

# West Plains Little League

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*“Volunteers Mean the World to Us”*

Dear West Plains Little League Parent:

It is hard to believe that we are getting ready for Little League already, and it is harder to believe that we are getting ready for our 9<sup>th</sup> year of softball and baseball. I hope this letter finds you enjoying your winter and getting ready for some baseball and softball. When I played Little League it was about February 1<sup>st</sup> when my brother and I started getting that baseball itch back. I trust that it is about the same for you and your kids.

In September our board elected new positions and I was again elected to serve as your President. I am looking forward to a fun and exciting 2012 campaign. Before we preview the 2012 season, let's look at some highlights from an exciting 2011 year.

- Registrations jumped by almost 40 players as we had 562 kids play WPLL. This was two players short of our second highest total ever.
- We completed projects on the two Salnave fields. These projects included: sodding the infield, installing sprinkler systems and infield watering systems, replacing home plate and pitchers mounds, building roofs on the dugouts, installing lockboxes on the scoreboards so that all teams could have access to the remotes.
- We hosted the Washington State 11 Year-Old All-Star Tournament. Thirteen teams from all across the state played for a week on our fields. WPLL fields received numerous compliments from tournament patrons.
- WPLL Majors Softball All-Star team performed outstandingly in its state tournament appearance. The team went 3-2 in the tournament, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place, the highest any WPLL team has finished at a state tournament.
- The WPLL Majors Baseball team played in the District 13 championship game, but fell to South Spokane.

Looking forward to the 2012 season our league has some changes and excitement ahead. These include:

- The end of our league raffle. Every season for the past 8 years, the WPLL board has put together a raffle to help fund many of the field improvements in our communities. This year, we are going to try something different; we are going to ask for donations to our league. Our board would like to put concrete and new benches in the dugouts in Cheney and build batting cages for league use as well as helping out with baseball/softball projects throughout our community.

In order to do that, we are going to need to raise \$4,000 in donations. Please help us continue making WPLL fields the best we can by supporting us in any way you can. Additionally, if you are looking to do an end of tax year donation, why not keep it local. We are 501 ©3 and can provide a receipt if you need one.

- In July, our league will host the District 13 Majors All-Star tournament at our Salnave fields.

We truly hope your fall and winter have been great and that they have given you time to rest up for the spring soccer and baseball/softball craziness. Thank you for your patronage of our league and we look forward to hearing the sound of bats cracking, mitts snapping and kids laughing and having fun playing America's Pastime.

Let's Play Ball,

Adam Smith

WPLL President