



CC: BCLL Board of Directors
P.O. Box 5011
Suffolk, Virginia 23435

Dear Parents and Players,

Bennett's Creek Little League (BCLL) is proud to announce that we are now accepting registrations for the Spring 2012 season, our 44th year serving Northern Suffolk. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I want to extend a warm welcome to our returning baseball and softball families, as well as to all the new families in our community.

We had a great season last year including hosting the State of Virginia Minor League (ages 9-10) All Star Tournament. The Board of Directors, with your assistance, is looking forward to making the 2012 season even better! As your newly elected League President, I would like to extend a note of gratitude to Jennifer for all her hard work and dedication as President over the last couple of years. She has been and continues to be an asset for the League and I look forward to working with her as she continues to serve on the Board.

As we move into the 2012 season, you will notice there is a small increase in our registration fees. Please know that this was a very difficult decision for the Board to make. In the past, we have always provided a hat and socks for each player to keep. The increase in registration fees this year will allow you to keep the shirt as well (a nice little keepsake). To be clear, your registration fees are not solely to cover the costs of uniforms, but to help us cover operating expenses including umpires, field maintenance, equipment, and utilities. The remainder of our income comes from your patronage at the concession stand, sponsorships from community businesses, individual donations and through League-sponsored fundraisers. Quite frankly, our sponsorship and fund raising efforts have not been very successful for the last few years and we have stepped up our efforts in both areas so we can make capital improvements to our facility.

We would also greatly appreciate any time you can contribute to further improve your child's baseball and softball experience. The most important and rewarding volunteer position in the League is that of a manager or coach. We are in need of both for all divisions of baseball and softball. It is the Board's intention to develop and offer "coaches clinics" to help volunteers prepare for/or improve their overall experience. We are working to have a few sessions prior to spring try-outs. If you

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are interested in being either a manager or coach or if you have any other comments or concerns, you can email me at president@bennettscreek.org or our Vice President Pamela Stark at vicepresident@bennettscreek.org.

Also this year, whether you are a new or returning player, we are required to review documents to determine:

- ✓ proof of residency (3 or more copies of a phone bill, utility bill, driver's license, etc. showing your residency since February 1, 2011)
- ✓ proof of age (copy of a birth certificate, passport, etc.)

There are several ways to register:

- **Online:** Go to the BCLL website (<http://www.bennettscreek.org>) and click on the link taking you to online registration. While this is a convenient and the preferred method for registration, you will still need to bring the required documents during one of our walk-in registration days or you can mail copies (please no originals) of them to us at the address below.

- **By Mail:** You can download and print the registration form from the BCLL website. Complete the form, include copies of the required documents, enclose a personal check for the registration fee(s) and return to BCLL at:

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- **Walk In Registration:** Walk in registration sign-ups/verifications will take place in January. Dates and times for walk-ins will be posted on the BCLL web site. Please keep an eye on our website for details.

*****Registration ends February 5th *** After February 5th, a late registration fee of \$25 will be charged.**

I would like to thank the Board for asking and entrusting me to be the League's President. I look forward to the fun times, as well as the challenges, but most of all keeping our young ones safe and involved in America's favorite pastime. Let's play ball!

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Again, please consider getting involved and help make a difference as “WE DO IT ALL FOR THE KIDS”!

Thank you!

Chip Ambrosino
President, Bennett's Creek Little League