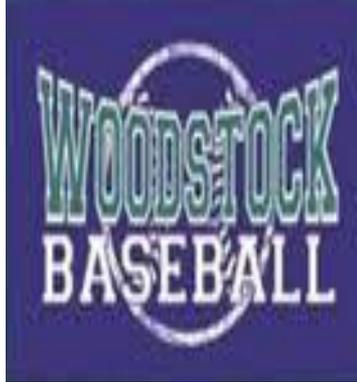


# March 2026 League Updates



Spring Is Here — 200 Woodstock Players Take the Field This Spring



# Around the Diamond - Key Things Each Family Needs to Know

## What's Happening this Month

- Little League Player Evaluations (Minor-Intermediate) - Sunday, March 8th
- League Wide Parent Meeting - Wednesday, March 11th
- Saturday, March 14th - 11U (Blue) Plays in the 1st Spring Tournament
- Spring Break Academy - Over D200 Spring Break (Registration Required)

## Fundraising Opportunities

- Candy Sales (Ongoing through early/mid April)
- Sponsorships (Due April 1st)
- Panera Bread Fundraiser (Monday, March 30th)

## How Can I Help?

- We Need at least 8 MORE Volunteers for Player Evaluations - Sign Up Here - [Help with Player Evaluations](#)
- Join the Diamond Standard Crew - Make our Fields the BEST in the area
- Become a Little League Assistant Coach - Coaches Make a Life Changing Impact!

## 5 Key Things to Know

1. Little League Player Evaluations THIS Sunday (March 8th)
2. Parent Meeting - Wednesday, March 11th (Both Heat & Little League)
3. Drafts Happening in mid-March
4. Outdoor practices expected to start Monday, April 6th
5. Opening Day on Saturday, April 26th

## Woodstock Baseball Wins this Month...

- Provided 35 hours of free Off-Season training
- Welcomed 200 kids preparing for the Spring Season
- Ran our first Wiffle Ball Community Event
- Agreed to host the Little League District 13 Mid-Season tournament for the 9-10 Year Old Age Level

## From the President's Desk



I'm excited as we enter March -

- Spring Training & the World Baseball Classic start
- 11U (Blue) plays in our 1st Spring Tournament March 14th
- Approximately 200 players gear up to play this Spring

Thanks to all of our families and volunteers who make our League truly special!

# A Little About our League

## Inside Woodstock Baseball - Why having Balanced Teams in Little League Matters

One of the biggest responsibilities of our league is building balanced teams.

Our managers attend player evaluations and league drafts so that every team has a chance to compete and develop. The goal isn't just winning games — it's making sure every player has a positive experience and continues to grow in the sport.

A lot of thought goes into this process, and we appreciate our coaches for taking it seriously.

## Woodstock Baseball By the Numbers



200 players



34 volunteer coaches

**71**

71 years serving Woodstock families



35 Instructional Hours provided through our Open Gyms in February

## THE NEXT 60 DAYS.... (Click the Event for More Info)

- Sunday, March 8th - [Little League Player Evaluations](#)
- Tuesday, March 10th - [League Wide Parent Meeting](#)
- Thursday, March 19th - Spring Little League Coaches Meeting
- Spring Break - Spring Break Academy - [Click Here for Info](#)

## Upcoming Events

**LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYER ASSESSMENTS**  
Creekside Middle School - Sunday, March 8th

**PLAYER ASSESSMENTS**  
Minors - 5-6 PM  
Majors/Intermediate - 6:30-7:30 PM

**ALL LITTLE LEAGUE Players MUST attend!**

Mark Your Calendar



## LEAGUE-WIDE PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, March 11th - 7 PM - Westwood Elementary School  
Attend for a Chance to win a \$250 Visa Gift Card  
One Entry per Attendee - Must be Present to Win



# Little League Families - What's Next?

March is a BUSY month for our league and Little League players. Here's an overview of what's next

- **Player Evaluations** - Minors, Majors, & Intermediate Players MUST attend Player Evaluations. This is a chance for managers to see each player before the draft and that helps us keep teams more balanced.

Evaluations are THIS Sunday (3/8) at Creekside. See the flyer later in this newsletter for more info

- **Parent/Player Meeting** - the league hosts an annual informative Parent/Player Meeting on Wednesday, March 11th (7PM) at Westwood. This is a chance to come here about the league and ask any questions you might have

- **League Drafts** - our managers get together this month for our league drafts. Each family should hear before Spring Break what team their player is on

- **Practices Start** - practices start Monday, April 6th and run through April. Opening Day is Saturday, April 26th



Top: Our Little League players have been putting in work at our Sunday Morning Open Gyms. Thanks to those that have volunteered to support them!



Middle: Our Wiffle Ball game was a blast! We had an awesome turnout and we're looking for ways to build on this



Bottom: Our Heat players have been getting in some Hitting & Pitching during their Open Gyms

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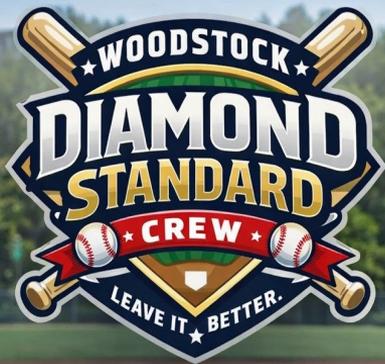
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The Woodstock Diamond Standard Crew exists to **protect, improve,** and **elevate** our fields so every player steps onto a diamond that reflects pride, **effort,** and **excellence.**

We believe great ballfields build great baseball experiences—and we leave every field **better** than we found it.

**JOIN US**



Former WLL & Heat Coach Heath Barrette remains someone we can rely on. If you see him around thank him for his work today rekeying our Knaack boxes at each park. Thanks Coach!!



In our FIRST Player Spotlight, we're shining the light on Sawyer R. Sawyer plays one of our HEAT teams and is consistently exemplify the key principles of mudita (celebrating others success). He enjoys playing Shortstop and Catching. One of his Coaches said "Youngest on the roster, but an elder when it comes to effort and attitude."



We can't thank Coach Clarke enough for his leadership of our Heat Open Gym format this year. It's been new to us, but it's been exciting to watch various age groups interact and get to know each other.

## Sponsor Spotlight - Kingston Lanes

For decades, Kingston Lanes has been a gathering place for Woodstock families. This year they're supporting our players by sponsoring Woodstock Baseball and helping us continue providing opportunities for local kids to learn and enjoy the game.

If you're looking for a fun night out with family or friends, be sure to check them out and thank them for supporting youth sports in our community.

## Fundraising Information



Candy Sales Fundraiser is off and running! Players earn \$15/Box Sold & There's also Gift Cards to the top 3 Sellers. Last year this fundraiser helped lower registration fees for every family in our league.

Help Support our Youth Players! Find out about our Sponsorship Program Here - [2026 Sponsorship Program](#)



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## MCYSA Homestay Families Needed – July 2026

This summer, international baseball players are traveling to McHenry County for the annual MCYSA Tournament – and they need **host families!**



For 25+ years, MCYSA families have created lifelong friendships with players from around the world.

Interested or have questions?

Contact Jamie Cyrul - 815-355-8388

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*We're raising dough!*

**WOODSTOCK LITTLE LEAGUE**

Panera Bread Fundraiser  
Monday, March 30th

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**We'll see YOU at Various Events this Month!**