

Lansing Challenger News

Spring 2008 is finally here & its time for Baseball !!

Here's the latest....

Welcome to our new Blue players Matthew, Markese and Lilliann. And welcome back to our returning Blue players... Ryan, Dakota, Joy, Joshua, Nick, Tommy, David, Alexis, DJ & Beatriz. Joining the Red team this year are Sean, George & Helen, and of course we have Brian, Doug, Billy, Sam. Ramiro, Abraham, Helen, Jennifer, Johnny, Andrew, Jonathan, Casey & Essence. This will be a great season!



Little League opening day is APRIL 26th, and for the first time the Challenger teams will participate! Here is what to expect...each team is announced and walks as a team unto the field. There is a short "ceremony" a few short words, National Anthem and Color Guard etc. Afterward, the kids are treated to a hot dog from the concession stand. The program begins about "10-ish" the teams start to gather about 9:30. Just look for the Challenger jerseys, if you are able, please wear last years shirt and cap.



PARKING: for this event is a problem, it is best to arrive very early to avoid a long walk. We will be there at 9:00 with donuts for those who come early.



This year we are looking forward to 8 home games, including two Friday night games. We play four away games, including the CHALLENGER FUN DAY hosted by the Porter/Chesterton team. At this event all area Challenger gather for a fun filled day of baseball, special events and all around good time. We are fortunate to have a active Indiana Challenger division close by, because I am unaware of any other Illinois teams. Also we play Schererville at their field on a Tuesday night. Directions & schedule as well as a team roster are enclosed.

The Gist family will be moving to a new home in Schererville. They promised to visit us and we will see them next year when we play their new home town! We wish them all the best. They will be missed

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On a sad note

Two of our team members lost loved ones this past year. Sean lost his mom this winter; she fought courageously against Breast Cancer. Sean and his sister are fortunate to have a wonderful grandma (Dolores). Also long time Challenger; Johnny lost his father to a sudden heart attack. Johnny & his family have been apart of the Challenger program since 1992 when Johnny was just six years old. We are sorry your loss and our prayers are with you.

extra helping hands...

Both Jan and Lisa are having some medical problems that prohibit us from doing a lot of the necessary things on and around the field, especially lifting and carrying of heavy items. If you can ...please "pitch" in.

