

Bloomington Normal Baseball Association



Our mission is to “Provide organized affordable youth baseball to both recreational (In-Town) and competitive (Travel) teams for player’s ages 5 through 18

Welcome to our April Newsletter

Welcome to our monthly newsletter for BNBA families. We hope to utilize this electronic newsletter to provide information to our parents, coaches, players and umpires in a regular format. We will still use our website and group emails to complete timely communication but we hope that this will help the flow of information from the office.

BNBA IN House Program New



In House Registration is open until midnight on April 14. If you have friends that wish to register their child please let them know this. This is going to be a firm deadline. The online registration system will close at this time. Any registration after midnight on April 14 will have to be at the office and will only happen if we have any space on a team.

To register a child for In House Leagues please go to

<http://everysport.net/bnba/OnlineRegistration/2017In-houseRegistration.aspx> to complete the process.

After the close of registration operations work like this

- April 17, 18 and 19 the office staff finalizes team rosters.
- April 20 Parents receive emails with their players roster
- April 27 Team Schedules are completed and emailed to parents
- April 30 Coaches Meeting where they will receive equipment

- May 8 Practice begins for all teams with the exception of TBall League
- May 22 Games begin for Leagues 1-4
- May 23 TBall Practices begin
- May 27,28,29 Memorial Day weekend – No Games
- June 3 BNBA Picture Day Sponsored by Xfinity at the CornCrib
- June 6 T Ball Games begin
- July 1-4 July 4 Weekend Break No Games
- July 14 End of Season for TBall, League 1 and League 2
- July 17-21 Post Season Tournaments for League 3 and League 4

Information is always available on our website at www.bnba.net

Be sure that you have liked BNBA Baseball on Facebook at for league info and cancellation updates.

BNBA Picture Day at the CornCrib Sponsored by Comcast Xfinity

The BNBA has been fortunate to have attained a new corporate partner in Comcast Xfinity. They have stepped forward to help our League in a number of ways. The largest way is that they will be providing a team picture of each player in the In House League this year. **So mark your calendar** and have your player at the Corn Crib for Picture Day with their team on June 3. Our new Photographer Interstate studios will be providing exciting new photo packages and the CornBelters will have exciting opportunities for our players and families. Watch for more information next month.

BNBA Discount Day at Dicks Sporting Goods in Bloomington

The BNBA once again will have a discount day with Dicks Sporting Goods. Shop at Dicks on Saturday April 8th or Sunday April 9th and receive a 20% Discount on one item anywhere in the store. The flyer is included with this email. You will need to print that coupon off and take it with you to the store. Many thanks to Dicks Sporting Goods to Dicks Sporting Goods for supporting the BNBA.

Coaches Corner

This year we are registering Coaches online so that we can background check all coaches. Online registration of Coaches is at no cost to the Coaches. We appreciate our volunteer coaches. We will offer a number of training opportunities to our Coaches. We will have a Coaches training clinic in late April before the start of the season.

Special Opportunity for our In House Coaches - Your son can play for free

HELP WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO COACH IN OUR TBALL LEAGUE

As a Head Coach your player will have your Registration fee refunded if you can do one of two things

1. Designate the BNBA for A State Farm Good Neighbor Grant. As a Coach you can designate the BNBA as a recipient of one of your Volunteer Employee Good Neighbor Grant opportunities. If you do so and the BNBA receives the \$500 grant then we will refund you your child's registration fee
2. Provide a sponsor for your team. If your business or someone you know is willing to sponsor your team at the BNBA, you can receive your child's registration refunded after we receive the sponsorship payment. Cost of Sponsorship is \$350.00. Contact the office for more information on this opportunity.

Volunteer Coach Background Checks:

All coaches need to create a user account and register online. If you are a parent and have an account, you will still need to go through the Coach Registration process. Log into your account, then go to the proper league to the left and register as a Coach. In the following years, you can log in with your account information to register.

Umpiring in the BNBA

Umpiring in the BNBA is a great part time job for your high school or college student. We train the umpires and give them help by allowing them to work with more experienced umpires. Umpires make \$25.00 per game. Games last one and a half to two hours. Umpires can work one or two games a night. Games are played beginning at 5:30 pm or 7:45 pm on weeknights and at 10:00 am or 12:15 pm on Saturdays. **The 2017 BNBA Umpire Clinic is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 pm at the Central Catholic High School.** There will be umpiring skills demonstrations and we will begin the umpire scheduling process

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