



STMA Youth Baseball

2012 Minors Information Sheet

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The goal of the Minors program is to instruct our youngest players, ages 5-6, in the fundamentals of baseball in a non-competitive way. Preschoolers 5 years old on April 30th, most kindergartners, and some first graders will play at the Minors level.

There are approximately 10 games played in the St. Michael-Albertville area. Practice and games will be played at some of the following fields in the St. Michael-Albertville area: St. Michael Elementary, Oakside, Preserve, Highwoods, Villas, Winter Park, and Albertville Primary. Field locations are available on our web-site. The season starts roughly the 3rd week in April and is completed the 3rd week in June (weather permitting).

Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your coach will be in touch with you to notify you of the team your child is on and your practice site/time - either 6:00 or 7:15 PM.

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Minors use a reduced injury ball, the same size and weight of a regular baseball. The coaches pitch underhand up to 5 pitches from the mound for each at bat, then the hitter will hit off of a batting tee. Every player will bat in every inning. Games are three innings or one hour long, whichever comes first. No scores or standings will be kept. Every player on a team plays in the field at the same time. Coaches must change player position every inning. Players must wear helmets when batting and base running. Catchers must wear chest and head protection. This league is designed to introduce baseball fundamentals, good sportsmanship and, overall, have fun.

Each player will receive a T-shirt and a hat. Pants are not provided in this league, but you may purchase them for your player. Players should have their own glove. The teams are divided randomly with an equal distribution by age. The availability and location of coaches will also be a factor on how the teams will be determined.

Picture Day is Saturday, May 19th. Your coach will notify you of the time. Please wear your clean uniform and hat and remember to bring a glove or bat. Pictures will be taken at Middle School West (old High School).

If you have any questions, please leave a message on the STMA Youth Baseball voicemail at (763) 515-7665, extension 19. Thanks for supporting youth baseball. Let's have another great season!!

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