

# Closter Recreation Commission

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## 2015 Spring Baseball- Softball & Fall Football/Cheerleading Registration

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** will be available for the following sports starting January 19th.

- Spring Kindergarten T-Ball
- Baseball grades 1-8
- Girls Softball grades 1-8
- 2015 Fall Football\*\*
- 2015 Fall Cheerleading\*\* (\*\* separate link on website)

Go to <http://www.closterrec.com/registration.html> and follow the link for online registration. Online registration accepts credit card payments *only*. If you haven't done so already PLEASE set up your family account at the Community Pass link as all registrations will be loaded into this system (either by parents registering online or by a Recreation member after the walk-in registrations 2/7/14).

**WALK-IN REGISTRATION** for the above sports will be held on Sat, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Closter Borough Hall. Checks and cash payments will be accepted at these walk-in registrations. You can fill out the registration form, available on <http://www.closterrec.com/registration.html>, and bring it with you to the Walk-in Registration.

**Early Bird Registration Fee** (applies for Online Registration 1/19~2/7, Walk-in Registration 2/7)

\$100 per child (includes \$25 refundable snack stand Work Bond)\*

\$160 family maximum fee (includes \$25 refundable snack stand Work Bond)\*

**Regular Registration Fee** (applies for Online and Mail-In Registration after Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>)

\$150 per child (includes \$25 refundable snack stand Work Bond)\*

\$210 family maximum fee (includes \$25 refundable snack stand Work Bond)\*

Please go to the following link to get a form for Mail-in Registration <http://www.closterrec.com/registration.html>

*\*The \$25 Work Bond will be refunded after one parent works in the snack stand for one game during the course of the Rec Spring Baseball/Softball season (the game worked does not need to be during your child's game).*

We ask all parents to register on time, as we are having increasing problems with selecting teams and ordering equipment and uniforms with all of the late sign-ups. Please note that requests for placement of children on specific teams are not possible. Due to the large number of children registering, children will play on the teams that they are chosen for. Please understand this policy prior to registering, and make your decisions on your child's participation prior to registration day.

**NEW THIS YEAR-** Closter Girls will be playing WITH, not against girls from Demarest and Haworth. Grades 3-8. We are merging our Girls Softball Programs (We did this last year with the boys and had a great successful season. The boys merged program will continue too, as the kids found playing with their future high school classmates very rewarding and fun.) ALL children will be selected on teams after evaluations, which will be held at the high school or another location (dates and times TBD) Coaches will be combined from each of the towns. This being said, it is very important that ANYONE interested in coaching a spring rec or travel program, boys or girls team, sign up to do so while registering their child thru the Community Pass Program.

**Uniforms for Baseball/Softball:** ALL boys and girls in Grades 3-8 are required to wear GRAY baseball pants as part of their uniform. Please note that the children will receive a team jersey and a baseball cap as part of their registration fee, but NOT the pants.

**REGISTRATION FOR OTHER SPORTS.** The following sports are run separately from the Closter Recreation program.

**TENNIS** If you would like to register for Spring Tennis, there will be a link on the Closter Recreation Website at <http://www.closterrec.com>

**2015 FALL FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING** The Closter Cobra Football and Cheerleading programs are run separately from the Closter Rec program. The registration link for Football and Cheerleading is on the Closter Recreation Website. The programs are open to children in Grades 1-8. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades play flag football, Grades 3-8 play tackle football. Any questions concerning Football, please call Joseph Argenziano at 201-741-8816.

**TRAVEL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL & ALL TRAVEL SPORTS.** The Recreation Commission and the tri-town baseball committee's policies on travel sports are as follows.

- Any child wishing to play on the town-sponsored travel teams MUST also play Recreation Baseball/Softball.
- Spring baseball travel teams and the summer travel baseball teams are separate entities with separate tryouts. Children who will not be here in the summer will still have the opportunity to play on the spring travel baseball teams.
- It is imperative that children attend the tryouts so that we know how many teams we will be able to field at each age level. ALL children registered with Rec Baseball/Softball will be notified of the time and date of the tryouts, via email. We are looking to put in more than 1 team for each age level based upon the interest level of the children trying out. And we hope that the children will play with whatever team they are selected on, as this affects all of the children on the teams, and in many cases if children drop out we end up with not enough children to form a second team. Children getting the extra reps each week will improve their skills and they will have fun playing on these teams.
- Anyone wishing to coach a travel team will need to put in an application, meet with the Tri-town Baseball Coaches Selection Committee, and meet criteria set forth by the Tri-town baseball committee prior to being selected as the travel team coach. We urge any interested parent who wishes to coach a Travel team to fill register online.

**Spring Travel Baseball Tryouts (Grades 2-8)** Information on spring travel tryouts will be sent out via email to ALL parents whose children are registered for Rec baseball by Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for these important messages in the coming weeks. NOTE the tryouts will *most likely be held* the week of Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and the weekend dates of 2/28 and 3/1.

**Girls Softball (Grades 5-8)** If you would like to play competitive travel softball this spring and summer, please contact Tom Antoshak at 201-788-4877 or email [tantoshak@goeletcorp.com](mailto:tantoshak@goeletcorp.com). We need to access how many girls are interested in this program.

## CLINICS

**Clinics for Baseball – The following clinics will be offered for the different age groups below:**

Boys grades 2-4 Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at Demarest High School 6-7pm \$20 per session

Boys grades 5/6 Tuesday Feb 3, 10, 24, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:15-8:15pm NV Baseball Academy 100 Oakland Ave. Closter. \$25 per session

Boys grades 7/8 Tuesday Feb 3, 10, 24, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:20-9:20pm NV Baseball Academy 100 Oakland Ave. Closter. \$25 per session

These clinics should be paid for online via your community pass registration. Any walk in registrations should pay by check to LKS Athletics or cash and paid at the door. **NOTE : These baseball clinics are being offered by NVD Varsity Baseball Coach Marc Houser and his staff.**

### **Spring Baseball Camp**

Save the date!!! Varsity Baseball Coach- Marc Houser will be offering a spring baseball camp during the school break.

From Coach Houser: ***“Northern Valley Baseball Camp Presents: A youth instructional camp, implementing fundamentals of baseball and game competition. The camp will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 9am-12noon (during spring break), with a rain date of Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>. The camp is open to children ages 7-14. Marc Houser, the head baseball coach, his staff, and current players will provide professional instruction for all campers!!!! Fliers will be emailed and provided at winter clinics. We are looking forward to meeting the future Norsemen. Marc Houser”***

The NVD Boys baseball camp flyer can be found on the Closter Recreation Website.

### **Girls Softball Pitching Clinics (Grades 3-8) – 10 sessions beginning 3/14**

When: Saturday mornings – TBD most likely 10am-12noon time frame. Sessions are: 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

Where: Hillside Elementary School - Closter - gymnasium (first 4 sessions)  
Memorial Field – Closter or TBD (final 6 sessions)

Cost: To be determined

Please e-mail Tom Antoshak at [tantoshak@goeletcorp.com](mailto:tantoshak@goeletcorp.com) for more information

### **Girls Softball Clinics**

Save the date!!! Varsity Softball Coach- Keith Johnson will be offering a spring girls softball camp during the spring school break. April 6-April 9<sup>th</sup> (Rain date April 10<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am-1:00pm for further information please call 201-784-1600 Ext 24047. The “Softball Fever Camp” flyer can be found on the Closter Recreation Website.

Please check the Closter Recreation website at [www.closterrec.com](http://www.closterrec.com) for the latest upcoming events, schedules and updates!!! Any questions, email Jim Oettinger at [closterrecjim@aol.com](mailto:closterrecjim@aol.com).