

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL

newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

- Jeanne Rosas -

As the incoming President of the Forest Hill Recreation Council, I want to take this opportunity to thank Dave Brond for his years of service as past FHRC president. Dave had the difficult task of replacing a legend, Art Rutledge, and he did a wonderful job. During his tenure, we saw among other things - the acquisition of land for development of field space at Shucks Road in a partnership with Hickory-Fountain Green and Emmorton, a new website and logo for the FHRC, and new programs such as Girls Lacrosse with Hickory-Fountain Green and barbell body shaping. These are but a few of the things Dave played a major role in. I speak for all of us at FHRC in thanking him for all of his hard work. Dave will remain with FHRC as program chair of the newsletter.

As we head into a new year, I want to focus on some things that I think are key to the success of the Forest Hill Rec Council. The biggest asset we have is our volunteers. Without volunteers, none of our programs would be what they are today. As one season ends, another begins, and with each season comes the need for more volunteers. I ask each of you to consider what benefits you and your family have enjoyed and consider that all of this is made possible by volunteers. While pondering these thoughts, ask yourself if you have any skills that could be volunteered to make any of our programs more successful. I understand that in this day and age lives are very hectic and time is precious. The more volunteers that we have the less time volunteers need to give. As older volunteers age out of the programs, we look forward to new volunteers with new ideas and a youthful enthusiasm to step up and fill some of the rather large shoes left behind. Our programs are only as good as the volunteers who help out. New blood keeps our programs successful. Please think about any time that you may spare and any new ideas of how we can improve each of our programs for the better.

As the holidays approach, I wish to express my thanks to all our volunteers and wish a wonderful holiday season to all.

Happy Holidays,
Jeanne Rosas, FHRC President

YOUTH TENNIS

-Susan Gradishar-

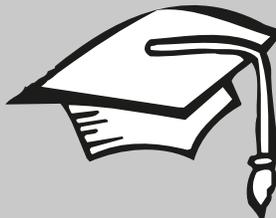
This summer's Youth Tennis Program got off to a soggy start at the end of June. In spite of the early rains and later extreme heat, the experienced and enthusiastic instructors, Brad Hanley and Stephanie Fritch, led about 70 young tennis enthusiasts through a six-week program that culminated with donuts, pizza, and trophies on the last day.

If anyone missed getting their trophy, contact chairperson Susan Gradishar at 410-838-4120 or e-mail fjgradishar@aol.com. Hope to see you back next summer!

If anyone is interested in co-chairing the Youth Tennis Program this summer 2007, please contact Susan Gradishar at 410-838-4120 or fjgradishar@aol.com. Thank you.

FHRC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

- Jerry Kalista



Up to five (5) One-Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) scholarships will be available for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Anyone interested in applying should checkout the FHRC website at www.foresthillrec.com. Completed applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Selection Committee no later than February 16, 2007.

FHRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Forest Hill Recreation Council General Meetings will be held at Forest Lakes Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. on January 22, February 26, March 26 and April 23. All meetings are open to the public.

VISIT THE FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL ONLINE AT
www.foresthillrec.com

FOREST HILL BASEBALL

-Chris Benjes-

WALK-IN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

....will only be held on two Saturdays this year:
January 13th and 20th from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M in the Activity Room at Forest Lakes Elementary School.

There will not be any Friday night registration sessions this year, so please make plans to register on either Saturday.

We will also be participating in a baseball-only registration session on Saturday January 6th from 10:00 to 2:00 on the Club Level at Ripken Stadium. This festival-like atmosphere will showcase representatives from most of the Harford County baseball programs that will be on hand to sign kids up for their baseball program, answer questions and recruit volunteers. Details are sketchy, but scheduled to be there are players from the Orioles and Ironbirds to meet and greet the players and sign autographs. Look for ads in the Aegis and on the website for further details.

ON-LINE REGISTRATIONand payment with credit cards is available on the Forest Hill Rec web site: www.foresthillrec.com.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONSshould be received NO LATER than JANUARY 31, 2007. Forms are included with this newsletter and are also available on the website.

Mail to: FHRC Baseball Registration
804 Lancaster Drive
Bel Air, MD 21014-6951

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL FEES PER PLAYER

(Please make checks payable to FHRC)

If received on/before January 31st.....

5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$45
9-10 age group and older: \$60

If received on/before February 28th.....

5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$55
9-10 age group and older: \$70

If received on/after March 1st.....

5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$65
9-10 age group and older: \$80

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT: When registering multiple children from the same household, you may subtract \$5 from the second child's fee, and \$10 from the third. The fourth child or more plays for no additional fee.

SIGN-UPS FOR TRAVEL TRYOUTS will be available at the two walk-in registration sessions in January. All players who sign up for travel tryouts must register and pay for in-house baseball before they can participate in the appropriate initial tryout held in late January/early February. Players can also sign up for travel tryouts by sending an e-mail to travelbaseball@foresthillrec.com. Please include your name, age, date of birth and phone number. A separate fee will be required for players who make a Travel team.

TRYOUT REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 15-19 BASEBALL

....and fees will be accepted by mail or at the walk-in registration sessions listed above. The fee is \$150.00, which covers the added expenses of umpires, uniforms & equipment. See the "15-19 BASEBALL TRYOUT-REGISTRATION FORM" included in this Newsletter. Players must pay the fee at the time of registration and those not making the team will be refunded in full.

2007 IN-HOUSE BASEBALL NEWS

Baseball seasons tend to run together lately. For some, there is no off-season. Just when you think the spring season is over, Fallball starts, and then when Fallball is finished, it's time to start planning for the next spring season. Monthly baseball/softball meetings started back in October, and are held on the second Monday of every month from October through April. We are constantly looking for new ways to make our programs fun for the players, coaches and their parents, and we have some special surprises in store for this year. Remember to visit our web site often, as there are new bits of information added daily. Surf to www.foresthillbaseball.org for direct access into the baseball web page.

5-6 BASEBALL: The very successful 5-6 clinic will be reorganized and will meet and practice on the fields at Forest Lakes Elementary School on Saturdays at 10:00 A.M. starting April 14th and running through June. Although youth baseball nationwide has moved the age cut-off date to April 30th, we will still accept children in the 5-6 program who turn 5 between April 30th and July 31st 2007, with the understanding that the youngsters who fall into this category must also play in the 5-6 program in 2008 as well. Children who turn 5 after July 31st 2007 must wait until next year to play baseball at Forest Hill.

The 5-6 Baseball program needs approximately 60 volunteers each year to serve as team and station coaches for the 150 players that meet on Saturdays in the spring. This is the best chance for dads and moms to get in on the ground floor of our baseball program and help organize and teach our youngest players with the fundamentals of the game of baseball. Please do not hesitate to sign up at registration to help with this great program.

7-8 BASEBALL: In an effort to constantly improve our programs, the 7-8 program will be fine-tuned and once again will break the teams into two groups - a 7 year old group and an 8 year old group. Emphasis will be on the fundamentals of baseball, keeping the players moving, learning, and practicing their skills in preparation for the higher age groups through drills, practice and games.

NEW UNIFORMS: Another change in the making is that in-house players from 9-10 through 13-14 will get to keep a new "replica" uniform shirt modeled after the uniforms of the Major League teams. Players in the 5-6 and 7-8 age groups will continue to wear and keep the traditional Forest Hill T-shirts and hats.

11-12 BASEBALL: Forest Hill and Hickory/Fountain Green (HFG) 11-12 Age Groups are again negotiating to repeat the weekly inter-Rec Council baseball games throughout the regular season. A successful cooperation between programs will have the Forest Hill 11-12 teams playing against each other and some HFG teams. This continuing relationship between Rec Councils adds a new dimension to the 11-12 In-house baseball experience.

13-14 BASEBALL: The 13-14 Age group will once again compete in the Northern Harford County Baseball League. This will be our third year playing in this league and based on last year's results, will be a homerun once again.

15-19 BASEBALL: The 15-19 baseball program will field as many as three teams this season. These teams will play in the Northern Harford County Baseball League on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from mid-May through early July. Tryouts for the teams will be scheduled in late March. Questions can be directed to Rick Everhardt, everhardtr@comcast.net, 410-879-9106.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS: Players new to the FHRC baseball program, players without the previous year's evaluation, or players requesting to be moved up or down from their proper age group must be evaluated to ensure placement in the proper age group. Any player requesting to move up or down must be evaluated. No Exceptions!! Details about playing in a different age group are available on the baseball web page. All players will be placed in their designated age group as of March 9, 2007.

BASEBALL IN-HOUSE EVALUATION TIMES & LOCATION:

- 9-10 Age Group at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 3 2007 (8:00 - 10:00 A.M.)
- 11-12 Age Group at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 10 2007 (8:00 - 10:00 A.M.)
- 13-14 Age Group at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 10 2007 (10:00 - Noon)

FOREST HILL TRAVEL BASEBALL will host portions of the Harford County Spring Classic and Summer Classic Baseball Tournaments at our Complex. Teams from all over Maryland and southern Pennsylvania will compete in these tournaments during the weekends of March 31-April 1 and in early July. Volunteers are needed to help set up fields and sell food and beverages. Contact Chris Benjes and let him know how you can help. This is a great fundraising opportunity for our travel baseball program and a great way to showcase our beautiful complex.

The Forest Hill Express teams will begin their seasons in late March and will play approximately 14 regular season games and participate in four tournaments through early July. As the annual treat for the Forest Hill 12U Express, they have been scheduled to play at the Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York during the week of July 14th. There is a separate financial commitment and a requirement for fundraising for all players who are on the 11-12 Travel team to help offset the tremendous expense of the Cooperstown trip. While this is a fantastic experience for the players, coaches and families, it is also well worth the financial and time commitments.

BASEBALL TRAVEL TRYOUTS:

- 8U Age Group at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 3 (10:00 A.M. — Noon)
- 9U & 10U Age Groups at the Sandlot Academy in Forest Hill, Saturday, January 27 (8:00 – 9:30) and Sunday, January 28 from Noon-1:30.
- 11U & 12U Age Groups at the Sandlot Academy in Forest Hill, Saturday, January 27 (9:30 – Noon) and Sunday, January 28 from 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
- 14U Age Group at Grand Slam USA in Abingdon, Saturday, February 10 (10:00 A.M. – Noon)

FOREST HILL METRO BASEBALL PROGRAM: The Forest Hill Metro Baseball program will consist of four Storm teams for 2007 – 11U through 14U. These teams are self-funded and will play an extensive schedule with home games to be played at the Complex and Friends Park. For more information about this program please contact Jim Maguire, 410-557-2847.

FOREST HILL MEN'S UNLIMITED BASEBALL: The Forest Hill Storm Unlimited baseball team is looking for a few good men. The Storm participates in the highly competitive Susquehanna Baseball League. Interested players should have a minimum of high school Varsity experience and be at least 18 or older. For information, please contact Steve Morlock, 410-893-2080.

CHIEF UMPIRE/COORDINATOR: The Forest Hill Baseball program is looking for an adult to oversee our umpires. The duties of the chief umpire include scheduling umpires for games, scheduling fields for rainouts, getting payroll information to the directors of these programs and the recreation council treasurer. This is a paid position. See a more detailed description on the baseball page of the Forest Hill web site – www.foreshillrec.com. Anyone interested please contact Chris Benjes, 410-893-6456.

UMPIRES: The Forest Hill Baseball/Softball programs are looking for those who wish to umpire for the upcoming baseball/softball season. Umpires must be at least 14 years of age and able to get a work permit from their school guidance counselor. Adults are encouraged to umpire, too! If interested, please contact Chris Benjes, 410-893-6456.

CONCESSION STAND: Each baseball/softball team will be assigned a night for which they are responsible for running the concession stand with the help of a committee member. This is done for a variety of reasons, the biggest being that if we have no help we are forced to close the concession stand for that particular night. Last year we were very pleased with how this worked and did not have to close the concession stand once. The schedule will once again be posted in the Opening Day book.

We are also looking for volunteers to be part of the Concession Committee. If you are interested in giving your time and talent to help run the Concession Stand throughout the year, please contact Jeanne Schultz at the stand.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MEETING SCHEDULE: ALL ARE WELCOME! The monthly baseball/softball meetings are held on these Mondays in 2007: January 8, February 12, March 12 and April 9 starting at 7:30 P.M. in the Activity Room of Forest Lakes Elementary School.

IMPORTANT BASEBALL/SOFTBALL NOTE: Volunteers requesting to manage or coach a baseball/softball team MUST complete a "MANAGER/COACH APPLICATION FORM" and have it approved. They should also attend the baseball/softball meetings. See the "MANAGER/COACH APPLICATION FORM" in this Newsletter. Managers for in-house teams will be announced in late January, so please get those forms in soon!

BASEBALL AGE GROUP DIRECTORS:

- 5-6 Age Group Dave Michaels
- 7-8 Age Group Eric Reitz, 410-838-3718
..... Deb Norcross 410-838-1615
- 9-10 Age Group Open
- 11-12 Age Group Open
- 13-14 Age Group By Committee
- 15-18 Age Group Rick Everhardt, 410-879-9106
- Travel Coordinator Jerry Doody
- Storm (11U-14U) Jim Maguire, 410-557-2847

TRAVEL MANAGERS:

- 8U Express..... Howard Sprinkle
- 9U Express.....Ken Munson
- 10U Express.....Jerry Doody
- 11U Express.....TBD
- 12U Express..... Keith Rhodes
- 14U Express..... TBD

PARENTS AGREEMENT/CODE OF CONDUCT: Forest Hill Baseball/Softball has instituted a Players/Parents Code of Conduct/Agreement. The document can be found in this Newsletter. Please remember to read and sign this form and return it with your mail-in registration. The agreement will be also available at walk-in registrations and is required for all registered players.

BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING CAMP: Is your child ready for the 2007 season? They may be playing another sport now, or eating too many holiday goodies. Either way, it's time to get those baseball muscles moving. A key to having a successful 2007 season is being prepared. Spring Training 2007 is what the doctor ordered. Spring Training Camp is a benefit fundraiser for our 15-19 program and is designed for boys and girls ages 5-12 years, teaching good sportsmanship, throwing, fielding ground balls and fly balls, sliding, hitting and base running. Come hit off our wiffle ball machines, slide on our sliding mats and learn how to field like a pro. All this and more in a fun recreation league atmosphere. Three sessions are held in the spacious Churchville Recreation Center on 3 Saturday evenings

BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING CAMP (CONTINUED)... in March. All players receive a Camp T-shirt and a Certificate of Achievement. For any questions, call Rick Everhardt, 410-879-9106 or e-mail everhardtr@comcast.net. See the "BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING CAMP REGISTRATION FORM" in this newsletter.

FALL BASEBALL: If you are interested in being a Fall Ball manager or coach, complete a "Manager/Coach Application Form" and contact Chris Benjes, 410-893-6456.

Forest Hill will be placing several teams into two different Fall baseball leagues in 2007. There will be several Forest Hill teams in the 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15 age groups that participate in the North Harford Fall Baseball League (NHFBL). This is a rec-league program designed for players of all talent levels. No tryouts are necessary. Registration for this league starts in early May for the season that runs from late August into November. All games are played on Sundays at the Complex and other Harford County baseball locations.

The registration deadline for the NHFBL is June 24th after which the league will be closed. We will not accept any registration forms after this date so we can draft the teams and order their uniforms.

We will also have tryouts for fall teams that will participate in the Baltimore County Major League (BCML) program. This is a more competitive league that also involves travel to games in Baltimore County. Tryouts for these teams will be in early July. All BCML regular-season games are also played on Sundays from mid-August through October. There is also a mid-season tournament in October with games on Saturday and Sunday.

Since the registration deadline for the Harford league is June 24th 2007, players wishing to play fall baseball that are also planning to try out for a BCML team should make sure they first sign up for the NHFBL program by the deadline, and then attend the BCML tryouts. Doing so guarantees that the player will definitely play some form of fall baseball in the event that he doesn't make a BCML team. Since players can not play in both leagues, fees paid for the Harford league will be transferred to the Baltimore County program for players that make a BCML team.

Registration information for both leagues will be available on the Forest Hill baseball web page starting in May.

AGE CUT-OFF DATES

Remember that the age cutoff date has changed for all youth baseball nationwide. See the table on the following page for your proper age group for 2007



Baseball Age Group Determination Table for 2007:

<i>Find your birth month/year...</i>												<i>You are:</i>	<i>And your proper Age Group is:</i>
<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>		
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1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1996	1997	1997	1997	1997	10	9-10
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OPENING DAY 2007

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st

Parade starts promptly at 9:00 A.M.

Baseball and Softball Games start at 10:00 A.M.

All at the Forest Hill Complex!

**GOOD FOOD!!
GAMES!!
MUSIC!!
FRIENDS!!! Equals GREAT FUN!!!!**

SCHEDULED FOOD:

*Pit Beef • Hot Dogs • Hamburgers • Sausage • Chips & Soda
Pretzels • Candy Apples • French Fries • Funnel Cakes
Gatorade • Water • Snow Balls
And much more!*

COME FOR THE FUN, STAY FOR THE ATMOSPHERE....

WE WILL ALSO HAVE.....

*~ Silent Auction Table ~
~ Plant Wheel Table ~
and many Games and Prizes for the kids!!*

We need volunteers and donations for the Silent Auction Table and Plant Wheel Table.

For questions, donations, or to be a volunteer....
Please contact one of our Opening Day Chairpersons:
Debbie Norcross, 410-838-1615 or
Tammy Bowman, 410-838-4617



2007
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION FORM

Spring Program

1. CIRCLE ONE: BASEBALL (Age cutoff date is April 30th) SOFTBALL (Age cutoff date is July 31st)

Player's Name School
Home Address Phone
City/Town State Zip
Date of Birth Present Age Sex

2. HISTORY: What Rec Council/Age Group did you play for in 2006?

Does the registered player have any physical or other condition the FHRC, Manager or Coaches should be aware of? (i.e. allergies, shortness of breath, diabetes etc.) YES NO
(PLEASE COMMENT)

3. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: E-Mail Address
Father's Name Mother's Name
Occupation Occupation
Work Phone Work Phone

4. I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A...
Manager** Team-parent coordinator Umpire Newsletter
Coach** Opening Day Volunteer (4/21/07) Concession stand helper

** Managers/coaches must fill out a separate mgr/coach application form to be considered for the position.

FEES PER PLAYER: (Please make checks payable to FHRC)
If received before February 1st: ... 5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$45... 9-10 age group and older: \$60
If received on/after February 1st: ... 5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$55... 9-10 age group and older: \$70
If received on/after March 1st: ... 5-6 and 7-8 Age Groups: \$65... 9-10 age group and older: \$80

MULTI-CHILD DISCOUNT: When registering multiple children from the same household, you may subtract \$5 from the second child's fee, and \$10 from the third. The fourth child or more plays for no additional fee.

5. FALL BASEBALL? Check here if you are interested in signing your child up for fall baseball/softball.

6. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: I confirm that I have read and understand the Forest Hill participation/waiver agreement and understand that my child and/or I will not be covered by any accident insurance while participating in the Forest Hill Rec Council Program. I confirm that I have read the Forest Hill Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the stated terms.

7. PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: DATE

TOTAL FEE PAID CHECK # CASH DATE
AMT TO BE APPLIED TO THIS FORM REGISTERED BY AGE GROUP

Mail to: FHRC Baseball or Softball Registration, 804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, Md. 21014
----- No refunds after teams are drafted -----

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

REFUND POLICY: No refunds unless program is cancelled, participant moves out of state, or serious injury prevents participation prior to start of program.

WAIVER: In consideration of the services of Forest Hill Recreation Council Inc. and Harford County, their officers, agents, volunteers, participants, directors, employees and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereafter collectively known as FHRC), I hereby agree to release and discharge FHRC, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate as follows: I acknowledge that the program requested entails known and anticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury paralysis, death or damage to myself, my child, my property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply can not be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. I also acknowledge that there are risks to this activity that are also unforeseeable. Furthermore, I understand and acknowledge that FHRC seeks safety, but they are not infallible. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of these risks as well as the unforeseeable risks that might occur when I and/or child is participating in this activity. My participation in this activity and/or my child's participation in this activity are purely voluntary, and I elect to participate and/or have my child participate in spite of the risks, both known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless FHRC from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation and/or my child's participation in this activity or my use and/or my child's use of FHRC equipment, our own equipment, or FHRC used facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of FHRC. Should FHRC or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless them for all such fees and costs. I certify that I have adequate personal insurance to cover any injury or damage I sustain and/or my child may sustain while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage and/or my child. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions and/or my child has no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with participation in this activity, or else I am willing to assume, and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any condition. By signing this document, I acknowledge that if I and/or my child sustains an injury and/or property is damaged during my or my child's participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right, my spouse's right and my child's right to maintain a lawsuit or claim against FHRC because I have intended to release them by signing this document. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document and understand it. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in its activities and use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any and all claims which are brought by and/or on behalf of any Minor, by any entity, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor in the FHRC activities. I also agree to all terms and conditions of the entire agreement on behalf of my minor child. I further agree to be bound by its terms.

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT: Parent/Participant also acknowledges and agrees: (1) to respect the team's coach and abide by his/her decisions for the team, to not coach the game from the sidelines nor subvert his/her authority in any way, and direct all issues or complaints to the age group director or program chairperson; (2) to strictly adhere to FHRC Code of Conduct and all Rules governing use of School/County facilities, to refrain from offensive comments to the players, coaches or officials. Spectators exhibiting disruptive behavior, or violating the Code of Conduct or rules will be required to leave the grounds immediately!; (3) to permit the use of participant's/my child's likeness (e.g. photos) and/or name in advertisements and literature and/or to be posted on the website for the above program.; (4) to return all rented or borrowed equipment when notified to do so, the failure of which will result in forfeiture of any deposit, and being barred from future registrations in FHRC programs.

Signature

Date



2007
15-19 BASEBALL TRYOUT
REGISTRATION FORM

Player's Name School

Home Address Phone

City/Town State Zip

Date of Birth Present Age Sex E-Mail:

Does the registered player have any physical or other condition the FHRC, Manager or Coaches should be aware of? (i.e. allergies, shortness of breath, diabetes etc.) YES NO (PLEASE COMMENT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: E-Mail Address

Father's Name Mother's Name

Occupation Occupation

Work Phone Work Phone

FEE: \$150.00

(make checks payable to FHRC)

----- fee will be refunded to players not making a team -----

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: I confirm that I have read and understand the Forest Hill participation/waiver agreement and understand that my child or I will not be covered by any accident insurance while participating in the Forest Hill Recreation Council Program. I agree that I will not hold the FHRC, baseball and/or softball program, team, manager, coaches, umpires or instructors responsible for injuries incurred while participating or traveling to or from activities. I also confirm that I have read the Forest Hill Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the stated terms.

I also understand that my child's participation on a Forest Hill 15-19 baseball team is not automatic and is subject to a competitive selection process through a series of tryouts held in early spring. I acknowledge that my child's talents will be evaluated against other players by several coaches as criteria for selection to the final team rosters.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

TOTAL FEE PAID CHECK # CASH DATE

AMT TO BE APPLIED TO THIS FORM REGISTERED BY AGE GROUP

Mail to: 15-19 Baseball Registration, 804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014

FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

REFUND POLICY: No refunds unless program is cancelled, participant moves out of state, or serious injury prevents participation prior to start of program.

WAIVER: In consideration of the services of Forest Hill Recreation Council Inc. and Harford County, their officers, agents, volunteers, participants, directors, employees and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereafter collectively known as FHRC), I hereby agree to release and discharge FHRC, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate as follows: I acknowledge that the program requested entails known and anticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury paralysis, death or damage to myself, my child, my property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply can not be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. I also acknowledge that there are risks to this activity that are also unforeseeable. Furthermore, I understand and acknowledge that FHRC seeks safety, but they are not infallible. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of these risks as well as the unforeseeable risks that might occur when I and/or child is participating in this activity. My participation in this activity and/or my child's participation in this activity are purely voluntary, and I elect to participate and/or have my child participate in spite of the risks, both known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless FHRC from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation and/or my child's participation in this activity or my use and/or my child's use of FHRC equipment, our own equipment, or FHRC used facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of FHRC. Should FHRC or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless them for all such fees and costs. I certify that I have adequate personal insurance to cover any injury or damage I sustain and/or my child may sustain while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage and/or my child. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions and/or my child has no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with participation in this activity, or else I am willing to assume, and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any condition. By signing this document, I acknowledge that if I and/or my child sustains an injury and/or property is damaged during my or my child's participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right, my spouse's right and my child's right to maintain a lawsuit or claim against FHRC because I have intended to release them by signing this document. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document and understand it. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in its activities and use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any and all claims which are brought by and/or on behalf of any Minor, by any entity, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor in the FHRC activities. I also agree to all terms and conditions of the entire agreement on behalf of my minor child. I further agree to be bound by its terms.

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT: Parent/Participant also acknowledges and agrees: (1) to respect the team's coach and abide by his/her decisions for the team, to not coach the game from the sidelines nor subvert his/her authority in any way, and direct all issues or complaints to the age group director or program chairperson; (2) to strictly adhere to FHRC Code of Conduct and all Rules governing use of School/County facilities, to refrain from offensive comments to the players, coaches or officials. Spectators exhibiting disruptive behavior, or violating the Code of Conduct or rules will be required to leave the grounds immediately!; (3) to permit the use of participant's/my child's likeness (e.g. photos) and/or name in advertisements and literature and/or to be posted on the website for the above program.; (4) to return all rented or borrowed equipment when notified to do so, the failure of which will result in forfeiture of any deposit, and being barred from future registrations in FHRC programs.

Signature

Date

(MANAGERS AND COACHES NEED TO FILL OUT THE MANAGER/COACH VOLUNTEER FORM)



1.) Which program? (Choose one or both) BASEBALL SOFTBALL

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

2.) What are you volunteering to do? (Choose one or more)

-Umpire Coordinator -Umpire -Concession Stand - Parent-team coordinator

-Opening Day Volunteer -Other (be specific): _____

3.) List your experience/qualifications:

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH FOREST HILL? _____

WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/RECREATION COUNCILS? _____

YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN WHICH AGE GROUP[S]? _____

OTHER EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS? _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME? _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME / SEXUAL HARASSMENT? (IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN): _____

4.) Return to: Chris Benjes, 804 Lancaster Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014-6951



**2007
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
MANAGER/COACH
APPLICATION**

1.) Which program? (Choose one or both) BASEBALL SOFTBALL

YOUR NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **ZIP:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** _____

2.) What are you volunteering to do? (Check all that apply)

	5-6 Age Group	7-8 Age Group	9-10 Age Group	11-12 Age Group	13-14 Age Group	15-19 Age Group
Manager/Head Coach						
Assistant Coach						
Age Group Director						

3.) List your experience/qualifications:

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COACHING? _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH FOREST HILL? _____

WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/RECREATION COUNCILS? _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED ANY COACHES' CLINICS? Where? _____

OTHER EXPERIENCE / QUALIFICATIONS? _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME? _____

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2007 BASEBALL FUNDAMENTALS CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Recommended for Ages 5 through 12

This instructional program is designed to teach good sportsmanship, proper warm-up techniques and the fundamentals of baseball in a *FUN ATMOSPHERE*.

Sessions will be held (rain or shine) on SATURDAYS, March 10, 17 & 24 (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Churchville Recreation Center located on Glenville Road off RT #155 in Churchville.

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- *Instruction in sportsmanship, warm-up techniques & strategies of the game of baseball*
- *Individual instruction in base running, infield, outfield, hitting/bunting, pitching & catching*
- *Instruction on drills to strengthen their baseball skills*
- *Throwing velocity evaluation*
- *Baseball camp t-shirt*
- *Certificate of Achievement*

Camp Director: Rick Everhardt (410-879-9106) E-mail : everhardtr@comcast.net

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.....includes dedicated and experienced coaches from the college and high school levels.

ANY QUESTIONS – CALL RICK EVERHARDT @ 410-879-9106

----- return bottom portion before February 17th , 2007 -----

FEE: \$60.00
NO REFUNDS
(make check payable to FHRC)

Player's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

T-Shirt (youth sizes): small medium large x-large

The above named player has my permission to take part in the FHRC Baseball Fundamentals Camp. I agree not to hold the FHRC or its instructors liable for any injuries arising from participation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Mail to: FHRC, c/o Rick Everhardt, 401 Crofton Court, Bel Air, MD 21014

2007 – 2008
FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***up to five (5), \$1,000 scholarships**
(since the 1994-1995 academic year, the FHRC has awarded 21 scholarships totaling \$36,000)

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____ Social Security # _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail Address _____

High School Name _____ College (if known) _____

High School Address _____ College Address _____

High School City/State _____ College City/State _____

High School Zip Code _____ College Zip Code _____

High School Phone _____ College Phone _____

High School Graduation Date _____ College Major (if known) _____

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANT MUST.....

-have participated in the Forest Hill Recreation Council for a minimum of four (4) years
-include a detailed list of Forest Hill Recreation Council activities/programs with the application
-be a high school graduate as of September 2007
-be attending college (full time student) as of September 2007
-submit three letters of recommendation (related to the FHRC Scholarship) with the application
-submit an essay explaining "Why I should receive the FHRC College Scholarship" with the application

NOTES:

- (a) Failure to complete the 2007 – 2008 school year will result in forfeiture of the scholarship and the entire amount must be repaid to the Forest Hill Recreation Council.
- (b) Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.
- (c) *The Forest Hill Recreation Council (Scholarship Selection Committee) reserves the right not to award any scholarships for the 2007 – 2008 school year.
- (d) Scholarship recipients will be asked to attend the Baseball/Softball Opening Day Ceremonies in April, 2007 to officially receive their award.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

******* APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE FEBRUARY 16, 2007 *******

MAIL TO: FHRC SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
C/O JERRY KALISTA
402 FOREST VALLEY DRIVE
FOREST HILL, MARYLAND 21050

***** TYPE or PRINT this FORM *****

FOREST HILL / HICKORY-FOUNTAIN GREEN / CHURCHVILLE COMBINED BASKETBALL PROGRAM

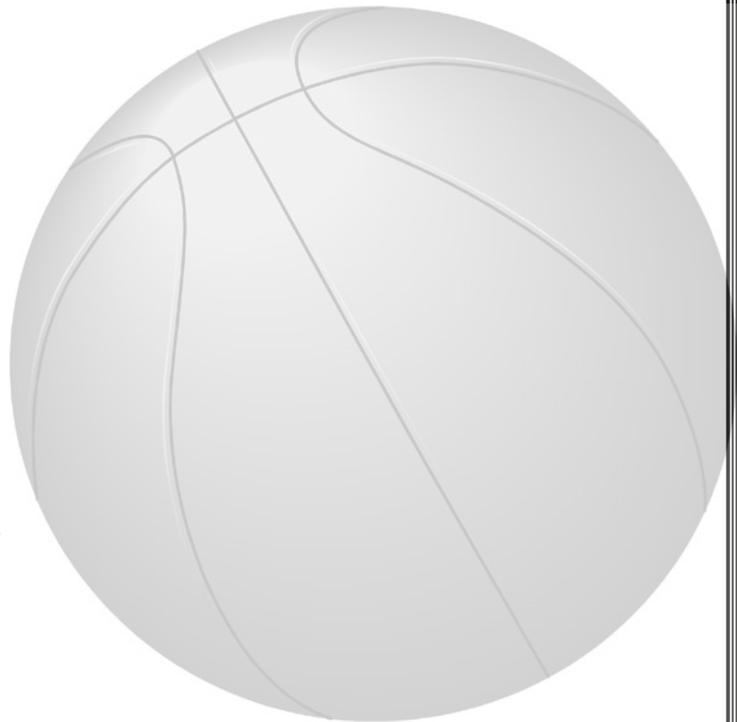
~Eric Reitz~

We are under way with our 2006-2007 season and, besides a few bumps along the way, things are progressing well. The initial loss of Forest Hill Elementary School was a huge obstacle for the program but with the help of many people and the patience of our parents, we were able to overcome the issue. Nelson White, although having stepped down as Chair, is still playing a large role in the transition and helping to keep the program running smoothly as well as handling our travel program. I would like to also thank our many other volunteers who have been playing key roles in the success of the program. Jeff Nengel – Boys Director, and his age group directors; Dave Harding – 7 boys; Brad Stinar – 8 boys; Rob Hosza – 9/10 boys; Jerry Doody – 11/12 boys; Chris Obrien – 13/14 boys and Ken Hartman – 15/18 boys. On the girls side, Sean Brady – Girls Director and Registration, and his age group directors; Russ Davis – 7/8 girls; Don Yudiski – 9/10 girls; Chris O'brien – 11/12 girls and Greg Goetzel 13/16 girls, and finally Lisa Emge who is undertaking the 5-6 clinic group. In thanking these people, it's important not to forget to thank their spouses, as well as mine, for putting up with the chaos during the season. It's also the time to thank all of those volunteer coaches and various other positions. This program, as with many in our area, would be nothing without the volunteers who step up and offer their time. Please feel free to volunteer for our program or one of the others, there is always something that needs to be accomplished.

As the season progresses, please remember to be respectful of all the coaches and referees in our program. We are a youth program, stand up and show the best sportsmanship you can. Your kids are playing and watching as well, so please think twice before possibly embarrassing yourself and you children. Lastly please always be positive to your children. Although we may try our best to be perfect, we sometimes fall short and even in the NBA coaches, referees and players make mistakes.

We try our best to make as many people happy as we can, but if you happen to have any complaints or comments please feel free to contact the Age Group Director, the Boys/Girls Director, or myself. We are always trying to improve what we provide to the youth of our community.

Don't forget our website www.foresthillrec.com, click on basketball. Thanks again and have a great season.



**VISIT THE FOREST HILL RECREATION COUNCIL ONLINE AT
www.foresthillrec.com**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

25..... MERRY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2007

1..... HAPPY NEW YEAR

8..... Baseball/Softball Meeting

12..... 6-9 pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES

13..... 10am-2pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES

19..... 6-9pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES

20..... 10am-2pm Baseball/Softball Walk-in Registration @ FLES

22..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

FEBRUARY 2007

12..... Baseball/Softball Meeting

TBA ... Baseball evaluations

14..... HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

26..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

MARCH 2007

TBA ... Baseball Fundamentals Camp

12..... Baseball/Softball Meeting

16..... Baseball drafts

17..... HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

26..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

APRIL 2007

1..... Baseball/Softball Practice starts

9..... Baseball/Softball Meeting

21..... Baseball/Softball Opening Day

23..... FHRC General Membership Meeting

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