

TANEY YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Dear Parents and Friends of Taney Youth Baseball Association:

Baseball season is coming, with tryouts for all players ages 7 through 15 in a few short weeks!

Taney Youth Baseball Association is pleased to announce that there is NO fee increase for 2012. Please go to www.taneybaseball.com and **register online using VISA or MasterCard**. Registration fees for players 12 and under remain at \$90.00 for the first child in each family, with a \$10.00 discount for 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, 2012. Register today to assure your child a place this season! We had record enrollment of over 970 players in 2011, and regrettably have to "cap" our total registration this year. We anticipate waiting lists in all age divisions. Don't delay and risk disappointment!

If you are thinking of coaching this season, please let us know now. With our draft system of assembling teams, 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 2012.

Girls' Softball for 2012 will consist of divisions for ages 9 to 13, and a single team of players ages 14-15 (to be selected by tryouts). Our Teen division will include an age-specific team of 13 & under (selected by tryouts); if there is sufficient interest and volunteer coaches, we will offer a team of 13-15 as well.

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

As you may know, TYBA is mourning the loss of Bob Hyland – longtime coach, board member, and commissioner. He always put the kids first. We are honoring Bob in several ways this season, including installing a bronze plaque in his name at Taney, placing Bob's initials on all player uniforms, and establishing the Bob Hyland Memorial Fund. Please visit our "Bob Hyland" page of our website for more details.

It costs more than the \$ 90.00 registration fee per child to provide the TYBA experience. If you are able, please consider adding an extra \$40.00 "fair share" tax-deductible contribution, or whatever you wish to contribute. Please check to see if your employer offers matching contributions. Support TYBA and help us continue to provide quality instructional baseball to our Center City kids!

With best regards,

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

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, 2012*.
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 15, age as of *April 30, 2012* (divisions by age). Practices are scheduled two evenings a week; games might be weekends or weeknights.
- 2012 Season begins on **April 14th** and ends on **June 23rd** (rain date June 24th), 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 18 & 19, 2012** for all **registered** players ages 7-12 (as of April 30, 2012). 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 2012**. Our registration fee remains at \$90.00 per player for ages 3-12, with 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 2/10/12. Any additional contributions are completely voluntary. Financial support comes from business and individual sponsors and donors. Since it costs more than \$ 90.00 per child to provide the TYBA experience, if families are able, we ask that they contribute an additional \$ 40.00 "fair share" contribution. Families are not asked to become involved in fund-raising activities. Scholarship information is available upon request, and will be kept confidential – so that all children, regardless of financial circumstances, have the opportunity to participate.
- 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.
- 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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2012 CALENDAR

Applications due (for "Early Bird Discount") <i>Please register online at www.taneybaseball.com</i>	February 10, 2012
Tryout Dates for Players ages 7-15 (Baseball & Softball; not for Tee-ball players) <i>Note: you will receive a schedule for Tryouts; your child must try out with his/her age group</i>	Feb. 18, 2012 (Sat.) , Philadelphia School Feb. 19, 2012 (Sun.) , Friends Select
Parent Orientation	February 25, 2012 (Saturday) 2:00 p.m., The Philadelphia School
Team Draft (for Managers & Coaches only)	March 4, 2012 (Sunday), time TBA
Manager/Coach Training Clinic (with Bucci) (Fundamental Baseball & Coaching Skills)	March 14, 2012 (Wednesday evening) 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., The Philadelphia School
Tee-Ball Training Clinic (with Bucci) (Fundamental Tee-ball & Coaching Skills)	April 2, 2012 (Monday evening) 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., The Philadelphia School
Coaches Training Clinic (with Bucci) ("Running a Baseball Practice" Clinic)	April 12, 2012 (Thursday evening) 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Friends Select School
<u>Opening Day for All Leagues</u> Rain date	<u>Saturday, April 14, 2012 9:00 a.m.</u> Sunday, April 15, 2012 9:00 a.m.
Pitching Clinics for Players (Managers & coaches to attend/observe)	May 5, 2012 (Saturday) Schedule will be announced
Team Picture Day	May 5, 2012 (Saturday)
Coaches' Softball Games Friday evenings following regularly-scheduled games (approximately 8:00 p.m.), at Taney Field. Open only to coaches & managers, who will receive information by email.	
Tryouts for Tournament Teams (post-season play)	Dates to be announced
Trophy Day and Closing Day Rain date	June 23, 2012 (Sat.) June 24, 2012

Please note that Closing Day is June 23, 2012, and make your summer plans accordingly!

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