

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL

newsletter

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From the President...

- Jeanne Rosas -

As we get set to start a new year, we all are thinking about our New Year's resolutions. We think about the typical things as adults like the ever popular weight loss, or spending more time with family and less time at work or just trying to find some balance in our lives.

With most families, a routine day starts with getting everyone out the door in the morning, either off to school or work, getting our kids to all the after school activities such as sports, music, dance and the like, then home again for dinner, homework, television and bedtime, just so we can do it all over again the next day. The weekends bring more activities, family get-togethers with grandparents and extended family, church and so on.

Just as adults look for some balance in our lives, I wonder if our kids need balance also. Do they want to play this sport or try another one, do they want to play music or dance or join scouts or 4H? The key to any activity you and family choose to participate in is that the activity be fun and meaningful to your family.

Please visit the Forest Hill Recreation Council Website to see what activities may interest you and your family. Some you may not be aware are offered or have not yet given a try. Check with your neighbors and friends and if you don't see something, give us a call and let us know. In response to repeated requests over the past few years for lacrosse, we are starting a boys lacrosse program this spring.

As my Holiday wish to all of you, I wish that everyone finds the balance that they are looking for, even if it is only to get a little more balance than you found last year.

Jeanne Rosas,
FHRC President

FHRC General Membership Meetings

Forest Hill Recreation Council General Meetings will be held at Forest Lakes Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. on January 28, February 25, March 24 and April 28. All meetings are open to the public.

The Forest Hill Recreation Council is looking for a co-chairperson for Youth Tennis. If interested, please contact Sue Gradishar at fjgradishar@aol.com.

FHRC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

- Jerry Kalista -

The Forest Hill Recreation Council's annual College Scholarship/s (up to five \$1,000 individual scholarships) will be offered for the 2008 - 2009 academic year. Since the 1994 - 95 academic year, the FHRC has awarded 26 scholarships totaling \$41,000. The application form, included in this newsletter and available at www.foresthillrec.com, must be completed and returned with all supporting materials to the Scholarship Selection Committee no later than February 15, 2008. The 2008 - 2009 Scholarship Selection Committee, consists of Jerry Kalista (chairman), Dave Brond, Andrea Lentz, Bill Plantholt and Jeanne Rosas. Contact Jerry Kalista @ 410-838-4378 with any questions.

DANCE

- Pam Long -

Our 2007-2008 is well under way and classes are running smoothly. We are pleased to have Lisa Chaney-Mion and Jennifer Smeton returning as instructors. Kathleen Ebner has rejoined our program this year and is a welcomed addition. Our recital is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 17th at C. Milton Wright High School. Technical rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday, May 10th and our dress rehearsal will be on Friday, May 16th. I will be mailing a recital newsletter sometime in March with full instructions for everyone to be prepared for the big event. Recently, many parents have asked me when we will be moving to our new dance rooms at the new Forest Hill/Hickory Activities Center. We are currently waiting on the architectural/engineering report and then our steering committee will meet to discuss plans for renovations. My hope is for us to be in the new facility before our year ends; however, time will tell. Don't forget our website at www.foresthillrec.com and then click on Dance. Please try to check it periodically for important updates. I hope all of the dancers are enjoying their classes. Thank you!



BASKETBALL

- Eric Reitz -



We are under way with our 2007-2008 season and besides the preverbal bump things are progressing well. Depending on where you play, you may see a few changes this year...We have a new logo... and hopefully you like the way it looks. We also purchased some bleachers for the fans at Hickory Elementary School. Thanks to Mason, the head custodian at Hickory for the idea. The Churchville Rec Center also has two new glass backboards replacing some of the old wooden backboards. Some of you may have received reminders via email. We are hoping to use the emails as reminders for many things ranging from registration notification to evaluation reminders to just general info. Your emails will not be given to outside persons and I hope to not use it for spam type purposes.

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www.foresthillrec.com

VOLUNTEERS - The basketball program could not be successful if it were not for the many volunteers, obviously too many to mention, but I would like to take the opportunity mention a few who have been playing key roles in the success of the program. Jeff Nengel – Boys Director, and his age group directors, Eric Loftus 7 - boys Dave Harding – 8 boys, Rob Hosza – 9/10 boys, Jerry Doody – 11/12 boys, Bill Dearth 13/14 boys and Chris O'Brien – 15/18 boys. On the girls side, Sean Brady – Girls Director and Registration, and his age group directors, Lisa Emgee – 7/8 girls, Don Yudiski – 9/10 girls, Chris O'Brien – 11/12 girls and Don Fritz 13/16 girls and finally Andy Maly-Cordell who is undertaking the 5-6 clinic group. I would also like to thank Nelson White, who although no longer Chair, continues to provide support and guidance and is currently the Travel director. In thanking these people, it's important not to forget to thank their spouses, as well as mine, for putting up with the chaos during the season. It's also the time to thank all of those volunteer coaches and various other positions. Please feel free to volunteer for our program or one of the others, there is always something that needs to be accomplished.

As the season progresses, please remember to be respectful of all the coaches and referees in our program. We are a youth program, stand up and show the best sportsmanship you can. Your kids are playing and watching as well, so please think twice before possibly embarrassing yourself and your children. Lastly please always be positive to your children. Although we may try our best to be perfect, we sometimes fall short and even in the NBA coaches and referees and players make mistakes.

We try our best to make as many people as happy as we can, but should you happen to have any complaints or comments please feel free to contact the Age Group Director, the Boys/Girls Director or myself. Age group director information can be found as a link on our website at www.foresthillrec.com by clicking on All BBall info... We are always trying to improve what we provide to the youth of our community.

Needs for next year...Nelson White will be stepping down as Travel Coordinator and we are in need of an individual to help reinvigorate this program, yet keep focused on our philosophy. We can always use people to work the walk in registrations as well. Thanks again and have a great season.

**Forest Hill Recreation Council
Board of Directors**

Jeanne Rosas, *President*

Bill Plantholt, *Vice President*

Colleen Smulovitz, *Treasurer*

Dennis Schultz

Jerry Kalista

Barb Morlock

Deb Norcross

**OPENING DAY 2008
SATURDAY,
APRIL 19TH**

**Parade starts promptly at 9:00 A.M.
Baseball and Softball Games start at 10:00 A.M.
All at the Forest Hill Complex!**

GOOD FOOD!!

GAMES!!

MUSIC!!

FRIENDS!!!

EQUALS GREAT FUN!!!!!!

Scheduled food:

Pit Beef, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage,
Chips & Soda, Pretzels, French Fries, Funnel Cakes,
Gatorade, Water, Snow Balls and much more!

Come for the fun, stay for the atmosphere....

We will also have a Silent Auction Table,
Plant Wheel Table,
and many Games and Prizes for the kids!!

We need volunteers and donations
for the Silent Auction Table and Plant Wheel Table.

Please contact our Opening Day Chairperson:
Debbie Norcross, 410-838-1615
For questions, donations, or to be a volunteer.

Interested in being on the committee?
Join us on Monday, January 21, 2008
7:00 @ Forest Lakes Activity Room

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

- Chris Benjes • Frank Soderberg -

WALK-IN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

will only be held on two Saturdays this year: January 12th and 19th from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M in the Activity Room at Forest Lakes Elementary School. There will not be any Friday night registration sessions this year, so please make plans to register on either Saturday.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION and payment with credit cards is available on the Forest Hill Rec web site as of January 1. Surf to www.foresthillrec.com/registration.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS should be received **NO LATER than JANUARY 31, 2008**. Forms are included with this newsletter and are also available on the website.

Mail to: FHRC Baseball or Softball Registration,
804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014-6951

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL FEES PER PLAYER --

(Please make checks payable to FHRC)

If received on/before January 31st:

5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$45.....9-10 age group and older: \$65

If received on/before February 29th:

5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$55.....9-10 age group and older: \$75

If received on/after March 1st:

5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$65.....9-10 age group and older: \$85

15-19 Baseball will be \$165 per player. Tryout forms will be available at the walk-in registrations and on the web page.

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT -- When registering multiple children from the same household, you may subtract \$5 from the second child's fee, and \$10 from the third. The fourth child or more plays for no additional fee.

SIGN-UPS FOR TRAVEL TRYOUTS will be available at the two walk-in registration sessions in January. All players who sign up for travel tryouts must register and pay for in-house baseball before they can participate in the February tryouts. Players can also sign up for travel tryouts by sending an e-mail to travelbaseball@foresthillrec.com. Please include your name, age, date of birth and phone number. A separate fee will be required for players who make a Travel team.

We ask all potential travel players to sign up in advance so we are better able to anticipate the turnout at the tryouts. Tryouts for age groups that show insufficient interest by January 26th will be cancelled and there will not be a travel team in that age group.

TRYOUT REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 15-19 BASEBALL and fees will be accepted by mail or at the walk-in registration sessions listed above. The fee is \$165.00, which covers the costs of umpires, uniforms and equipment. See the "15-19 BASEBALL TRYOUT-REGISTRATION FORM" included in this Newsletter. Tryouts are in mid-March and players must pay the fee at the time of registration. Those not making a 15-19 team will be refunded in full.

2008 IN-HOUSE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL NEWS:

Monthly baseball/softball meetings started back in November, and are held on the second Monday of every month from November through April. The best way to get involved with Forest Hill baseball and softball is to come to the meetings. We are constantly looking for new ways to make our programs fun for the players, coaches and their parents, and we have some special surprises in store for this year. Remember to visit our web site often, as there are new bits of information added daily. Surf to www.foresthillbaseball.org for direct access into the baseball web page. Baseball families, be sure to subscribe to our baseball e-mailing list - http://lists.foresthillrec.com/mailman/listinfo/baseball_list - for up-to-date information and news.

5-6 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL: The very successful 5-6 clinic will meet and practice on Fields 8 and 9 at Forest Lakes Elementary School on Saturdays at 10:00 A.M. starting April 12th. The 5-6 program runs through June 21st. Although youth baseball nationwide has moved the age cut-off date to April 30th, we will still accept boys and girls in the 5-6 program who turn 5 between April 30th and July 31, 2008 with the understanding that the youngsters who fall into this category must also play in the 5-6 program in 2009 as well. Children who turn 5 after July 31, 2008 must wait until 2009 to participate in the 5-6 Clinic at Forest Hill.

7-8 BASEBALL: In an effort to constantly improve our programs, the 7-8 program will be fine-tuned and once again will break the teams into two groups - a 7 year old group and an 8 year old group. Emphasis will be on the fundamentals of baseball, keeping the players moving and learning, and practicing their skills in preparation for the higher age groups through drills, practice and games.

New this year, any 6 year-old that requests to play-up to the 7 year-old division must attend the play-up evaluation session at Grand Slam on February 23rd at 9:00 AM. For 6 year-olds to be eligible to play up to 7, they must be able to demonstrate that they have retained the necessary skills learned in our 5-6 program and the maturity to jump from the 5-6 to the 7-year-old baseball program. 6 year-old players that register after the evaluation, or those not able to attend the evaluation, must remain in the 5-6 program.

NEW UNIFORMS: We will continue the traditions where in-house players from 9-10 through 13-14 will get to keep a new "replica" uniform shirt modeled after the uniforms of the Major League teams. The 7-8 age group players receive a Forest Hill T-shirt and a minor-league replica hat. Players in the 5-6 age groups will continue to wear and keep the traditional Forest Hill T-shirts and hats.

13-14 BASEBALL: The 13-14 Age Group will once again compete in the North Harford County Baseball League. This will be our fourth year playing in this league and, based on last year's results, will be a success once again. Players of all talent levels are encouraged to register. For 2008, this age group may expand to 13-15. Keep a sharp eye on the baseball website in early January for important news about this division.



15-19 BASEBALL: The 15-19 baseball program will field two teams again this season. These teams will play in the North Harford County Baseball League on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from mid-May through early July. Tryouts for the teams will be scheduled in mid-March. Questions can be directed to Rick Everhardt, everhadtr@comcast.net, 410-879-9106.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS and DRAFTS -- Players new to the FHRC baseball program, players without the previous year's evaluation, or players requesting to be moved up or down from their proper age group must be evaluated to ensure placement in the proper age group. Any player requesting to move up or down must be evaluated. No Exceptions!! Details about playing in a different age group are available on the baseball web page. All players will be placed in their designated age group as of March 8, 2008. In-house teams are selected in mid-March and players will be contacted by their managers before practice begins on March 31st.

BASEBALL NEW-PLAYER and PLAY-UP EVALUATION TIMES AND LOCATION:

6-year-old play-ups at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 23, 2008 (9:00 - 10:00 AM)

9-10 Age Group at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 16, 2008 (8:00 - 10:00 AM)

11-12 Age Group at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 23, 2008 (8:00 - 9:00 AM)

13-14 Age Group also at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 23, 2008 (8:00 - 9:00 AM)

FOREST HILL TRAVEL BASEBALL will host portions of the Harford County Spring Classic and Summer Classic Baseball Tournaments at our Complex. Teams from all over Maryland and southern Pennsylvania will compete in these tournaments during the weekends of March 29-30 and June 28-29. This is a great fundraising opportunity for our travel baseball program and a great way to showcase our beautiful complex. Good food, great baseball and memorable experiences highlight these tournaments every year.

Harford County Travel Baseball is also looking for well-organized individuals who desire the challenge to step up and assume two key leadership roles in HCTB. HCTB is looking for a well-organized individual to become the president of HCTB and another volunteer to take over the operation of the Spring and Summer Classic Tournaments. Please contact Chris Benjes, 410-893-6456, to find out more about these challenging positions.

The Forest Hill Express travel baseball teams will begin their seasons in late March and will play approximately 14 regular season games and participate in four or five tournaments through late June. As the annual treat for the Forest Hill 12U Express, they have been scheduled to play at the Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York during the week of July 12th. There is a separate financial commitment and a requirement for fundraising for all players who are on the 11-12 Travel team to help offset the tremendous expense of the Cooperstown trip. While this is a fantastic experience for the players, coaches and families, it is also well worth the financial and time commitments.

BASEBALL TRAVEL TRYOUTS:

8U Age Group at the Sandlot Academy in Forest Hill, Sunday, February 10, 2008 (1:30-2:45), and at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 16 and 23, 2008 (10:00 - Noon).

9U & 10U Age Groups at the Sandlot Academy in Forest Hill, Saturday, February 2, 2008 (Noon - 2:00), Sunday February 3 (1:30 - 2:45 PM), and Saturday February 9th (1:30-2:45).

11U & 12U Age Groups at the Sandlot Academy in Forest Hill, Saturday, February 2, 2008 (2:15-4:15 PM), Sunday February 3 (Noon to 1:15 P.M.), and Saturday February 9th (Noon-1:15).

13/14 Age Group at the Sandlot Academy in Forest Hill, Sunday, February 3, 2008 (3:00 - 4:15), Saturday February 9 (3:00-4:15), and Sunday February 10 (3:00-4:15).

FOREST HILL STORM -- The Forest Hill Storm is a full-time youth baseball program affiliated with the Baltimore-Metro Baseball League, the premier independent amateur baseball league in Maryland. This highly competitive program will consist of three Storm teams in 2008 - 12U through 14U. Teams are selected in the fall and practice through the winter in preparation for their season that begins in late March. The Storm program is self-funded and plays an extensive schedule with home games at the Complex and Friends Park. Plans and fundraising are well-underway for the 12U Storm's trip to Cooperstown Dreams Park in late June. Tryouts for the 2009 teams will occur later in the summer. For more information about our Metro baseball program, please contact Jim Maguire, 410-557-2847.

FOREST HILL MEN'S UNLIMITED BASEBALL: The Forest Hill Men's Unlimited Storm participates in the highly competitive Susquehanna Baseball League. The team is looking for a few good men to complete their 2008 roster. Interested players should have a minimum of high school varsity experience and be at least 18 or older. For information, please contact Steve Morlock, 410-893-2080.

FOREST HILL MEN'S SOFTBALL: The Forest Hill Men's Softball program is a fun league for men over 30 years old who want to play non-competitive softball on Friday nights in the summer. The season runs from July 11 through September. Games are played on Friday nights at the Complex. The league begins taking early registrations for returning players only starting in late January through mid-April. New players can sign up beginning April 20th, 2008. For information, rules, and a registration form, visit the Men's Softball page on the Forest Hill website or contact Chris Benjes, 410-893-6456.

UMPIRES -- The Forest Hill Baseball program is looking for umpires for the upcoming baseball season. Umpires must be at least 14 years of age and must attend the free training in March. Youth umpires are paid per-game. Adults are encouraged to umpire, too, although on a volunteer basis. If interested, please contact Chris Benjes, 410-893-6456.

CONCESSION STAND: Each baseball/softball team will be assigned a night for which they are responsible for running the concession stand with the help of a committee member. This is done for a variety of reasons, the biggest being that if we have no help we are forced to close the concession stand for that particular night. Last year we were very pleased with how this worked and did not have

to close the concession stand once. The schedule will once again be posted in the Opening Day book.

We are also looking for volunteers to be part of the Concession Committee. If you are interested in giving your time and talent to help run the Concession Stand throughout the year, please contact Jeanne Schultz at the stand.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MEETING SCHEDULE --

ALL ARE WELCOME! The monthly baseball/softball meetings are held on these Mondays in 2008: January 14, February 11, March 10 and April 7 starting at 7:30 PM in the Activity Room of Forest Lakes Elementary School. The best way to get involved with Forest Hill baseball and softball is to come to the meetings.

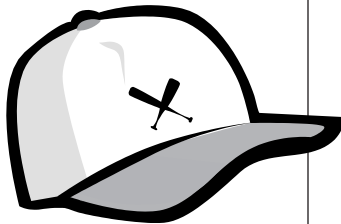
IMPORTANT BASEBALL/SOFTBALL NOTE -- Volunteers requesting to manage or coach a baseball/softball team **MUST** complete a "MANAGER/COACH APPLICATION FORM" and have it approved. They should also attend the baseball/softball meetings. The meetings in January, February and March are mandatory for baseball managers. See the "MANAGER/COACH APPLICATION FORM" in this Newsletter. Managers for in-house teams will be announced in late January, so please get those forms in soon!

BASEBALL AGE GROUP DIRECTORS:

- 5-6 Age Group..... Eric Lippert
- 7-8 Age Group..... Deb Norcross, looking for an assistant
- 9-10 Age Group Joel Caudill
- 11-12 Age Group Mike Isom
- 13-14 Age Group Rick Everhardt
- 15-18 Age Group Rick Everhardt
- Storm (12U-14U) Jim Maguire
- Unlimited Men..... Steve Morlock

TRAVEL BASEBALL MANAGERS:

- 8U Express: Bob Johnson
- 9U Express: Mark Morgan
- 10U Express: Ken Munson
- 11U Express: Jerry Doody
- 12U Express: Kirk Warner
- 14U Express: Keith Rhodes



PARENTS AGREEMENT/CODE OF CONDUCT:

Forest Hill Baseball/Softball has instituted a Players/Parents Code of Conduct/Agreement that will be strictly enforced this year. The document can be found in this Newsletter. Please remember to read and sign this form and return it with your registration. The agreement will also be available at walk-in registrations and is required for all registered players/families.

PLAYING FIELDS FOR 2008:

- FIELDS #1 thru #7at the Complex
- FIELDS #8 & #9atForest Lakes Elementary School
(#8 is closest to the school)
- FIELD #10.....at Harford County Board of Ed Annex
(near Friends Park in the FH Industrial Park)
- FIELD #11at Friends Park
- FIELD #12.....at Forest Hill Elementary School

BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING CAMP -- Is your child ready for the 2008 season? They may be playing another sport now, or eating too many holiday goodies. Either way, it's time to get those baseball muscles moving. A key to having a successful 2008 season is being prepared. Spring Training 2008 is what the doctor ordered. Spring Training Camp is a benefit fundraiser for our 15-19 program and is designed for boys and girls ages 5-12 years, teaching good sportsmanship, throwing, fielding ground balls and fly balls, sliding, hitting and base running. Come hit off our wiffle ball machines, slide on our sliding mats and learn how to field like a pro. All this and more in a fun recreation league atmosphere. Three sessions are held in the spacious Churchville Recreation Center on three Saturday evenings in March. All players receive a Camp T-shirt and a Certificate of Achievement. For questions, call Rick Everhardt, 410-879-9106, or e-mail everhardtr@comcast.net.

We have a limit of only 50 participants in this Camp, so please register early. Absolute deadline for Camp registration is February 18th. See the "BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING CAMP REGISTRATION FORM" in this newsletter.

FALL BASEBALL -- If you are interested in being a Fall Ball manager or coach, complete a "Manager/Coach Application Form" and contact Chris Benjes, 410-893-6456.

Forest Hill will be placing several teams into two different Fall baseball leagues in 2008. There will be several Forest Hill teams in the 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15 age groups that participate in the North Harford Fall Baseball League (NHFBL). This is a rec-league program designed for players of all talent levels. No tryouts are necessary. The season runs from late August into November and all games are played on Sundays at the Complex and other Harford County baseball locations. In preparation for next year, age groups in the North Harford League are based on what age group the child will play in 2009.

Early Registration for Forest Hill Fall Baseball in NHFBL runs from May 1-31. There will be a \$20 late fee assessed for all registrations after May 31. The absolute registration deadline for the NHFBL is June 29th, after which the league will be closed. We will not accept any registration forms after this date so we can draft the teams and order their uniforms. Register early to save money and insure your child's spot in the league.

We will also have tryouts for fall teams that will participate in the Baltimore County Major League (BCML) program. This is a high-level league similar to our spring travel program that involves away games in Baltimore County. Tryouts for these teams will be in early July. All BCML regular-season games are played on Sundays from mid-August through October. There is also a mid-season tournament in October with games on Saturday and Sunday. Because this is a more competitive league, age groups for teams in our Baltimore County Major League program are based on the age that the child played in spring 2008. Fees will be determined as the season approaches.

Since the registration deadline for the Harford league is June 29th, players wishing to play fall baseball that are also planning to try out for a BCML team should make sure they first sign up for the NHFBL program by the deadline, and then attend the BCML tryouts. Doing so guarantees that the player will definitely play some form of fall baseball in the event that he doesn't make a BCML team. Since players can not play in both leagues, fees paid for the Harford league will be transferred to the Baltimore County program for players that make a BCML team.

Registration information for both leagues will be available on the Forest Hill baseball web page starting in April.

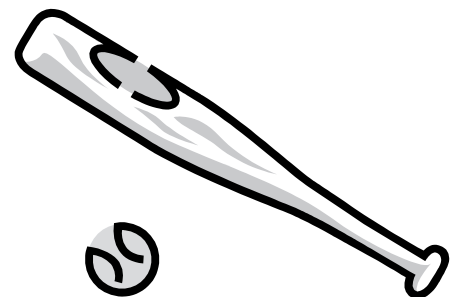
AGE CUT-OFF DATES -- Remember that the age cutoff date has changed for all youth baseball nationwide. See the table below for your proper age group for 2008:

Baseball/Softball Age Group Determination Table for 2008:

<i>Find your birth month/year...</i>												<i>You are:</i>	<i>And your proper Age Group is:</i>
<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>		
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* - Indicates players that are not old enough for Forest Hill Baseball/Softball.

** - Indicates players that MUST play 5-6 in 2008 and 2009.





2008
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION FORM

Spring Program

1. CIRCLE ONE: BASEBALL SOFTBALL (Age cutoff date is April 30)

Player's Name School
Home Address Phone
City/Town State Zip
Date of Birth Present Age Sex

2. HISTORY: What Rec Council/Age Group did you play for in 2007?

Does the registered player have any physical or other condition the FHRC, Manager or Coaches should be aware of? (i.e. allergies, shortness of breath, diabetes etc.) YES NO
(PLEASE COMMENT)

3. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: E-Mail Address
Father's Name Mother's Name
Occupation Occupation
Work Phone Work Phone

4. I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A...

Manager** Team-parent coordinator Umpire Newsletter
Coach** Opening Day Volunteer Concession Stand Committee Member

** Managers/coaches must fill out a separate mgr/coach application form to be considered for the position.

FEES PER PLAYER: (Please make checks payable to FHRC)

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5. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: I confirm that I have read and understand the Forest Hill participation/waiver agreement and understand that my child and/or I will not be covered by any accident insurance while participating in the Forest Hill Rec Council Program. I confirm that I have read the Forest Hill Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the stated terms.

6. PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: DATE

TOTAL FEE PAID CHECK # CASH DATE

AMT TO BE APPLIED TO THIS FORM REGISTERED BY AGE GROUP

Baseball - Mail to: Baseball Registration, 804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, Md. 21014

Softball - Mail to: Softball Registration, 1705 Boggs Rd, Forest Hill, MD 21050

----- No refunds after teams are drafted -----

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

REFUND POLICY: No refunds unless program is cancelled, participant moves out of state, or serious injury prevents participation prior to start of program.

WAIVER: In consideration of the services of Forest Hill Recreation Council Inc. and Harford County, their officers, agents, volunteers, participants, directors, employees and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereafter collectively known as FHRC), I hereby agree to release and discharge FHRC, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate as follows: I acknowledge that the program requested entails known and anticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death or damage to myself, my child, my property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply can not be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. I also acknowledge that there are risks to this activity that are also unforeseeable. Furthermore, I understand and acknowledge that FHRC seeks safety, but they are not infallible. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of these risks as well as the unforeseeable risks that might occur when I and/or my child is participating in this activity. My participation in this activity and/or my child's participation in this activity are purely voluntary, and I elect to participate and/or have my child participate in spite of the risks, both known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless FHRC from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation and/or my child's participation in this activity or my use and/or my child's use of FHRC equipment, our own equipment, or FHRC used facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of FHRC. Should FHRC or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless them for all such fees and costs. I certify that I have adequate personal insurance to cover any injury or damage I sustain and/or my child may sustain while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage and/or my child. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions and/or my child has no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with participation in this activity, or else I am willing to assume, and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any condition. By signing this document, I acknowledge that if I and/or my child sustains an injury and/or property is damaged during my or my child's participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right, my spouse's right and my child's right to maintain a lawsuit or claim against FHRC because I have intended to release them by signing this document. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document and understand it. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in its activities and use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any and all claims which are brought by and/or on behalf of any Minor, by any entity, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor in the FHRC activities. I also agree to all terms and conditions of the entire agreement on behalf of my minor child. I further agree to be bound by its terms.

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT: Parent/Participant also acknowledges and agrees: (1) to respect the team's coach and abide by his/her decisions for the team, to not coach the game from the sidelines nor subvert his/her authority in any way, and direct all issues or complaints to the age group director or program chairperson; (2) to strictly adhere to FHRC Code of Conduct and all Rules governing use of School/County facilities, to refrain from offensive comments to the players, coaches or officials -- spectators exhibiting disruptive behavior, or violating the Code of Conduct or rules will be required to leave the grounds immediately; (3) to permit the use of participant's/my child's likeness (e.g. photos) and/or name in advertisements and literature and/or to be posted on the website for the above program; (4) to return all rented or borrowed equipment when notified to do so, the failure of which will result in forfeiture of any deposit, and being barred from future registrations in FHRC programs.

Signature

Date



2008

15-19 BASEBALL TRYOUT REGISTRATION FORM

Player's Name _____ School _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Present Age _____ Sex _____ E-Mail: _____

Does the registered player have any physical or other condition the FHRC, Manager or Coaches should be aware of? (i.e. allergies, shortness of breath, diabetes etc.) YES _____ NO _____ (PLEASE COMMENT) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: E-Mail Address _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Occupation _____ Occupation _____

Work Phone _____ Work Phone _____

FEE: \$165.00

(make checks payable to FHRC)

----- fee will be refunded to players not making a team -----

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: I confirm that I have read and understand the Forest Hill participation/waiver agreement and understand that my child or I will not be covered by any accident insurance while participating in the Forest Hill Recreation Council Program. I agree that I will not hold the FHRC, baseball and/or softball program, team, manager, coaches, umpires or instructors responsible for injuries incurred while participating or traveling to or from activities. I also confirm that I have read the Forest Hill Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the stated terms.

I also understand that my child's participation on a Forest Hill 15-19 baseball team is not automatic and is subject to a competitive selection process through a series of tryouts held in early spring. I acknowledge that my child's talents will be evaluated against other players by several coaches as criteria for selection to the final team rosters.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

TOTAL FEE PAID _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____ DATE _____

AMT TO BE APPLIED TO THIS FORM _____ REGISTERED BY _____ AGE GROUP _____

Mail to: 15-19 Baseball Registration, 804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014

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Signature

Date

(MANAGERS AND COACHES NEED TO FILL OUT THE MANAGER/COACH VOLUNTEER FORM)

	<p>2008</p> <p>BASEBALL/SOFTBALL VOLUNTEER APPLICATION</p>
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1.) Which program? (Choose one or both) BASEBALL SOFTBALL

YOUR NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** _____

2.) What are you volunteering to do? (Choose one or more)

-Umpire -Concession Stand - Parent-team coordinator -Opening Day Volunteer

-Other (be specific): _____

3.) List your experience/qualifications:

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH FOREST HILL? _____

WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/RECREATION COUNCILS? _____

YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN WHICH AGE GROUP[S]? _____

OTHER EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS? _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME? _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME / SEXUAL HARASSMENT? (IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN): _____

Return to: Chris Benjes, 804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014-6951



**2008 BASEBALL FUNDAMENTALS
CAMP REGISTRATION FORM**

Recommended for Ages 5 through 12

This instructional program is designed to teach good sportsmanship, proper warm-up techniques and the fundamentals of baseball in a *FUN ATMOSPHERE*.

Sessions will be held (rain or shine) on SATURDAYS March 8, 15 and 29 (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) in the Churchville Recreation Center located on Glenville Road off RT #155 in Churchville.

We are limiting enrollment to 50 participants this year. Please sign up early!

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- *Instruction in sportsmanship, warm-up techniques & strategies of the game of baseball*
- *Individual instruction in base running, infield, outfield, hitting/bunting, pitching & catching*
- *Instruction on drills to strengthen their baseball skills*
- *Throwing velocity evaluation*
- *Baseball camp t-shirt*
- *Certificate of Achievement*

Camp Director: Rick Everhardt (410-879-9106) E-mail : everhardtr@comcast.net

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.....includes dedicated and experienced coaches from the college and high school levels.

ANY QUESTIONS – CALL RICK EVERHARDT @ 410-879-9106

----- return bottom portion before February 18th , 2008 -----

FEE: \$60.00
NO REFUNDS
(make check payable to FHRC)

Player's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

T-Shirt (youth sizes): small medium large x-large

The above named player has my permission to take part in the FHRC Baseball Fundamentals Camp. I agree not to hold the FHRC or its instructors liable for any injuries arising from participation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Mail to: FHRC, c/o Rick Everhardt, 401 Crofton Court, Bel Air, MD 21014



2008
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
MANAGER/COACH APPLICATION

1.) Which program? (Circle) BASEBALL SOFTBALL TRAVEL BASEBALL

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

2.) What are you volunteering to do? (*Check all that apply*)

	5-6 Age Group	7-8 Age Group	9-10 Age Group	11-12 Age Group	13-14 Age Group	15-19 Age Group
Manager/Head Coach						
Assistant Coach						
Age Group Director						

3.) List your experience/qualifications:

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH FOREST HILL? _____

WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/RECREATION COUNCILS? _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED ANY COACHES' CLINICS? Where? _____

OTHER EXPERIENCE / QUALIFICATIONS? (Use back of form if necessary) _____

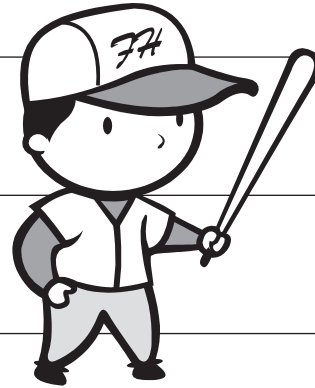
WHY DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME? (Use back of form if necessary) _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME / SEXUAL HARASSMENT? (IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN): _____

Return Baseball to: Chris Benjes, 804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014-6951
Return Softball to: Rick Smulovitz, 1705 Boggs Rd, Forest Hill, MD 21050

2008 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL EVENTS

Jan 1, 2008	On-line & Mail-in Baseball/Softball Registration begins
Sat Jan 12 & 19	Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration, Travel Sign-ups, Umpire Sign-ups, Volunteer Sign-ups @ FLES from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Mon Jan 14	Baseball/Softball Meeting 7:30 @ FLES
Sat Feb 2	Noon - 2:00: 9-10 Travel baseball tryouts. 2:15 - 4:15: 11-12 Travel baseball tryouts. at the Harford Sandlot Academy.
Sun Feb 3	Noon - 1:15: 11-12 Travel baseball tryouts. 1:30 - 2:45: 9-10 Travel baseball tryouts. 3:00 - 4:15: 13-14 Travel baseball tryouts. at the Harford Sandlot Academy.
Sat Feb 9	Noon - 1:15: 11-12 Travel baseball tryouts. 1:30 - 2:45: 9-10 Travel baseball tryouts. 3:00 - 4:15: 13-14 Travel baseball tryouts. at the Harford Sandlot Academy.
Sun Feb 10	Noon - 1:15: 11-12 Travel baseball tryouts. 1:30 - 2:45: 8U Travel baseball tryouts. 3:00 - 4:15: 13-14 Travel baseball tryouts. at the Harford Sandlot Academy.
Mon Feb 11	Baseball/Softball Meeting 7:30 @ FLES
Sat Feb 16	8-10 AM: "New baseball player evaluations" for 9-10 and play-up evaluations for 8 year-olds requesting to play 9-10.10- Noon: 8U Travel Baseball Tryouts. All at Grand Slam in Abingdon.
Sat Feb 23	8-9 AM: "New baseball player evaluations" for 11-12 and 13-14 and play-up evaluations for 10 and 12 year-olds requesting to play 11-12 and 13-14 respectively. 9:00 AM: Baseball Play-up evaluations for 6 year-olds requesting to play in the 7 year-old division.10-Noon: 8U Travel Baseball Tryouts. All at Grand Slam in Abingdon.
Mon Mar 10	Baseball/Softball Meeting 7:30 @ FLES
Fri March 7, 14, 28 & April 4	Baseball Umpire Training @ 7:00 – Location TBD
Sat March 8, 15 & 29	Spring Training Camp - Churchville Rec Center
Mar 14-16	Baseball Drafts and Equipment handout - TBD
Sun Mar 23	Happy Easter!
Sat Mar 29	Coaches' Clinic: 12-25-6 uniform pickup: 2:30-3:30 - both @ FLES
Mar 29-30	Spring Classic Baseball Tournament
March 31	Practice begins
Sat Apr 12	5-6 Baseball begins at FLES Fields 8 & 9
Mon Apr 14	Baseball/Softball Meeting 7:30 @ FLES
Sat Apr 19	Opening Day Celebration
May 1-31	Fall Baseball Registration
Jun 14-15	HCTB Championship Tournaments
Jun 16-26	In-House Baseball Tournaments
Sat June 21	5-6 and 7-8 Baseball Ends – Picnic Day
June 28-29	Summer Classic Baseball Tournament
June 28-July 4	Cooperstown Week for the Storm
Sun June 29	Baseball All-Star Games
Fri July 11	Men's Softball Begins
July 12-18	Cooperstown Week for the Express
Mid July	BCML Fall Baseball Tryouts – TBD
Mid August	Fall Baseball starts
Fri Sep 26	Men's Softball Ends
Sun Nov 9	Fall Baseball ends



**2008 – 2009
FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
*up to five (5), \$1,000 scholarships
Since the 1994-1995 academic year, the FHRC has awarded 26
scholarships totaling \$41,000**

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____
 Street Address _____ Phone _____ Social Security # _____
 City/State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail Address _____

 High School Name _____ College (if known) _____
 High School Address _____ College Address _____
 High School City/State _____ College City/State _____
 High School Zip Code _____ College Zip Code _____
 High School Phone _____ College Phone _____
 High School Graduation Date _____ College Major (if known) _____

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANT MUST.....

-have participated in the Forest Hill Recreation Council for a minimum of four (4) years
-include a detailed list of Forest Hill Recreation Council activities/programs with the application
-be a high school graduate as of September 2008
-be attending college (full time student) as of September 2008
-submit three letters of recommendation (related to the FHRC Scholarship) with the application
-submit an essay explaining "Why I should receive the FHRC College Scholarship" with the application

NOTES:

- (a) Failure to complete the 2008 – 2009 school year will result in forfeiture of the scholarship and the entire amount must be repaid to the Forest Hill Recreation Council.
- (b) Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.
- (c) *The Forest Hill Recreation Council (Scholarship Selection Committee) reserves the right not to award any scholarships for the 2008 – 2009 school year.
- (d) Scholarship recipients will be asked to attend the Baseball/Softball Opening Day Ceremonies in April, 2008 to officially receive their award.

 Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

******* APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2008 *******

MAIL TO: FHRC SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
 C/O JERRY KALISTA
 402 FOREST VALLEY DRIVE
 FOREST HILL, MARYLAND 21050



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