

South Portage Little League News

Introducing the 2007 SPLL Executive Board;

If you have any questions about the league, or would like to provide feedback on how SPLL can improve, please contact any of the following elected board members.

Position	Name	Phone	E-mail
President	Steve Graham	323-8543	
Vice President	Dusty Ruthven	323-9485	DRJ12@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer	Rik Zelenock	375-2228	rzelenock@yahoo.com
Secretary	Michelle Shinevare	327-2574	Theshine4@aol.com
Baseball Director	Mike West	327-7258	MKWest999@aol.com
Softball Director	David Harrison	324-5138	canessb@msn.com
Properties Director	John Kounelis	323-8521	jkounelis@charter.net

Got Ideas? Attend a Board Meeting-

Many volunteers are needed to make the league run smoothly. A little help goes a long way. Now is the time to make suggestions for changes to league policies, local rules, capital improvements, fan/player conduct, etc. in order to implement ideas for the start of the 2007 season! The next board meeting is December 6th, 7:00 at the Portage Public Schools administration building. Please check out the **southportagell.com** for more info and other dates of board meetings.

Mission Statement-

Under the guidelines of Little League International Inc. we are a program of service to youth ages 4 through 18. We are geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation. The program is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. It inspires them with a goal and enriches their lives toward the day when they must take their places in the world. It establishes the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. We believe we have devised a plan which will retain the youth who typically drop out of little league, for various reasons, and those who continue on throughout all levels. We are building a multi-purpose training facility which will concentrate on areas including, but not limited to: building skills, coaches programs, chalk talk programs, umpire clinics and training, skills evaluations and assessments, yearly registration, administrative membership and board meetings, manager/coaches meetings, team drafts and player placement and provide a shelter in event of in-climate weather or storms. The building dimensions are 112 feet long x 48 feet wide. Our estimated cost for the entire project is \$167,000 which included an 8" fire water line, 365 feet within our facility. Our goal, with further funding and volunteer help, is to complete the facility by the end of 2007. For your information please review the present status of the training facility and remaining work to be done.

John Kounelis, Properties director
Steve Graham, League President

New Building news...

As you have probably seen the new indoor training facility is up and looking great!
The status of the building so far are...

- Building shell complete
- Concrete floor complete with floor heating.
- Electric power from existing panel in maintenance building to panel in new building.
- 8" water main from sub-division to SPLL.
- 2" stub provided for connection to SPLL line.
- 2" water line installed by SWT with laser to new building.
- 3/4" meter purchased by SPLL will be installed by Earth Tech when required.
- Under ground water line from new building to maintenance building has been installed and ready for final hook-up.
- **Tim Widup** has supplied a truckload of insulation board. Thank you!

The Remaining work is...

- Insulate side walls and apply metal panels
- Frame partitions
- Conduit for power and lighting
- Rough in plumbing
- Install lighting
- Place ceiling panels
- Install hardware for netting
- Install netting
- Insulate above ceiling
- Complete plumbing and fixtures
- Set hot water boiler and connect to heating piping
- Apply synthetic turf on floor
- Complete woodwork – Doors – Walls

Sponsor a Team in 2007....

We are looking for sponsors for our 2007 season. We are hoping to bring more advertisement possibilities to our 2007 sponsors and are going to be working really hard to honor all of our dedicated businesses that help us year after year. If you have any questions about sponsoring a team please call Dana Pope at 324-0972.

2007 Registration Dates are set...

January 13th 9:00-12:00

January 27th 9:00- 12:00

If you can help at one or both of the registrations please call Kathy Irwin at 329-4985 or email Kirwin38@charter.net

Little League Baseball Implements New Pitching Rules for 2007 Season

In an effort to reduce the increasing number of pitching related arm injuries, Little League Baseball has adopted new pitching rules for the upcoming season. Beginning in 2007, pitchers in all divisions of Little League Baseball will have specific limits on the number of pitches which can be thrown for each game, along with specified rest periods which must be observed between pitching outings. Previously, pitching regulations limited pitchers to a maximum number of innings per game/week with specified rest periods based upon the number of innings thrown. The table below provides an overview of the new regulation.

League Age	Maximum Pitches Allowed Per Game
17-18	105
13-16	95
11-12	85
10 and under	75

Pitchers league age 7-16 must adhere to the following minimum rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 41-61 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 21-40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no calendar day of rest is required.

Pitchers league age 17-18 must adhere to the following minimum rest requirements:

- If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 51-75 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 26-50 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-25 pitches in a day, no calendar day of rest is required.

Regulations for tournament play (all-stars) will be similar, but with some modifications. Those regulations will be released later this fall.

Congratulations to all 6 of the SPLL all- star teams who are District 2 Champions!...

9/10 Baseball - national

Parker Maxwell
Ryan Mergener
Jordyn Muffley
Chase Richards
Dayton Pfenning
Wyatt Whitman
Travis Wilkinson
Nathan Smith
George Norg
Harrison Pluta
Casey Shinaberger
Max Ryan

Manager: Kurt Mergener
Coach: Mark Whitman
Coach: Scott Muffley

11 year olds - Baseball

Jonathon Brelje
Austen Hokanson
Joe LeFevre
Brandon West
Jared VanderBor
Wolf Shafer
Kevin Phelps
Trevor Root
Luke McKinney
Jackson Schelb
Collin Sweet

Manager: Mike West
Coach: Steve Brelje

9/10 Softball

Aimee Hoffman
Chelsea Harrison
Whitney Pflbsen
Caitlyn Martin
ElleJo Humphries
Janae Langs
Erica Nuyen
Kristen Ellis
Taylor Snyder
Lea Foerster
Gabby Vick
Monica Price

Manager: Dave Harrison
Coach: Joe Humphries
Coach: Mike Hoffman

Junior Baseball

Ryan Shinevare
Kevin Irwin
Ian Ryder
Nick Pressley
Nathan Schutter
Thomas Webb
Tyler Jones
Tyler Fleetwood
Tylor Root
Taylor Rohlfs
Tyler Szatkowski
Alex Schelb

Manager: Jordon Koster
Coach: Marc Cutler

Major Baseball-Nat.

Dale Stoner
Alex McCoy
Jordan Tillman
Andrew Schau
Derek Schneid
Nate Schneider
Gavin Porter
Jacob Webb
Cody Stace
Logan Templeton
Evan Oliver

Manager: Mark Mcoy
Coach: Bob Stoner

Senor Softball

Emily Slade
Kayla Zelenock
Courtney Widup
Kayla Faux
Lyndsay Nuyen
Brook Chase
Megan Austin
Megan McQueen
Samantha Wengert
Katie Christopher
Val Campbell
Shannon Cleveland
Danielle Mitchell
Abby Schubkegel

Manager: Dusty Ruthven
Coach: Tim Widup
Coach: Kurt Zelenock

Did you know???...

Three girls from SPLL played on the Big League softball world series team?

Katie Gilchrist, Dayna Hoopes, and Michelle Webb. Along with manager **Dusty Ruthven** and coach **Tim Dehaan.** We are proud of our SPLL families!

SPLL Scrip Program

	Neighborhood Scrip Volunteers	What's in Stock?																																																																																																																																																			
<p style="text-align: center;">What are scrips?</p> <p>SPLL continues to offer the SCRIP program to raise money for our league. SCRIP is a term that means, "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid gift cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday items, like food, clothing, gasoline, movie rentals and other essentials. With every purchase, you earn revenue for SPLL!</p> <p>We appreciate your support of the scrip program. That is why we return 50% of the profit from your scrip purchases directly to you. Every time you make a scrip purchase, you earn free certificates. Once you've earned \$10.00, you may withdraw your earnings in any gift certificate that SPLL offers.</p> <p>You must make a scrip purchase at least once in two calendar months to keep your free scrip account active. Freebies from inactive accounts are donated back to SPLL.</p> <p>Be sure to think about scrip as your start your HOLIDAY shopping including teachers gifts</p> <p>Please see a neighborhood scrip volunteer to purchase your scrips!!</p>	<p>◆◆◆◆◆</p> <p>Vickie Crowe 10444 Lloy Street 329-1846</p> <p>◆◆◆◆◆</p> <p>Kathy Irwin 2205 W. Osterhout 329-4985</p> <p>◆◆◆◆◆</p> <p>Michelle Shinevare 9706 Corduroy 327-2574</p> <p>◆◆◆◆◆</p> <p>Joni Shore 1607 Trail Ridge 324-6273</p> <p>◆◆◆◆◆</p> <p>LeeAnn West 10691 Abigail Street 327-7258</p> <p>◆◆◆◆◆</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Retailers</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Disc%</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Denominations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3">Grocery Stores:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D&W</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harding's</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Retail Stores:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>American Eagle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barnes & Noble</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$10</td> 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Earn Money for SPLL through Meijer Community Rewards

As a non-profit organization, we are always looking for ways to help fund our organization to keep registration costs down and without putting a large burden on the members of our league. We are enrolled in Meijer Community Rewards program. To participate, apply for a Meijer Guest Card. It's free and can be done online at <http://www.meijer.com/rewards>. When you receive your personal Meijer Guest Card, simply scan it at the register whenever you shop at Meijer. SPLL will automatically receive a percentage of your purchase totals. If you are already enrolled in the Meijer Community Rewards program, be sure to add SPLL as one of your distribution choices. Our SPLL six-digit Meijer code is **509082**.