

WANT TO PLAY BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL? JOIN TANEY!

- We emphasize fun, instruction, sportsmanship, and teamwork over competition and scores.
- Coed youth baseball is offered for children aged 3 to 12, age as of *April 30, 2010*.
Pee Wee Tee-Ball: ages 3-4 (bat off tee) - Sunday mornings (no week night practices)
Tee-Ball: ages 5-6 (bat off tee) - weekend games/practices & 1 evening practice/week
AAA Baseball: ages 7-8 (4 innings pitching machine; 2 innings of player pitch; hardball)
Minor League: ages 9-10 (player pitch hardball)
Major League: ages 11-12 (player pitch hardball)
- **Girls' Softball** is offered for girls aged 9 to 13, age as of *April 30, 2010*. Practices are scheduled two evenings a week, with most games on weekends.
- 2010 Season begins on **April 10th** and ends on **June 19th** (rain date June 20th), including baseball playoffs, championship games, and All-Star games.
- Games are usually scheduled at **Taney** (Markward) Recreation Center at Taney & Pine Streets (near 26th & Pine), **Shot Tower** on Front & Carpenter Streets, **Palumbo** at 10th & Fitzwater Streets, **Columbus Square** at 12th & Wharton, and **Starr Garden** at 6th & Lombard Streets.
- Tryouts will be held **February 20 & 21, 2010** for all **registered** players ages 7-12 (as of April 30, 2010). All registered players are placed on a team; tryouts are to help balance teams.
- **Practices** are held at various fields in the City. Baseball and Softball teams practice either Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday evenings; Tee-ball teams practice one evening per week. Weekend practices are also likely for Tee-ball, Softball, and Baseball teams.
- **Register ONLINE** at www.taneybaseball.com, using VISA or MasterCard. We are pleased to announce that **there is NO fee increase for 2010**. Our registration fee remains at \$80.00 per player, so that all children, regardless of financial circumstances, have the opportunity to participate. There is a discount of \$10.00 for each additional child in the same family, and an "Early Bird Discount" of \$10.00 for each application received by 2/10/10. Any additional contributions are completely voluntary. Financial support comes from business and individual sponsors and donors. Families are not asked to become involved in fund-raising activities. Scholarship information is available upon request, and will be kept confidential.
- All players are issued uniforms, which they may keep. All players receive trophies.
- Coaches and managers attend **Training Clinics** with Mike Bucci, former Major League player, coach, and scout. Mike offers coaching clinics for adults, and pitching clinics for players.
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted at games, practices, or league activities.
- Professional umpires are hired for baseball games.
- Tournament Teams are available (by tryouts only) for July interstate competition.
- Taney Teams of players ages **13-15** (with Taney coaches) compete in South Philly leagues.
- Visit our website at www.taneybaseball.com for more information.

QUESTIONS? Email us at TaneyBaseball@gmail.com, or call 215-563-1847

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January, 2010

Dear Friends and Parents of Taney Youth Baseball Association:

Baseball season is coming, with tryouts for all players ages 7 through 12 in a few short weeks! In these difficult economic times, the Taney Baseball Board is pleased to announce that there will be **NO fee increase for 2010**. As in 2009, we are trying to have all of our registration done **ONLINE**. This saves paper, and helps contain costs for us *and* for you (no stamps!).

Please go to www.taneybaseball.com and **register online using VISA or MasterCard**. If you would prefer to submit a paper application, you can fill out the registration form online, then print and mail it. If you would like to have a paper application mailed to you, please email us at TaneyBaseball@gmail.com or leave a message at (215) 563-1847, and we will mail you the information and form.

Our registration fee remains only \$80.00 for the first child in each family, with a *\$10.00 discount to each additional child of the same family*. There is also an "Early Bird Discount" of \$10.00 per child, if your application is received by February 10, 2010. Returning families will be given priority until February 10. After that, all applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until our enrollment is filled. Register today to assure your child a place this season. If you are thinking of coaching this season, please let us know now. With our draft system, baseball and softball managers and coaches must volunteer early, and are encouraged to attend and observe tryouts of all players in their coaching divisions. We would also like to hear from Tee-ball coaches by early March 2010.

TYBA is again offering Softball, in addition to or instead of baseball, for girls ages 9 to 13. Please note that we are extending the age limit by one year, to 13; we might have two age divisions for Softball if there is sufficient interest. We are exploring various options for our 13-15 year old players, which may include sending two or three Taney teams (with players ages 13-15) to play in South Philadelphia at Sabres, and/or starting age-specific teams (e.g., 13-year-old team, 14-year-old team, etc.).

One of TYBA's goals has been to provide a quality but affordable instructional baseball league for the community. Our registration fees are among the lowest in the area. We do not have special fund-raisers or sell raffle tickets or novelties, and we do not have a concession stand to raise funds. Enrollment fees provide only a small percentage of the income needed to offset expenses for uniforms, equipment, postage, field maintenance, printing, insurance, trophies, professional umpires, and training for coaches. The balance of our income has always come from personal and business contributions and donations. *TYBA does not turn away any child, regardless of the family's ability to pay.*

It costs more than \$120.00 per child to provide the TYBA experience. Each child's "**FAIR SHARE**" would therefore be an additional \$40.00, or \$120.00 total. For parents who can afford to pay their "**FAIR SHARE**," please consider adding an extra \$40.00 tax-deductible contribution, or whatever you wish to contribute. *Please check to see if your employer offers matching contributions!* There will be no further solicitation of **FAIR SHARE** contributions beyond this letter. Support TYBA and help us continue to provide quality instructional baseball to our Center City youngsters!

With best regards,

Ellen J. Siegel, Registrar, Board of Directors, Taney Youth Baseball Association

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2010 CALENDAR

Applications due (for "Early Bird Discount") <i>Please register online at www.taneybaseball.com (or you may submit a paper application)</i>	February 10, 2010
Tryout Dates for Players ages 7-12 <i>(Baseball & Softball; not for Tee-ball players)</i> <u><i>Please note: you will receive a schedule for Tryouts; your child must try out with his/her age group</i></u>	Feb. 20, 2010 (Sat.) , Philadelphia School Feb. 21, 2010 (Sun.) , Friends Select
Parent Orientation	February 27, 2010 (Saturday) 2:00 p.m., Friends Select School
Team Draft (for Managers & Coaches only)	March 7, 2010 (Sunday)
Manager/Coach Training Clinic (with Bucci) (Fundamental Baseball & Coaching Skills)	March 18, 2010 (Thursday evening) 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., The Philadelphia School
Coaches Training Clinic (with Bucci) ("Running a Baseball Practice" Clinic)	March 27, 2010 (Saturday morning) 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Shot Tower Field
Tee-Ball Training Clinic (with Bucci) (Fundamental Tee-ball & Coaching Skills)	April 7, 2010 (Wednesday evening) 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., The Philadelphia School
<u>Opening Day for All Leagues</u> Rain date	<u>Saturday, April 10, 2010 9:00 a.m.</u> Sunday, April 11, 2010 9:00 a.m.
Pitching Clinics for Players (Managers & coaches to attend/observe)	April 24, 2010 (Saturday) Schedule will be announced
Tee-Ball Training Clinic (with Bucci) ("Running a Tee-ball Practice" Clinic)	April 2010 (weekend) Time and location TBA
Team Picture Day	May 8, 2010 (Saturday)
Coaches' Softball Games Friday evenings following regular games (Dates subject to change; open only to coaches & managers)	May 7, 2010 May 21, 2010 June 4, 2010 June 18, 2010
Tryouts for Tournament Teams (post-season play)	Dates to be announced
Trophy Day and Closing Day Rain date	June 19, 2010 (Sat.) June 20, 2010

NOTES:

1. Clinics will be run by Mike Bucci, former Major League player & coach
2. Dates subject to change due to weather or other conditions

TYBA NEWS

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Register Online Now for 2010

Use VISA or MasterCard

For 2010 TYBA would like to be "all green" and have ALL registration completed **ONLINE** using VISA or MasterCard. Go to our website, www.taneybaseball.com, and follow the instructions. No more postage stamps or checks! No more rushing to the mailbox to get your application in on time for the Early Discount! Use our secure website for ease and peace of mind. If you would prefer a paper application, you can print one from our website or contact us for one by mail. Please register immediately for the 2010 season. This helps us plan, allows us to order uniforms and equipment in advance, and lets us know who wants to coach. Also, you are eligible for our "Early Bird Discount" if your application is **received** by February 10, 2010. When you register online, your application is received instantly, and you can print a receipt. Try it!

Parent Orientation Feb. 27

TYBA's Parent Orientation is on Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Friends Select School. Come hear coaches and players talk about our program. Find out what is involved with practices and games for your child. Meet other parents, ask your questions, and learn about our coeducational, instructional youth baseball league, as well as our Softball, Tee-ball, and Pee-Wee Tee-ball programs. Save the date!

Baseball & Softball Tryouts February 20-21

All players who will be ages 7-12 (9-13 for Softball) as of April 30, 2010 must attend tryouts either February 20 at The Philadelphia School or February 21 at Friends Select School. Tryout schedules will be emailed to all registered players. Each child must try out with his or her age group. All registered players will be placed on a team; tryouts are to help assess new players, to evaluate returning players who may have changed since June 2009, and to create balanced teams. Coaches and managers are encouraged to attend tryouts to meet and observe players before the "team draft day" in March.

"Fair Share"

Registration fees cover only a fraction of the expenses needed for uniforms, umpires, equipment, training clinics, trophies, etc. *Every penny collected goes toward the League; with the exception of umpires, all help is by volunteers.* We ask everyone who is able, to please consider donating an additional \$40.00 to help with these expenses; this becomes your "fair share." Of course, we would be delighted to accept additional (tax-deductible) contributions of *any* amount! Check to see if your employer offers matching contributions.

NO FEE INCREASE!

Taney Baseball is pleased to announce that there is NO fee increase for 2010. We understand that economic times are difficult, and we want all children to have an opportunity to play, regardless of financial circumstances. All requests for scholarships are kept confidential. If you would like to make a donation to be used for scholarships for other children, please indicate this when you make an additional contribution during registration online.

Softball in 2010

Our wildly popular Girls' Softball has been expanded in 2010 to include girls who are 13 as of April 30, 2010. If there is sufficient enrollment, we will offer two age divisions (7-9 and 10-13). There will be a regular intramural season plus the possibility of post-season play against other local teams. Tell all your friends about it! Practices will be two evenings a week. Teams are determined using a "draft" system, just as in baseball, so if you are interested in coaching a team, please let us know now! Girls may register for Softball, Baseball, or both.

Record Enrollment in 2009

Taney Baseball *shattered* all records in 2009, enrolling over **750** players in our Tee-ball, Baseball, and Softball programs. WOW!

Calling All Coaches

Because TYBA uses a "draft" system for baseball and softball teams, we must identify managers and coaches by mid-February. Coaches are encouraged to attend tryouts in order to become familiar with the players. Although coaches will have Mike Bucci's 2010 tryout ratings for the actual "draft," there is no substitute for watching players try out and for getting to know the children. If you are thinking of coaching, please contact us immediately by email (through our website). Also indicate your interest on your child's application. If you know a potential coach who does not have a child in the league, please contact us. Remember, we offer multiple coaches' training clinics for help in getting started.

Players Ages 13-15

Congratulations to the Thunder (13-15 team) for winning the championship at the Sabres League in South Philadelphia! For 2010, TYBA plans to send two or three teams of players who are 13-15 to play at Sabres. Taney players will have the opportunity to continue to play on a team with other Taney kids, coached by Taney coaches. Register now!

Pee Wee and Tee-Ball on Multiple Fields

Pee Wee and Tee-ball enrollments are at record levels. In 2010, teams will be assigned to one of the following fields for practices and games: "Taney" (Markward) at Taney & Pine, Palumbo at 9th & Fitzwater, or Columbus Square at 12th & Wharton. We regret that we cannot honor requests for a particular field. In addition, Tee-ball teams play their final game(s) on a full-sized baseball diamond, which might be at any one of the many city fields which TYBA uses.

Thanks, Sponsors

TYBA is grateful to our many individual and corporate sponsors, without which the League could not exist. 2009 sponsors included:

- *Amoroso's
- *Vern Anastasio, Esquire
- *B Five Studio, Architects
- *Backlund Plumbing
- *Biz-Visors, Inc.
- *Briarwood Day Camp
- *Bubble Builders
- *Bulldogs
- *Cataldi & Associates
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- *Dilworth Paxson, LLP
- *East River Bank
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- *Fox Rothschild, LLP
- *Friends of TYBA
- *Friends Select School
- *Gardner Fox
- *Greene Towne School
- *GYN Specialists
- *H & G Sign Company
- *I. Goldberg Army & Navy
- *Ifractal
- *Insurance Counselors Bryn Mawr
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- *Mike Pavol Portrait Artist
- *Penn Cardiac Surgery
- *The Philadelphia School
- *The Press Box
- *Redmond General Contracting
- *Rothberg Federman Attorneys
- *F.A. Schmidt, Landscaping
- *Showcase Multimedia
- *South Street Embroidery

- *St. Peter's School
- *Standard Tap
- *Tastebuds Market & Catering
- *USA Environmental Management
- *Westcoast Optical
- *Don L. Winthrop, Hand Engraver
- *Robert Winthrop

Thanks to all!

If you might like to sponsor a team this year, please email us at TaneyBaseball@gmail.com

Fill Out Your Applications Carefully!

With the Draft system for baseball and softball teams, applications must be complete and accurate, especially with respect to any restrictions on practice days. If your child has an unchangeable conflict with any week night practice day, please indicate details on the application (day, activity, time, inclusive dates). As we did last year, this season we require documentation of any conflicts for practice days; bring documentation to tryouts. Each conflict will be evaluated prior to the draft. Please remember, any restrictions on practice days may keep your favorite coach from selecting your child on his or her team. Only list a conflict if your child would **never** be able to attend practice on that day of the week. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Calling all Sponsors!

We are currently looking for sponsors for all teams. Might you or your employer be interested? Although we cannot guarantee that a sponsor will be matched with his or her own child, every effort will be made to do so. You might also check with your local pizza shop or other store. Remember, TYBA is only able to keep registration fees affordable because of donations and sponsorships. Thanks!

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Return application to:

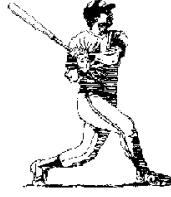
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2010 REGISTRATION **BASEBALL** **SOFTBALL** **TEE-BALL** **PEE-WEE**
(Please check one)

INSTRUCTIONS: If you have Internet access, we offer convenient **online registration** (with VISA or MasterCard) at www.taneybaseball.com. If you prefer a paper form, please complete one registration form for each child. Be sure to answer all questions. Your **non-refundable fee** should be payable to TYBA and forwarded to the above address with your registration form. **See other side for fee schedule.**

Child's Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

Age

Date of Birth

Home Address

Home Telephone (w/area code)

City, State, Zip Code

School and CURRENT grade

Mother's or Guardian's Full Name

Father's or Guardian's Full Name

Mother's or Guardian's Home Address

Father's or Guardian's Home Address

Mother's Home Telephone / Mother's Work Telephone

Father's Home Telephone / Father's Work Telephone

Mother's or Guardian's Cell/Other Telephone

Father's or Guardian's Cell/Other Telephone

Mother's or Guardian's e-mail address

Father's or Guardian's e-mail address

PLEASE CHECK ALL ANSWERS THAT APPLY

Child Lives with Both Parents Mother Father Other (listed above under "Guardian")

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, IF WE CANNOT REACH YOU, WHOM DO WE CONTACT?

Name

Address

Telephone

Relationship to Child

(Additional telephone numbers or information on above emergency contact, if needed)

If your child has an **unchangeable conflict** with practice on any week night, please describe **in detail** below:

All players ages 7 to 12 must bring documentation of any conflicting activity (day, activity, time) to tryouts

Practices might also be held on Saturdays or Sundays, if no game is scheduled for your team.

Child's Last Name, First Name, Initial	Gender	Height	Weight
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I/we the parents/guardians of the above named child, give permission for participation in any and all Taney Youth Baseball Association programs and activities. I/we understand that there are some risks involved with this sport and do assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from the activities. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate, I/we do hereby waive, release and absolve the Taney Youth Baseball Association and its officers, teams, coaches, officials, sponsors, volunteers and supporters from all claims and liabilities, including liability for negligent acts, for any injury to my/our child or property loss which may occur during or in connection with league activities, except to the extent, and only in the amount, provided by available accident insurance. I/we further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless those entities and individuals for any loss, liability or damages they incur due to my/our child's participation in any League activity. I/we acknowledge having read, understood and voluntarily signed this document and that no other representations or inducements have been made in regard to it, and specifically state that I/we intend to be legally bound by its provisions. I/we agree to return, upon request, any equipment or other items issued.

I/we certify that the following represents the medical condition of the child applicant (Check One):

- NO MEDICAL LIMITATIONS
- Medical, physical or emotional limitations - must be fully described. Children under routine physician's care must have written certification of eligibility from the physician:

Registration alone does not make a child eligible. Enrollment must be confirmed by the coaching staff prior to participation. If a child is judged ineligible, the registration fee will be returned. Taney Baseball reserves the right to continually assess players in each division throughout the season, and to make transfers as may be deemed necessary, including the right to withdraw acceptance of a player, for the safety and welfare of the players and the League.

I/we are willing to participate in the following activities (Check all that apply):

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| _____ Baseball Manager (Head Coach) | _____ Tee-Ball/PeeWee Manager (Head) |
| _____ Baseball Coach (Assistant Coach) | _____ Tee-Ball/Pee Wee Coach (Asst.) |
| _____ Softball Manager (Head Coach) | _____ Softball Coach (Assistant Coach) |

FEE SCHEDULE

- _____ APPLICATION FEE OF \$80.00 per child
- _____ EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$10.00 per child, if received by 2/10/2010
- ▶ **NOTE:** *There is a discount of \$10.00 for each additional child in the same family*

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- _____ FAIR SHARE (\$ 40.00 contribution - \$ 120.00 total; or \$110.00 prior to 2/10/10)
- _____ FRIEND OF TYBA (\$ 100.00 contribution - \$180.00 total)
- _____ TEAM SPONSOR (\$ 400.00 contribution - \$ 480.00 total enclosed)
- _____ OTHER - (fill in amount: \$ _____ (plus \$80.00 registration)
- ▶ *If your employer offers matching contributions, please contact us or send us a form.*

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Taney Youth Baseball Association is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Corporation, Federal Tax ID# is 23-2746602

I/we give permission for my/our child to receive emergency medical treatment and to be transported to the nearest hospital should it be necessary. I/we also give permission for photographs of my/our child to be used for publicity purposes.

Date

Signature(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)