

BPV Youth Baseball

The **Bettendorf-Pleasant Valley Youth Baseball Association** is happy to announce we are now accepting **registrations**

online at <https://active.leagueone.com/Olr/Pages/Welcome.aspx?ClubId=14196>

More information about our charitable, all-volunteer organization can be found at <http://www.eteamz.com/BPV>.

The program is available for boys and girls ages 6-20. The divisions offered this year are the same as last season (in all divisions, all players bat in order and participation rules are followed):

-- **Coach Pitch:** A beginning program for Grades 1-3. Coaches pitch to batters. Players run the bases with some restrictions. Six-inning games. Fields used are at Hoover School and the diamonds nearest to Splash Landing at Middle Park (Called Lowry & 23rd St.). Most teams grouped by school or special request. Also: LeClaire-only teams are a registration option on a first-come, first-serve basis.

-- **Intro to Kid Pitch:** Geared for 3rd graders and any advanced/veteran coach pitchers ready for a new challenge. Kids pitch to hitters with restrictions. A mixture of rules are used from the Coach Pitch and Minors Division to prepare players for the next level. Six-inning games. Field used: Crow Creek #6 (by the soccer fields). LeClaire-only teams are a registration option on a first-come, first-serve basis. Another difference from Coach Pitch: Evaluations & a draft!

-- **Minors:** For Grades 4-5. Full kid pitch with base-running restrictions. Regulation games are six innings. Fields used: Scheck Park and Crow Creek #10 & #11 at the 4-Plex. Teams formed by a draft following evaluations. LeClaire-only teams are a registration option on a first-come, first-serve basis.

-- **Majors:** For Grades 6-7: Full base running rules. Regulation games now seven innings. Fields used: Crow Creek #8 & #9 at the 4-Plex. Teams formed by a draft following evaluations.

-- **Juniors:** For Grades 8-9. Full baseball. Fields used: Crow Creek #5 and Paul Norton School. Teams formed by a draft following evaluations. Games are seven innings. Fields have lights; night games are normal. Also plays games with and at North Scott Little League. Note: If pairing BPV with high school baseball, consider playing in Seniors on a full-sized diamond against older competition.

-- **Seniors:** Ages 15-20. Full baseball. Fields used: Devils Glen Park and McCausland City Field. Grab your friends and create a team (adult coach needed). All players are placed on a team. Schedule includes doubleheaders on lighted fields on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Note: The season starts with tryouts/evaluations for all but the oldest and youngest divisions. (Dates, times and sites for the tryouts/evaluations have yet to be determined, but days are being considered anywhere from the last week of March to the first weekend of April). All players are

placed on a team; the evaluations are only used for a draft by coaches to try and ensure a competitive balance. Division drafts for the coaches/teams are planned the week after the tryouts.

April is set aside for practices for all but the oldest division. Games begin in May. All-Star Games are planned on and around the **July 4** holiday. Depending on weather, all seasons should wrap up by **mid-July** (Note: Coach Pitch wraps up by July 4; Seniors start later and run until the end of July).

In general: Expect to play a couple of games each week. Once games start, practice time is mostly available on the weekends, decided on by a team-by-team, first-come basis. (The two oldest divisions usually play 3 games per week).

All players receive a **jersey, hat and baseball socks** for their uniform. Baseball pants and shoes, as well as gloves are the responsibility of the participant. (Some also provide their own helmets and bats, but BPV also provides those, along with catchers gear, in a set of team equipment).

Note: BPV does not exclude participation due to financial hardship. Contact Steve Tappa (tappa@qconline.com or 563-676-8111) to discuss payment options.

Behind-the-scenes help running the all-volunteer organization also is necessary. Please consider volunteering by contacting Steve Tappa (tappa@qconline.com or 563-676-8111).

For sponsorship information, please contact Dan Escontrias (danesco33@gmail.com or 563-210-3489) or Tyler Driever (tdriever@mchsi.com or 402-960-7667).

Umpires are also needed and compensated for their work; contact Ron Johns (johnsronald@johndeere.com at 706-220-7286).

Coaches also are needed in all divisions! (Contact any of those listed). Darren Erickson (dterick@yahoo.com or 563-209-3416) also is a point of contact for the Minors Division.