

M.A.G.F.A. News

January 2012

*Styling softball to the mental and physical capacities of girls 8-18 years of age
and providing competitive opportunities at all skill levels.*

We're currently looking for parents interested in coaching Peppers Travel (10U and 12U) and all ages of REC (formerly Mintz) teams for the upcoming 2012 season.

Please visit www.magfasoftball.org and click on the NEWS tab for an application as well as program descriptions.

The Winter Training is open for you to work on softball skills.
Located at: 19288 Minnesota Hwy 22, Mankato, MN 56001
In the K&G Gymnastics building, next to Terrace View Golf Course.

Check out the Calendar on the
MAGFA website: <http://www.magfasoftball.org/> for days and times.

1/14
MAGFA Training
8:00am-11:00am

1/15
MAGFA Training
12:00pm-3:00pm

1/16
Team Practice or Rental
5:30pm-7:00pm

14U Blue Practice
7:00pm-8:30pm

1/17
MAGFA Training
5:30pm-8:30pm

1/18
Team Practice or Rental
5:30pm-8:30pm

1/20
MAGFA Training
5:30pm-8:30pm

1/21
MAGFA Training
8:00am-11:00am

1/22
MAGFA Training
12:00pm-3:00pm

1/23
Team Practice or Rental
5:30pm-8:30pm

1/25
Mankato Peppers Winter Pitching Clinic
5:30pm-8:30pm

1/27
MAGFA Training
5:30pm-8:30pm

1/28
MAGFA Training
8:00am-11:00am

1/29
MAGFA Training
12:00pm-3:00pm

1/30
Team Practice or Rental
5:30pm-7:00pm

14U Blue Practice
7:00pm-8:30pm

1/31
MAGFA Training
5:30pm-8:30pm

PEPPERS *Winter Pitching Clinic*

Wed., Jan. 25, 2012
5:30—8:30 pm
MAGFA Winter Training Facility
19288 State Highway 22, Mankato

5:30pm—6:45pm 2nd Grade thru 4th Grade
7:00pm—8:30pm 5th Grade thru 8th Grade
Open to all pitchers planning to play Summer Ball at any level
for a MAGFA Peppers program in 2012

Lead Clinician: Mollie Meyer

- Proper and basic leg drive, stride, arm speed, and release mechanics will be covered.
 - Practice drills to increase speed and develop control will be explained.
 - (late session) development of change-up and movement pitches.
 - Optimized warm up routines.
 - Email Tomm Richards at tommr@locherbros.com to sign-up
 - Limited to first 15 pitchers signed up per session
- Cost: \$20 at the door
Bring own Catcher, indoor shoes (no cleats), and softball

M.A.G.F.A. *In the News*

MAGFA Offers Softballers Assistance in the Off-Season.

MAGFA was on TV – check out the KEYC story about the new training facility!

<http://www.keyc.tv/story/16327343/magfa-offers-softballers-assistance-in-the-off-season>

Did you know?

All 3 programs organized by MAGFA are now called Peppers.
Stars has become "Lil' Peppers",
Mintz has become "Peppers REC"
and Peppers Travel is still Peppers Travel.

One name...one logo...one focus.

M.A.G.F.A.Profile

Jon Thompson – President & Southern Star Rep

Family: Wife of 24 years Robyn. Kids: Amanda 23, Jamie 20, Jennifer 19, Kait 14, Sydney 9, Carter 7, and Riley 4.
Six Girls one boy.


Softball experience: After high school I played both Slowpitch and Fastpitch softball for six years on various men's and co-ed teams. Once Amanda, my oldest daughter, was old enough to start playing softball in MAGFA, I retired and started coaching her softball teams. I have been involved in softball for the past 18 years as a coach, MAGFA board member or League director. I have coached teams at all levels from Kindergarten to 18U.

Why did you join MAGFA: I joined MAGFA in the fall of 2002 and was a member of the board until Spring of 2009. Last fall I was asked to again join MAGFA as board President and I was very excited about getting back involved with the Association. I joined MAGFA both times to help facilitate a strong program for all members. My daughters have played in all levels of MAGFA and it is important to me that each program within MAGFA is given the proper support for the kids to have an enjoyable experience.

Goals for MAGFA: I have only one goal for MAGFA and that is that every child that plays in our program has an enjoyable experience. We have made some changes in our board structure over the past few months that I really think will help us improve our service to all programs within our association. Each program now has a standing committee of board members that are taking an active role in that program to be sure that the needs of all our members are better met.

What does softball mean to you: Softball is a way to help prepare our local youth for real life experiences. It teaches teamwork, responsibility, dedication and work ethic. As coaches and administrators our focus should be teaching our members how to be responsible, hardworking adults.

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MAGFA exists to serve the youth of District 77. Any softball player who resides in or attends school in District 77 is welcome to join our summer softball programs and use our training facility. Teams and individuals outside of the ISD77 boundaries may reserve our training facility on rental nights by contacting Jeff Scharmer: jscharmer@kendelldrs.com

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MAGFA Winter Training Facility

19288 State Highway 22, Mankato, MN

Team Reservations: <http://www.magfielddrs.org>