

Closter Recreation Commission

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Dear Parents:

We hope this message finds everyone well and staying safe and sound.

Below you will find comprehensive details on **2022 Spring T-Ball / Baseball / Softball**.

We would like to emphasize that the number one priority of Closter Recreation, Haworth Recreation, and Demarest Recreation (DAA) is keeping the children and families safe during these unprecedented times. Any programs that run will be conducted following all recommended protocols set forth by the governor's office, local health and OEM offices, and local town officials.

We are planning on running the following programs for K - Gr 8 girls and boys:

- K Tee ball (the number of boys and girls that register will determine if T-ball will be a co-ed program or separate boys' and girls' programs)
- Gr 1 Boys Baseball
- Gr 2 Boys Baseball
- Gr 3/4 Boys Baseball
- Gr 5/6 Boys Baseball
- Gr 7/8 Boys Baseball
- Gr 1/2 Girls Softball
- Gr 3/4 Girls Softball
- Gr 5/6 Girls Softball
- Gr 7/8 Girls Softball

REGISTRATION

Registration will be open on Closter Community Pass for Closter and Haworth residents on 1/24 ~ 3/18, and Demarest Community Pass for Demarest residents on the same dates 1/24 ~ 3/18. **PLEASE take advantage of the early bird rate!!**

Early Bird Registration Fee Mon, 1/24 ~ Sat, 2/26 \$150/child (\$400 Family Max)
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Regular Registration Fee Sun, 2/27 ~ Sat, 3/12 \$200/child (\$500 Family Max)

Late Registration Fee Sun, 3/13 ~ Fri, 3/18 \$250/child (\$600 Family Max)
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DATES

K - Gr 2 programs will not start until late April. (Opening day is Sunday April 25th- more info to follow)

Evaluations (in order to assemble teams) for REC Baseball and Softball teams (Gr 3-8) for boys and girls will take place in mid-March, tentatively STARTING the weekend of 3/19.

Rec Baseball and Softball games for boys and girls will start tentatively the week of April 11th or the 25th, dependent upon the weather. Spring School Break is the week of 4/18.

COACHES

Coaches are needed for all levels of baseball and softball. In order to coach or assist, parents must take a **one-time** (ONLINE) Rutgers Safety Class. PLEASE consider volunteering to help coach your child's team(s). Parents who take the online class will be reimbursed once they submit their Rutgers safety card. (This is one of the only good things to come from the pandemic - that this course can now be taken ONLINE!!!). Information and the link to upcoming Rutgers safety classes can be found on the Closter Rec Website. Only parents that sign up on the community pass system for "coaching" will be considered to coach a team. PLEASE do not send emails that you want to coach - please sign up on the Community Pass registration site.

Travel Baseball Grades 1 through 8

Travel baseball for the more serious baseball player in a competitive baseball league will be offered for children in grades 1 through 8. In order to play TRAVEL baseball, the children must be registered for REC baseball. Only children that are registered for REC Baseball will receive information on travel evaluations/tryouts. Dates for these tryouts are tentatively scheduled for EARLY FEB, so PLEASE register for REC BASEBALL ASAP to receive travel baseball information.

Any questions on any of these programs, please send an email to Jim Oettinger at [closterrecjim@aol.com](mailto:Closterrecjim@aol.com)

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