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EAU CLAIRE AMERICAN

Little League



Welcome to the Baseball Season **2010**

It's that time again! Time to start thinking about baseball. The snow is still falling and temperatures still too cold to play baseball outside, but the season is right around the corner and the Eau Claire American Little League Board (ECALL) is pumped!

There have been many exciting changes to the league since the end of last season. Tom Berg and Al Postlewaite have joined the American Little League Board as President and Vice President. The American Little League Board positions from previous years have been restructured to include 5 Board positions and several League positions this year. To learn more about these positions, go to our website. Thank you to the 2009 Board members that have moved on this year; your commitment to the league is much appreciated!



The Board has been busy working with the City of Eau Claire building 4 bullpens complete with pitching rubbers and home plates. The project began this fall, you can view pictures of phase one of the bullpen construction on the American League website, www.ecamericanlittleleague.com. Each bullpen will also have two additional "soft toss" hitting stations built in! Once the snow melts stop by Fairfax fields to check them out in person! Additionally, we have purchased new nets for both batting cages.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION

The Eau Claire Express has once again graciously offered to coordinate Eau Claire Little League registration. **Registration forms need to be completed and mailed (option for returning players) or brought to the Express Offices, 108 East Grand, Eau Claire, WI 54701** with your registration and PPF fee. Please see the registration form for registration fees. The registration form along with this newsletter will be mailed to all past players and can also be found on our website and at the Express office. **The Express office will be open for registration the following hours:**

February 22-26 (M-F) 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

February 27 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thank you Eau Claire Express for coordinating our registration.

Please contact any Board member to learn more about our ECALL Scholarship Program.

New Players Welcome!

The American League is a "no cut" league and we are hoping to get many new players this year. Our emphasis is on skill development and having fun. In fact, Little League provides a fun and healthy activity for the entire family. No prior baseball skills are required. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us, please pass this information along.

What is PPF on my registration form?

All families must submit a parent participation fee (PPF) check of \$40 when they register for the season. **Each family is required to volunteer to work the ECALL concession stand during the spring baseball season.** The PPF is a deposit for this requirement. The check will be returned to at the end of the season after the parents have fulfilled their duties in the concession stand. You may also opt out of working concessions by paying the \$40 PPF. Please see the registration form.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS & AGE DIVISIONS

Player evaluations for the 2010 ECALL season will be held on **March 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Memorial H.S. (Please enter through door #15).** This session is designed to help coaches create equally skilled teams, allowing for a fun season for all. The American League is a "no-cut" league; therefore, all players will be placed on a team. **Once again, the mandatory parent meeting will be held during each age level evaluation session.**

ECALL is maintaining the age divisions adopted last year in order to continue to align with the other Eau Claire youth baseball leagues. Age divisions and evaluation times are:

- **T-ball League** ages 5 and 6 **no evaluation**
- **Rookie League** (ages 7 & 8): **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**
- **Minor League** (ages 9 & 10): **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**
- **Major League** (ages 11 & 12): **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

***Please note:** All 7-12 year olds should attend evaluations, regardless of whether they played last year. **No cleats please!** Players are required to wear **tennis shoes** and bring their own **glove, helmet, and bat** to evaluations.

Registration forms (PDF)
available for download
on our
web-site!

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Player Uniform/Equipment Requirements

ECALL will provide to each player a team ball cap, team jersey, and team socks. **Each player is required to wear white baseball pants for all league and interleague games.** Due to the increase in ECALL registrations, we are now requiring that **all players have their own baseball helmet, glove, and bat.**

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Practices & Games

The majority of practices and games are held at **Fairfax Fields**; however, there is the potential that each can be held at other locations determined by coaches. The **Major** and **Minor leagues split their schedule with the National League and those games are held at DeLong Middle School.**

The Memorial Day Baseball Pickup Game

The Memorial Day pickup game is where players of all ages come together to play "sandlot" baseball with minimal coach involvement. The pickup game will be held at **Fairfax Fields on Monday, May 31st.** A sign-up sheet will be posted at the concession stand several weeks before Memorial Day.



Sawdust City Slam

The Major League will play interleague games with the National Little League this year. The regular season will end with the Sawdust City Slam tournament. **Final games** of the tournament will be held at **Gelein field in Carson Park on Saturday, June 12.**

ELITE COACHES CAMP

Sunday, April 18, 2010
Fairfax Park
4200 Fairfax Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Coach Dave Sparger will once again be hosting this youth baseball camp at the Fairfax Fields baseball complex. It is open to players 9 to 12 years old.



This camp is designed for those players wanting to improve their baseball knowledge and skills. The coaches will work in small groups and one-on-one, teaching the fundamentals of throwing, pitching, catching, hitting and fielding. This complete session will help your Little Leaguer get the season started off right!

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NEW SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ECALL

● Brick Family Sponsorship **\$75**

Get a 4 x 8 clay brick with 3 lines of type with 12 characters per line (including spaces)

● Brick Family/Business Sponsorship **\$250**

Get a 8 x 16 granite brick with 4 lines of type with 18 characters per line (including spaces)

● Sponsorship Wall **\$250**

Have your name posted on the ECALL Sponsorship Wall from April of this year to April of next year.

For more information regarding sponsorship opportunities, contact Cyndi Postlewaite at ecallittleleague@yahoo.com.

2010 ECALL Board of Directors

President	Vice President	Treasurer	League Coordinator	Events Coordinator	Player Agent
Tom Berg	Al Postlewaite	Barb Berg	Trevor Kohlhepp	Amy Standiford	Jeff Stoik

American League Boundaries

- North Boundary** - Eau Claire River
- East Boundary** - Hwy 53 to Hwy 93, Hwy 93 to Golf Road
- South Boundary** - Golf Road traveling West to Lowes Creek Road, Lowes Creek Road West to State Street, State Street North to Grover Road, Grover Road West extending to Hwy37/94
- West Boundary** - From the intersection of Hwy 94 and the Chippewa River traveling Northeast to the Eau Claire River.



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