



HERE'S THE PITCH DECEMBER 2007

THE OWATONNA YOUTH FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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Are you ready for some 2008 Instructional and Pitcher-Catcher Clinics?? -----Well, Mark Your Calendars.....

Clinics will be held on the following dates at Willow Creek Gym
MONDAYS from 7:00-9:00 pm:
January 7, 14, 28
February 11, 25
March 3

Dear Fastpitch Softball Players,

Hello and Happy Holidays to you. It's that time of year again. OYFSA will be working together to offer two FREE off-season programs at the SAME LOCATION. We hope to assist you in your development as a softball player and to build a strong and successful softball program.

The two programs are the Pitcher/Catcher Clinic and the OYFSA Winter Instructional Clinic (formerly known as Open Gym). All girls in grades 3 through 12 are invited to BOTH CLINICS on Monday nights at Willow Creek Gym just like last year. The Willow Creek Gym is the place to be starting Monday JANUARY 7th at 7:00 pm. Both clinics are open to all players, regardless of age or experience, and we encourage all of you to attend as often as possible. The dates for these programs are listed in this newsletter and we suggest that you cut them out and hang them on your fridge as a reminder. The dates are also on the web site: www.oyfsa.com. We look forward to seeing you at the gym. Any questions please call 451-2355 or email me at raskala@earthlink.net - Ron Skala, OYFSA Instructional Clinic Chair

Registration Reminder

It is not too early to start planning for summer softball registration. The revised registration form is available on the web site. Just download and print out the form. Fill it in and mail to the address on the form along with your player fee. You can also turn in the form at the winter clinics. We are also planning a one day registration session on March 1. Watch the web site for more details as we firm them up.

O.Y.F.S.A. Accomplishments 2007

1. Continued to develop task & duty lists with timetables for all Committees.
2. Assisted with the skills instruction for players in the Park & Rec. softball program.
3. Provided Compensation for Summer Coaches.
4. Secured and paid for Equipment Storage at Gallea Storage.
5. Purchased Insurance Coverage for all OYFSA Teams and Equipment.
6. Maintained and expanded the OYFSA Web Page.
7. Continued to sponsor and support the year-end OHS Awards Banquet.
8. Sponsored a Parents Appreciation day for all High School Teams.
9. Continued to run the very successful spaghetti supper fundraiser at the Elks.
10. Assisted Owatonna Park & Rec. in summer youth Fastpitch program.
11. Donated \$100.00 to O.H.S. Hall of Fame.
12. Helped High School Team with funding for new jackets for Varsity players.
13. Sponsored the annual Skills Clinic.
14. Continued our Instructional Skills Clinic (Open Gym) program at Willow Creek.
15. Continued a pitcher/catcher instructional program last winter.
16. Hosted Class "C 14 & Under State Tournament
17. Hosted a Coaches Appreciation evening.
23. Organized and ran the Annual Husky's Invitational Tournament.
24. Submitted application to Owatonna Foundation for grant to improve Morehouse Park grandstands.

Last Year we had 5 teams playing in 4 age divisions. Let's see if we can field at least six this year. Please contact your friends about joining our program.

Our History: The Owatonna Youth Fastpitch Softball Association (OYFSA) was founded in 1996 to improve upon the local softball program. It initially had only five teams in the age brackets of 18 & under, 16 & under and 14 & under. In 1997, three teams were added to the line-up and including the 12 & under age bracket. The OYFSA now has between 100-120 young women on 8 teams that participate in the Southern Minny League.

Coaches – Assistant Coaches for 2007 Season were:

U18 K of C - Steve Kath, Ron Blakstad,
U16 VFW - Kristi Hiatt, Kristy Mussman,
U14 Legion - John Kuisle, Brian Price,
U12 VFW - Dawn Possehl, Angie Malo, Kevin Rainey,
U12 Legion - Anna Louks, Shelly Thom

THANK YOU!

PLAYER/PARENT ALERT: WATCH FOR THE OYFSA WEBSITE UPDATES.
PLEASE ADD IT TO YOUR FAVORITES: WWW.OYFSA.COM

2007-2008 OYFSA DIRECTORS

Your Hard Work & Dedication is GREATLY Appreciated!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

FAREWELL & THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for all of their dedication and hard work to the Owatonna Youth Fastpitch Softball Association. You will be missed!

Heidi Dinse, Bill Sears, Carolyn Wheeler and Tim Ziemke

THANKS SO MUCH!!

