for 11-14 year olds

Sunday March 15

- 1:00-3:15 for 7-10 year olds
- 3:45-6:00 for 11-14 year olds

Instruction will be with the varsity baseball players and coaching staff. Clinic will be held in the All-Purpose Gym (Stable) behind Central Middle School. Tennis shoes must be worn on gym floor. There will be a concession stand available to purchase a drink and a snack during the break.

Pre-registration is \$20.00 per session which includes a Mustang Baseball t-shirt. Clinic fee at the door is \$25.00. If paying by check, please make it out to Portage Public Schools. No refund if participant fails to appear. Return form below with payment to:

Paul Schneider
7626 Wendy Ln.
Portage, MI 49024

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Check sessions requested:

Saturday March 14 1:00-3:15 _____ 3:45-6:00 _____

Sunday March 15 1:00-3:15 _____ 3:45-6:00 _____



Thanks to all the 9-12 year olds (and some energetic 8 year olds) who attended the skills assessment. We had a great turnout. The Little Major and Major draft will occur in early March and you should hear something from your coach soon. Minor and T ball teams can now be finalized and you should also be hearing from your coach very soon. Practices will be scheduled on the SPLL fields in April with games starting on Opening day, April 25. Your coach may schedule additional practices on fields other than SPLL in order to get some quality practice time in. It is hard to get good practice time in April!

A few things on the “to do” list before the season starts-Field work day is scheduled for April 4th and 11th. Please consider coming out and helping. The fields take quite a bit of work to get ready for the season. The outfield grass needs to be edged out at the infield and warning tracks, the grass at the fences need to have the weeds pulled away, infields need to be raked, bases put down, general winter junk pick up needs to happen, etc. We have 4 softball fields that are better than almost all of the other softball facilities in District 2. We really need your help to keep it this way. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you can work another Saturday, like March 28th. I am sure we will be out there working if the weather permits.

I am looking forward to a fun, exciting and competitive season !

« Laura Styrlund

Fundraiser Kickoff

Last December, we had a letter drive to kick off the necessary fundraising to pay off our loan for the Training Facility. Thank you to the following families who participated.

Single Donators

McQueen Family
Schubkegel Family
Alexander Family
Vanwinkle Family
Pasco Family

Triple Donators

Kolberg Family
Witt Family
Paul Family

Additional Donators

Kimbrel Family
Haas Family
Adusumilli Family
Wilkinson Family

Do you have any ideas, thoughts or articles you would like included with the newsletters? Send us a note and let us know:

Newsletters@SouthPortageLL.com



South Portage Little League

P O Box 523
Portage, MI 49081



To: Current SPLL Families
Feel free to pass the news on.

Events on the calendar

March 14	District 2: Rules Clinic	8:00—3:00 KVCC
March 18	Meet your Manager: (ages 5—10)	6:00—7:30 Central El.
March 21	Big AI Clinic	8:00—3:00 KVCC
March 25	Board Meeting: Training Facility	6:30
March 28	Field Cleanup	
April 4	Field Cleanup	
April 11	Field Cleanup	
April 20/21	Picture Days: Team Schedule coming soon	Central High: Cafeteria
April 22	Board Meeting: Training Facility	6:30
April 25	OPENING DAY!	9:00 am

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