



**Bismarck Parks and Recreation District  
2024 Summer 12 & Under Youth Baseball Program**

General Program Description

- ◆ The Summer 12 & Under Youth Baseball Program meets twice a week with each age group meeting on either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. **The first week, participants are placed in groups at random** and learn drills and play “games” at stations. **Teams will be formed after the first week**, team shirts and game schedules will be distributed on June 12 and 13. Starting June 17, coaches will teach fundamentals for the first 10-25 minutes with the remaining time used for games. Although games are played, win-loss records are not kept, and coaches are instructed to play each participant equally. Coaches provide all of the officiating during the games. Participants receive participation ribbons at the completion of the program.

Goals of Program

- ◆ To teach fundamentals of baseball/softball
- ◆ Equal participation
- ◆ Development of skills
- ◆ Fun
- ◆ Safety of participant

Age Groups Served

- ◆ This program is offered to participants in ages 5 – 12 years old.
- ◆ **Any player born prior to May 1, 2019, and on or after May 1, 2011, will be eligible for Coed, Mites, Squirts, Cal Ripken Baseball League competition for the 2024 season.**
- ◆ Teams are coed and are split up by the following age groups:
  - ◆ Mites: 5-6                      Squirts: 7-9                      Cal Ripken: 10-12

**BIRTH CHART FOR 2024 – BASEBALL DIVISIONS**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
January	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
February	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
March	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
April	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
May	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
June	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
July	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
August	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
September	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
October	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
November	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
December	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

All player ages are determined by the birth chart shown above. May 1 in any year shall be the deciding date.

### Length of Program

- ◆ This is an eight-week program beginning June 3 and concluding on July 25.
- ◆ **No youth baseball on July 3-4.**
- ◆ All participants meet twice a week with each age group on Mon. & Wed. or Tues. & Thurs.
- ◆ Squirts meet from 8:30 – 9:45am; Mites meet from 10 – 11am.  
Cal Ripken meets from 11:15am – 12:45pm on **Mondays and Wednesdays only.**

### Location of Program/Organization of Fields

- ◆ Participants register to play at the Sam McQuade Sr. Softball Complex, 1100 North Washington Street.
- ◆ Diamonds are 60 feet baselines from base to base.

### Team information

- ◆ Teams will be balanced equally, based on registration numbers (72 players maximum), whenever possible.
- ◆ Carpooling requests are taken into consideration but are not guaranteed. **Submit carpooling requests to the site supervisor by June 6.**

### Staffing

- ◆ This program is directed by Ethan Eberle, Recreation Specialist with BPRD.
- ◆ There is a Site Supervisor(s) at the location.
  
- ◆ Coaches
  - ◆ Hiring begins in late April, until all positions are filled.
  - ◆ **IF YOU WANT TO COACH, PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETED JOB APPLICATION ASAP. WE NEED YOU!**
  - ◆ Coaches receive a Coach's Manual and guidelines regarding program goals at a pre-season meeting.
  - ◆ Each coach is issued a Park District shirt to wear while coaching.

### Equipment

- ◆ **Participants are required to purchase and wear baseball/softball gloves.**
- ◆ Players must provide their own sunscreen and water bottles. **THESE ITEMS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED!**
- ◆ Safety Baseballs in various levels (1 & 5) are provided as appropriate for the age group.
- ◆ Hitting tees, helmets, bats, catchers gear, and first aid supplies are provided.

### Photographs

- ◆ Photographs are taken of each team and of every participant. You will have the opportunity to purchase photos.
  - ◆ Order forms will be handed out with schedules and shirts.

### Youth Baseball Clinic

- ◆ The Youth Baseball Clinic is open from 11:15am – 12:45pm on Thursdays from June 5 – July 18.
- ◆ Clinic is held at Sam McQuade Sr. Softball Complex, 1100 North Washington Street.
- ◆ Skills and fundamentals will be taught to youth ranging from 5 to 12 years old.
- ◆ **Free for registered** BPRD Youth Baseball participants and \$15.00 for non-registered.

### Cancellations

- ◆ “Follow” the BPRD Facebook page or visit [www.bisparks.org](http://www.bisparks.org). There are no make-up dates; the program will meet on specific days outlined above, in activity guide, and online.