 **2017 River Falls Youth Baseball Parent Meeting**

**Steve Rivard**- President

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**Ryon Pinnow**- Treasurer

**Monica Weick**- Uniforms and Website/Registration

**Patti Campbell** - Concessions

**Jason Belisle** - Fields

**Melissa Krupa -** Umps

**Registration**

Registration is now open and on our website [www.riverfallsyouthbaseball.org](http://www.riverfallsyouthbaseball.org/)

The registration fee is $300 for 2017.

**Uniforms**

Website Information WWW.CV-SPORTS.COM

 Uniforms password baseball

 Apparel password wildcats

**The deadline to order uniforms is March 11th. Please order by this date in order to receive your uniform by the first game!**

**Pre-Season Clinic**

**River Falls High School**

Ages 10-11 March 21st and 28th 7-9:00 PM

Ages 12-14 March 23rd and 30th 7-9:00 PM

Mandatory for coaches

**Evaluation and Team Placement**

**March 5th River Falls High School 9 AM-6 PM**

**10’s - 9:00-10:30**

**11’s - 10:45-12:15**

**12’s - 1:00-2:30**

**13’s - 2:45 - 4:15**

**14’s - 4:30-6:00**

Independent Evaluators will rate players on:

 Hitting, Pitching, Fielding, Speed

 Will use past year’s coaches evaluation as part of placement process

 Purpose of evaluations

1. Put players in a position to be successful
2. Maximize their opportunity for growth

 **Announcements of teams** - On line

Date: Saturday March 11, by Noon.

Where: RFYBO Website www.riverfallsyouthbaseball.org

The coaches will also contact the players individually after spring break to welcome each player to the team!

**Fundraising**

6 letters personally written by players to request funds for River Falls Youth Baseball

Pick up your packet at the registration table before leaving

return packet with letters at tryouts next weekend – we will be mailing all letters; no postage is required from you!

Buy out: $20 per letter not filled out/addressed

**100 Inning Game**

August 12, 2017 – 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A fun day for players to play baseball!

**Concessions**

Again we are asking parents to write the board a check for $100 which will be returned if parents work their scheduled shifts.

It is our expectation that the concession stand will be open for all league games at the HS. RFYBO will be scheduling workers for these shifts. It will be the responsibility of the assigned person to find a substitute.

We are looking for (2) candidates to help out with concessions duties this year. As in the past, you will be a member of the board & your child’s registration will be waived. Please see me afterward if interested.

**Metro League/Tournaments**

 **Regular Season**:

Age/Levels: A-& B-teams for 10s through 14s. Using information from coaches, we attempt to place teams at appropriate levels.

League: Teams play in the Metro Baseball League (www.mbl.bz). 16 game schedule- 8 home games and 8 away games (May- early July); single elimination playoffs mid-July. Weeknights.

Home Game Locations: 10s, 11s, 14s High School; 12s, 13s Glover Park/Freshman Field. 14s will also have the opportunity to play league games at First National Bank of River Falls Field

Opponents: East Metro (Woodbury, Stillwater, Cottage Grove, Mendota Heights, etc.) and Western WI (Hudson, Baldwin, Menomonie, etc) depending on age/level

Practices: Typically at middle School fields in April; scheduled at coach’s discretion thereafter.

**Tournaments**:

Tournaments are on weekends; 3 to 5 games.

May 13 and14

10AA High School

13AA Glover

 May 20 and 21

10A High School

12A Hoffman

14AA High School & First National Bank Field

14AAA High School & First National Bank Field

June 10 and 11

11A High School

12AA Hoffman

June 17 and 18

11AA High School

 13AAA Hoffman

RFYBO will be scheduling concessions and field workers for the home tournaments. Like last year, it will be the responsibility of the team’s parents to work these shifts. Typically, these shifts are typically 3 hour blocks and all parents will be responsible to take shifts. please coordinate all shift changes with parents on your team. As mentioned previously, if you work your assigned shifts, your $100 check will be destroyed or returned.

It truly is impossible to have a successful tournament without your help!

Away Tournaments: RFYBO will pay for two away tournaments ($700; May-June) for each team plus the MBT state tournament (mid-July) if first or second in a qualifier tournament.

 **Coaching Opportunities**

 Looking for coaching at all levels

**Umpires**

Great life learning experience, good money $30 - $50 per game depending on the age, good on a resume, and you get paid to work baseball games!

Training: tbd

Contact Melissa at rfumpires@gmail.com

**Field Day**

Date: TBD

More information will be provided as to start time and meeting location as we get closer to the date

**Field of Dreams Information**

Open M, Tu, Th, Fri 3-8 (closed Wed), Sat 12-5, Sun (Closed)

Three baseball hitting cages with iron mike pitching machines

fastpitch softball hitting cage

pitching tunnel

two tee areas

hitting & pitching lessons

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**Wrap Up – Steve Rivard**

Review Grievance Procedure:

* “48 Hour No Contact” rule; Allow emotions to cool before further contact.
* Parent & Coach to schedule meeting time; player must be in attendance!
* If parent does not feel issue has been resolved after coach/parent meeting, contact RFYBO board.
* RFYBO will determine course of action.

Parents: Practice good sportsmanship; emphasize effort; Enjoy watching your son play!

Please contact us at wildcat.baseball@riverfallsyouthbaseball.org with any questions

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