

Closter Recreation Commission

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Dear Parents:

Below you will find comprehensive details on **2024 Spring T-Ball / Baseball / Softball**.

We are planning on running the following programs for K - Gr 8 girls and boys:

- K Tee ball (the number of boys and girls that register will determine if T-ball will be a co-ed program or separate boys' and girls' programs)
- Gr 1 Boys Baseball
- Gr 2 Boys Baseball
- Gr 3/4 Boys Baseball
- Gr 5/6 Boys Baseball
- Gr 7/8 Boys Baseball
- Gr 1/2 Girls Softball
- Gr 3/4 Girls Softball
- Gr 5/6 Girls Softball
- Gr 7/8 Girls Softball

REGISTRATION

Registration will be open on CommunityPass (link on Closter Rec website) for Closter and Haworth residents from 1/22 through 3/15. **PLEASE take advantage of the early bird rate!!**

Early Bird Registration Fee
Mon, 1/22 ~ Sat, 2/24
\$170/child (\$425 Family Max)

Regular Registration Fee
Sun, 2/25 ~ Sat, 3/9
\$220/child (\$550 Family Max)

Late Registration Fee
Sun, 3/10 ~ Fri, 3/15
\$270/child (\$675 Family Max)

DATES

K - Gr 2 programs will start on opening day – Sunday, April 28. There will be “opening day games” for most children. K-6 grade.

For Gr 3 - 8 boys and girls, evaluations (in order to assemble teams) for REC Baseball and Softball teams will take place in mid-March, tentatively STARTING the weekend of 3/16. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Gr 3-6 boys' evaluations will take on Saturday 3/16 between 9am-12 noon at NV Demarest High School.
- Gr 3-8 Girls Softball and Gr 7/8 boys evaluations will take place at approximately the same time (some time during that week(end) -Times TBD.

Rec Baseball and Softball games for boys and girls in grades 3-8 will start tentatively the week of April 22. Spring School Break is the week of April 15. This year we will have schedules published in **mid-March** so that parents can make arrangements for other programs.

Baseball/Girls Softball NIGHT in Closter will take place on Friday May 10 at 6pm at Memorial Park. Skill competitions for the boys and girls will take place. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. More information will be available in April.

COACHES

Coaches are needed for all levels of baseball and softball. In order to coach or assist, parents must take a **one-time** (ONLINE) Rutgers Safety Class. PLEASE consider volunteering to help coach your child's team(s). Parents who take the online class will be reimbursed once they submit their Rutgers safety card. (This is one of the only good things to come from the pandemic - that this course can now be taken ONLINE!!!). Information and the link to upcoming Rutgers safety classes can be found on the Closter Rec Website. Only parents that sign up on the CommunityPass registration site for “coaching” will be considered to coach a team. PLEASE do not send emails that you want to coach - please sign up in CommunityPass.

Travel Baseball Grades 1 through 8

Travel baseball for the more serious baseball player in a competitive baseball league will be offered for children in grades 1 through 8. In order to play TRAVEL baseball, the children must be registered and play REC baseball. Only children that are registered for REC Baseball will receive information on travel evaluations/tryouts. Dates for these tryouts are tentatively scheduled for **mid-FEBRUARY**, so PLEASE register for REC BASEBALL ASAP to receive travel baseball information.

Any questions on any of these programs, please send an email to Jim Oettinger at joettinger@closternj.us.

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