

DENVER PARKS & RECREATION
SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2008 INFORMATION SHEET
***** PARENTS: SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE AND**
PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Dear Parents, it is time for summer sports, and that means Denver Parks & Recreation is gearing up for another great summer of fun and ball. Our goal in offering these programs is to allow your child to participate in sporting activities that will help your child develop and improve on fundamental skills in an environment where everyone plays and gets to have FUN!! We encourage your involvement and comments. We encourage you to volunteer and help coach your child's team. Attached is the 2008 Summer Programs Registration form. Additional registration forms are available at Denver City Hall and on-line @ cityofdenver.owa.com.

DO NOT SEND THE REGISTRATION FORMS TO SCHOOL. The registration forms for the summer 2008 programs need to be returned to DENVER CITY HALL by March 14, 2008. Below you will find explanations regarding each of the programs offered. Please fill out *one form per child*. The availability of each program will depend upon the amount of participants and volunteers available for each program. If there are not enough volunteers for a particular program, it will be canceled and your money refunded. We look forward to a great summer!! If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Haltom at 984-9192.

SIGN-UP INFORMATION

Forms are due March 14, 2008, and **MUST** be returned to Denver City Hall. **Anyone wishing to register after March 14, 2008**, must contact Jennifer Haltom at 984-9192. After March 14th your child CANNOT be guaranteed a position on a team and/or a team uniform. A LATE FEE OF \$10 MAY BE IMPOSED.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

These programs would not be possible without our volunteers. We encourage you to sign up. If you are interested in helping out, please indicate on the registration form. If you sign up to help, please make a note that there will be a coaches' meeting at the Community Center on Sunday, **April 13th at 3:00 p.m.** This is an important meeting as you will receive your equipment and schedule your practice times. If you cannot attend, please contact Jennifer Haltom.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

DENVER RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL (REC BALL)

This is a local community program where the games are played in Denver typically against their own classmates and is open to grades Preschool through 4th grade. The registration fee includes a team shirt. **ALL CHILDREN WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN BALL GLOVE.** *Please note that dates and game days are subject to change and will be set later depending on the number of teams and field availability.*

**** TEE-BALL:** Tee-Ball is for children **currently** preschool age and **currently** in kindergarten. It is a coed program, and the games are typically held on Saturday mornings at the little Prestien Park ball field. The season is tentatively scheduled to begin June 1, 2007, through June 28, 2008. The children typically practice once a week. The main focus is to make sure every child gets to play and learn basic skills in a *noncompetitive* atmosphere. **Please note that the season has been shortened from previous years, and tee-ball will run for four weeks with practices once a week and games once a week.**

H PITCH: 1st and 2nd coach pitch is for boys and girls **currently** in 1st and 2nd grade with an emphasis on working on skills and developing sportsmanship. Every child plays. The 1st and 2nd graders typically practice once a week. The coach pitches to the children or uses a pitching machine. The season is tentatively scheduled to start the week of May 26th and end the week of July 1st. Games are traditionally played on the weeknights. In the past there have been times when teams from other towns have been invited to play.

**** 3RD/4TH KID PITCH:** 3rd/4th kid pitch is for boys and girls who are **currently** in the 3rd/4th grade. The purpose of the program is to help children develop and improve their skills, practice good sportsmanship and have fun. The children pitch to each other. Every child plays. They typically practice one to two times a week depending on the coaches' availability. In the past there have been games arranged with other teams, i.e. Janesville, and Readlyn. This is a non-travel team and if no teams will come here to play, the teams will have to play each other. The season will start the week of May 19th and end the week of July 1st. Games are traditionally played on the weeknights.

DENVER COMPETITIVE TRAVELING BOYS BASEBALL/GIRLS SOFTBALL **(TOWN BALL)**

Town Ball is open to boys and girls who are **currently** in 3rd through 6th grades. Town Ball is a traveling team playing in communities typically within 30 minutes of Denver. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent. Play will begin in late May and end in early July. Games and practice times are scheduled according to the coaches' schedules and diamond availability. **Parents are to provide solid gray baseball pants.** The registration fee includes a team shirt, team socks and a hat/visor.

ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Denver Parks & Rec will again be offering a summer adult coed league/mens/womens league beginning the end of July through mid-August. Make sure to keep your eyes open for registration. Come join the fun! No experience necessary. Only those noncompetitive types are encouraged to sign up. We recommend that if you are interested in competitive play only that you DON'T sign up.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Weather Cancellation Policy: It will be up to the volunteer coaches to cancel a particular practice or game due to weather, i.e. fields are too wet or weather conditions. Please contact your child's coach(es) to determine if a practice/game has been canceled.

Rescheduling of canceled games: Games that are canceled may be rescheduled. It will be the duty of the volunteer coaches to reschedule games and to check to see whether there is field availability to do so.

Treat all facilities with respect. Make sure all surrounding areas are cleaned up after usage.

Please contact Jennifer Haltom at 984-9192 if you have any questions. Thank you.