



# WAA News

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July/August 2009

## **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS At [waawoodbury.org](http://waawoodbury.org)**

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## ***From The President***

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Summer finally came, what a beautiful day today is, 85 and Sunny. As I drove around town this evening, 7 out of 8 Fields at Ojibway Park were full, Potawatomi, Shawnee, Bielenberg, and the Seasons Parks were all brimming with young people playing Baseball, Softball and Soccer. I am sure the same was true for Colby Lake, Ridge, Pioneer and any other place we have been able to get the City to squeeze in a Ball Field.

This is just one of the many rewards for the hard work that our many volunteers have put in behind the scenes over many years to get the proper facilities built that will provide for the children of Woodbury well into the future. Please respect them and enjoy the time that you have with your Children at their event.

Things are changing and we need to be prepared to embrace the changes and make sure that what ever happens behind the scenes does not affect the children that want or need an activity to fulfill their seasonal Athletic needs. Discussions that take place behind the scenes amongst adults need to focus on what is best for the Kids. Sometimes discussions change directions and don't always focus on the kids, however the final result is always about the kids and we as adults need to make sure that we keep it that way.

The Woodbury Athletic Association will continue to provide the best possible Athletic opportunities for the Children of Woodbury in everything that we do. We will abide by the rules that are in place and work hard to make sure that ALL children have a safe,

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fun, productive experience in the program.

We want everyone to know that we accept children from all of Woodbury and that there is no requirement for you to sign up by School boundaries and we want you to know that no matter where you attend school, you will be treated equally at WAA. WAA currently provides programs to students from Stillwater, Tartan, Woodbury, East Ridge, public Schools and at least 7 different private School systems. We can all play together and respect the direction that kids take after Association sports.

The Woodbury Athletic Association has some of the best Developmental programs in the State, our Developmental Baseball program has kept more kids playing baseball for the fun of baseball than "ANY OTHER" baseball program in the state of Minnesota. There are more kids playing baseball in our Senior High league than most communities have playing baseball. In general terms, Association sports end or fall off dramatically between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and those that don't make High school teams just quit.

In WAA we have been very successful in creating Senior High Programs that keep KIDS playing Baseball, Basketball and Soccer in situations that in other Cities there would be no place for these kids to play. We feel that as with all things, kids will find something to do and we believe that athletic activities make what they find to do something productive. Busy kids generally stay out of trouble. In School systems as large as those that surround us, the chance to play High School Sports is dramatically reduced just by the numbers involved. Many of the children playing our Senior High Sports because they can't make the varsity cut here would be varsity players in smaller Districts.

We would encourage all of you to keep your children in WAA sports until the Traveling programs

that focus more on the

As you read through this newsletter, you will see that there are openings for volunteer positions on many of our sport boards. If you are interested in helping to shape the future of WAA Sports, contact the Director of the Sport that you are interested in and find out what each position entails. There are many rewards in serving.

Please enjoy your Summer, if you haven't yet signed up for your Fall or Winter sports you should look at getting that done very soon, time is short.

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# GOLF

The Golfers began hitting the greens the week of June 15. This year we have seven leagues playing at five local area golf courses.

The leagues are:

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|------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Cimarron League<br>playing at Cimarron            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Birdie League<br>playing at Ponds of Battle Creek |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Eagle 9 League<br>playing at Eagle Valley         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Eagle 18 League<br>playing at Eagle Valley        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Bogey League<br>playing at Country Air            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Herron League<br>playing at Oak Marsh             |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Cimarron League<br>playing at Cimarron            |

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the leagues.

Thank you.  
See you on the green!

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# SOCCER

## Fall 2009 Registrations

Registration is now open for both fall Recreational and Competitive leagues via the WAA's online registration system. You can access this system via our website at [www.woodburysoccer.com](http://www.woodburysoccer.com) under the Registration section. If you have any questions on either league, please view each section of our website respectively for further information.

If you have any further questions, please contact Colleen Hase – Recreational Director at [chase@woodburysoccer.com](mailto:chase@woodburysoccer.com), or

Amy Hunter – Competitive Director at [ahunter@woodburysoccer.com](mailto:ahunter@woodburysoccer.com).

## Spring 2010 Competitive Tryouts

Try-outs will be the week of Sunday, August 2 through Saturday, August 8 at the Valley Crossing and Colby Lake Fields, with Sunday, August 9 as a rain alternate. Once again this year, every age group will try-out during this week, including the U9/U10 age groups. **THERE WILL BE NO TRYOUTS IN SEPTEMBER.**

Visit our website for further information on age/gender tryout times and registration information. A \$25 registration fee for tryouts is required for ALL attendees, and there will be no refunds of this amount.

## Summer 2010 Competitive Registration

Here are the steps to follow for registration for the Spring 2010 Competitive Program:

1. Tryout Registration – All tryout attendees will be required to pre-register for tryouts online via the WAA registration system for \$25, **printing and bringing a tryout registration receipt to their first tryout session.** (DO NOT BRING TO THE WAA OFFICE!) This online registration will be open in mid-July. Blank tryout registration forms will

also be available at tryouts, but we prefer you come to tryouts with the on-line registration receipt in hand.

2. Online registration will open for the Spring 2010 season in mid-July. Registration for the 2010 season will be \$400. Again, this registration does not include tryouts, which need to be done separately per #1 above.

3. To register online for both #1 and/or #2, please go to the Registration section of our website and follow the link to the Woodbury Athletic Association's Online Registration system.

- Please refer to the yellow postcards sent out by the WAA which contains your Household ID#.
- If you need a Household ID# or have forgotten yours, please follow the directions on the home page of the Registration system.

4. Please refer to the Registration section of our website for information on our refund policy.

NOTE: For those players that will miss tryouts, you will still need to pre-register for tryouts in order for your child to be considered for team formations. Past evaluations will be utilized for player placement in this situation. All those who miss tryouts and do not pre-pay the tryout registration fee will be placed on the lowest level team at their age group. This includes those who register for the 2010 season on-line only. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS POLICY.**

Please remember if you are hoping to coach your child's team to submit a coaching application to Peter Rivard. Applications can be found under the Competitive section of our website.

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# SOFTBALL

It is a beautiful June day as write this. One of the few we have had so far.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who worked at our **Wildpitch tournament**. Without all of you the tournament would never be as successful as it is. Mother nature helped this year too. She kept us dry which always makes the tournament run more smoothly. The group of people organizing the tournament led by Jill Miller did an unbelievable job. Jill stepped in a little late in the organizing process because of some special circumstances.

For next year we need a new tournament director. The past tournament directors are there to help and guide you. Without a director the Wildpitch tournament is in danger of not happening next year. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Jim Reetz at 651-731-4281 or at [jimreetz@q.com](mailto:jimreetz@q.com). The Wildpitch tournament funds part of the costs of a team to go to national tournaments.

By the time you read this the **inhouse** season ending tournament will only be a couple of weeks away. The concession stand will be open again thanks to Jill Miller and her volunteers, the parents. The tournament is supposed to competitive but mostly fun. It is a great way to end the season but please keep it in perspective. So far the season sounds like it has gone very smoothly and I want to thank commissioners, coaches and parents for all of their work.

I hate to talk about **fall softball** already but if I don't now it will be too late. We will be doing something similar to what was done last year for forming teams. We might change it slightly, all of the details have not been worked out yet so please watch the softball website at <http://www.waawoodbury.org/page/show/77219-softball> for more information.

Fall softball is a great way to decide if you want to try traveling softball for next year. It is much less intense and you only play games on Sunday on the

weekends for 5 weeks. If you have questions please contact Jim Reetz or Kris Retica at [knr1226@aol.com](mailto:knr1226@aol.com).

**Traveling softball** is going to try to have it's try-outs in the fall this year. It is becoming more and more popular among the metro communities. Please watch the website for more details. The try-outs will be held sometime in September. If you are interested in coaching next Spring/Summer please contact Jim Reetz or Jim Shields ([james.shields@isd623.org](mailto:james.shields@isd623.org)).

Softball is in need of people to join our board of directors and help lead softball. The current makeup of the board has a number of members whose daughters are at the older ages. We would like to set up a succession plan to instead of just have members leave and then a new person try to figure out how things work without having someone there to have the new person work with the outgoing person for awhile to make the transition smoother.

If you are interested or have questions please contact Jim Reetz. If you are worried about time commitments please contact me to talk.

Have a great rest of the summer.

## Mark your calendar for future ONLINE registrations:

**TRAVELING BASEBALL** - September  
**WRESTLING** - October  
**SOCCER** July - Summer Competitive  
 September - Winter Recreational  
 October - Winter Competitive  
 U6-U8 - January  
 Fall Recreational—May  
**DEVELOPMENTAL BASEBALL** - January  
**SOFTBALL** - January, March/Travel Tryouts  
**GOLF** - January  
**TRACK** - January  
**VOLLEYBALL**— May and June  
**BASKETBALL**— Early June  
**FOOTBALL**— May and June

# ***BASEBALL***

## **Travel Baseball News:**

### **Dates to remember:**

Registration for 2010 season will begin on 7/27 and run up to 9/3 (location / times TBA)

Practice Tryout event / Baseball "Jamboree": 8/8 and 8/15 (location/times TBA)

Please continue to check our website for dates of informational parent meetings prior to the tryouts. [www.woodburybaseball.org](http://www.woodburybaseball.org)

2010 Team Formations: Multiple levels of play at all age levels. Number of teams will be based on tryout participation.

\*\* Downpayment of \$200.00 will be NON-Refundable if a player is assigned to a team with future payments coming in Jan and April. Final fee will be based on individual team expenses.

\*\* WAA will accept any Woodbury resident for play however WAA will NOT allow players to tryout for multiple organizations and will remove a player that has tried out for another organization prior to the WAA Tryout. WAA WILL accept players that do not make teams for other organizations based on availability.

For more information on Travel Baseball Please contact Joe Griesgraber at 651-245-9443.

# ***BASKETBALL***

## **Registration**

On-Line registration is now complete and we are planning for the upcoming season. If you still need to register, please do so as soon as possible so we can effectively plan. At this point a rate increase of \$20 is assessed for in-house grades 3 – 12, and a rate increase of \$40 for traveling grades 4 – 9. Rate increases are not assessed for grades 1 and 2; however we encourage you to sign up soon so we know the number of participants.

If you still need to register, just go on-line at the WAA website and click on registration. Also, computers are available at the WAA building M-F 2-6 p.m., located at 2630 Ojibway Park Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

Registration is early so we can register our teams for tournaments. The registration process for tournaments begins in mid July.

## **Uniform Fitting for Travel Players**

All boys and girls that need uniforms will have an opportunity to purchase uniforms and try them on for the dates that follow: Sunday, July 12 (6 to 8 p.m.); and Tuesday, July 14 (6 – 8 p.m.). All uniform fittings and purchases will take place at the WAA building. The cost is \$80. We do have a limited number of one-year old uniforms on sale for \$40.00 (Boys only) and they will be available on a first come first serve basis.

## **Surveys**

Thank you for completing the survey that was posted to the WAA Basketball website! The Basketball Board will be reviewing them to determine if any changes are needed for next year.

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## Permits & Scheduling

Our schedule for the upcoming year is taking shape and you can view it on the web site. Please keep in mind that our schedules are tentative until permit requests are confirmed by Community Education. We expect this to occur AFTER school starts in the fall.

In general, we expect to hold parents meetings for in-house and travel in mid to late September and traveling try-outs will follow in late September. The in-house shoot-arounds start in late October with the first games before Thanksgiving. The 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade program will start in early November. You will receive program specific communication via the mail in September and at the parents meeting.

## Welcome

WAA Basketball Board would like to welcome Brad Kletscher as the new Girl's Director. Also, new to the board is: Dan Hakes – Girl's Traveling Scheduler, Richard Robinson – Girls Tournament Concessions Manager, Michele Hietpas - Girl's Tourney Volunteer Scheduler and Sean Smith – Boy's 6<sup>th</sup> grade travel coordinator.

## Thanks

WAA Basketball would like to thank Jim Basten who has stepped down as the Girl's Director after several years of service. Also, thanks to the following that have moved on from the WAA: Lyn Boykins, Tarek Tomes, Jeff Knupp, Bob Salazar, and Karl Popularum. Thanks for all your time and commitment.

## Volunteer Openings:

WAA Basketball has many volunteer opportunities for the upcoming season which include the following:

Secretary (minute taker) for meetings  
Grade Level Coordinators Boys/Girls  
(Various Ages) for in-house and travel.

Boy's Travel Talent/Evaluation  
Boy's Tournament Director  
Boy's Tournament Concessions Manager  
Boy's Tourney Volunteer Scheduler  
Boy's In-house Commissioner  
Boy's/Girl's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Commissioner  
Equipment Manager

If you are interested in helping WAA Basketball, please consider one of these and other open board positions for the upcoming season. Please contact any board member listed on the web site for additional information.

Respectfully,  
Steve Pittman  
WAA Boys Basketball Director

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# FOOTBALL

## WOODBURY YOUTH DEVELOPMENTAL FOOTBALL

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football will once again be offered for Grades 1 and 2. for Grades 3 and 4 and a League for Grades 5 and 6.

Registration for the WAA Football Program begin online May 1. Be sure to register early in May!

### TACKLE FOOTBALL

There are Tackle Football Leagues for Grades 3 and 4 and a League for Grades 5 and 6.

Registration begins May 1 at [waawoodbury.org](http://waawoodbury.org).

More football information is available at the [waaweb.com](http://waaweb.com)

# VOLLEYBALL

## Summer Volleyball Camp

Hurry, there is still room. This summer's volleyball camp registration is open and waiting for you. This summer the WAA Volleyball program along with the Woodbury High School Volleyball program will host a summer camp.

The camp will run from Monday, August 3 through Thursday, August 6 at Lake Junior High. There will be three sessions available depending on the girl's grade in the fall of 2009.

Girls going into grades 3-6 in the fall should register for Session 1. Session 1 will run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Girls in grades 7 and 8 in fall 2009 should register for Session 2. Session 2 will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for Sessions 1 and 2 is \$85.00 per session. Girls who will be in grades 9 and 10 should register for Session 3. Session 3 will run from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost for session 3 is \$85.00.

The camp director this year will again be Dan Brown from M1 Volleyball. Dan has coached for M1 for the last 10 years, being one of their lead coaches and camp directors. Dan will be assisted by Woodbury High School Varsity players and other M1 coaches. If you are interested in a great camp that will stress basic skills, this is the camp for you. If you have any questions regarding the camp please e-mail Pam Sullivan at [volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org](mailto:volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org)

## Fall Recreational Volleyball

The 2009 Fall recreational volleyball program registration is open.

Fall recreational volleyball teams are available for girls in grades 3 thru 6. Fall rec volleyball teams will practice one nigh per week either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights depending on gym

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availability. Schedules will be available in late August after permits are received from the school district.

**Grades 3 and 4 for fall of 2009:** Girls in grades 3 and 4 will practice one night per week and play match/matches on Saturday morning at Carver Elementary School.

Volunteer coaches are needed. Training provided, along with a coaches drill book. Fees will be refunded for coach's child. This league is designed for girls to learn beginning basic skills in a noncompetitive format.

Season runs from September until the beginning of November with 6 play dates. Fee is \$85.00. If you have questions please contact Pam Sullivan at [volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org](mailto:volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org).

**Grades 5 and 6 for fall of 2009.** Girls in grades 5 and 6 will practice one night per week and play match/matches on Saturday mornings at Carver Elementary.

Volunteer coaches are needed. Training provided, along with a coaches drill book. Fees will be refunded for coach's child. In this league, teams keep score, learn and build on basic skills and obtain game knowledge.

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### FALL CLINIC

For girls in grades 7 and 8 there is a fall volleyball clinic available. The clinic will be six Monday nights in September and October. Dates will be announced later.

**Grades 7 and 8 for the fall of 2009.** Girls in grades 7 and 8 have the opportunity to participate in a fall clinic. This clinic will be held on Monday evenings between 8:00-9:45p.m. at Lake Junior High. The clinic is meant to continue to develop basic and

advance skills. The clinic will be 6 sessions long. The fee for this clinic is \$85.00. If you have questions please contact Pam Sullivan at [volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org](mailto:volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org).

**The fall recreational league is in need of a Fall Coordinator.** This person will be responsible for helping to organize the Saturday morning league. Fall rec volleyball league fees will be waived for the coordinators entire family. It will consist of six Saturday mornings. Responsibilities would be organizing refs, making sure the day gets started well and to supervise the end of the day each Saturday. If you are interested, please contact Pam Sullivan at [volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org](mailto:volleyballdir@waawoodbury.org)

## WRESTLING

REGISTRATION coming this fall.

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