

Decatur American DYB Participants,

2017 Registration

Attached for your information in preparing for the 2017 Spring Baseball Season is the following document: Dixie Youth Baseball (DYB) American League 2017 Schedule of Events. The 2017 Registration Flyer and Decatur American League Boundary Map may be found in the Downloadable Files Section on our website. Please carefully read over these important documents and especially note the following registration information:

Spring Registration:

On-Line at www.decaturation.com from January 1 - February 1 for ages 4-12 and January 1- March 12 for ages 13-14, as of May 1st, 2017. (The 13-14 age group will be subject to player numbers and coach availability).

Please pay close attention and select the appropriate option for your situation under the Registration tab on the website.

On-Site at Chestnut Grove Elementary School on January 21, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Mandatory Tryouts for Ozone, Minor A, and Minor B at Flint (alternate TBD – will be posted on the League website if applicable):

February 11th and makeup tryouts on February 12th

The spring registration fee will be \$95 for a single player (discounts for multiple players in the same household) plus a \$25 fundraising fee (recovered through fundraiser sale) due at registration for Ozone, Minor A, Minor B, and Tee Ball. The spring registration fees are set to match spring expenses, which include uniforms, umpires, scorekeepers, equipment, baseballs, and insurance among other costs.

Your 2017 Decatur American League Board is as follows:

Dale Carter President

Eric Baxley, Vice President Orange

Bo Gardner ,Vice President Black

Emily Gardner, Secretary

Marty Greenhill, Treasurer
Aaron Sivley, Auxiliary Chairman
Todd Roby, Field Manager
Dexter Troullier, Equipment Manager
Jay Partlow, Assistant Field Manager
Kim Castle, Assistant Equipment Manager
Darren Waldrep, Risk Management Officer
Melissa Carter, Communication Director
TBD, Dixie Boys Commissioner
Tony Hopkins, Player Agent-Ozone
Brian Barnes, Player Agent-Minor A
Chris Vaughn, Player Agent-Minor B
Richie Branum, Player Agent-T-ball

The Decatur American DYB Board member email addresses are available at www.decaturation.com.

Involvement

The mission of the Decatur American DYB League is to teach area youth sportsmanship, teamwork, commitment, how to respond to success and failure, and the game of baseball. Your volunteer board is committed to facilitating that opportunity with the contribution and support of league parents and coaches focused on the same mission. We encourage you to be involved. There are many ways that you can contribute to the success of the league including:

- Coaching or Managing a Team (*Attend the Winter Coach's Meeting for more details. See schedule of events for date*)
- Serving as a Team Parent (*Each team has a team parent who helps organize events for the team. Notify your team Manager*)
- Working the Field Workday (*Maintaining and improving the ballpark takes work. A pre-season Saturday is set aside each year to prepare the ballpark for the season. No special skills required. See schedule of events for date*)

- Sponsoring a Team or a Field or selling a Team or Field Sponsorship *(Please contact the Vice President – Black. Team sponsorships are \$250 and include the sponsor's name on a sign at the park entrance. Field Sponsorships are \$1250 for the 1st Year (sign included) and \$750 for annual renewal. Field Sponsorships include a large color sign over the scoreboard of the sponsored field.)*
- Making a financial contribution or obtaining donations to complete the field improvement project. *(Please contact the League President or Vice President – Black. See details on the project below. The league is a 501c3 organization and donations are tax deductible)*
- Being a role model at the ballpark for the values and behaviors the league seeks to teach the players.

News

There will be a **4 YR Old League** again this year. The 4YR Old League will focus on teaching fundamentals and teamwork. Teams will be small and will play primarily on Saturdays or early timeslots during the week. Registration fees will be \$45 plus a \$25 fundraiser fee (recovered with fundraiser sale). Registration opportunities (on-line and on-site) are the same as the other leagues. Please contact a board member with any questions.

Minor B (7/8 year olds) will continue with coach pitch (instead of machine pitch) again this year. The League changed to coach pitch for our 2015 season, and had positive reviews.

The ballpark improvement projects started several years ago have progressed using the funds raised in the concession stand, the support of the Decatur Parks and Recreation Department, and the generosity of community leaders. Most recently, the new batting cages were completed last spring season. The remaining major items the League would like to see completed are fencing and lighting for the warm up area, but that will require additional funding to complete. The league is seeking to raise additional funds to complete the project. Please contact the League President or Vice President if you would like to contribute as a donor or as a fund raiser.

Consistent with last year, the mandatory Coach's Clinic will be instructed by the Austin High School Baseball Coaches and all volunteers will be subject to a satisfactory background check.

I am excited about the upcoming season and the future of the League. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dale Carter

President-Decatur DYB American League