

STOW YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUES, INC.

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**2009**

Date	Event	Location / Time
January 24	Sign ups	SYB Building basement 10AM - 2PM
January 31	Sign ups	SYB Building 10AM - 2PM
February 7	Sign ups	SYB Building 10AM - 2PM
March 14	F League tryouts	SYB Building basement 4PM – 6PM
March 14	F League tryouts (cont.)	Stow Armory 2PM – 4PM
March 14	G League tryouts	SYB Building basement NOON – 2PM
March 14	G League tryouts (cont.)	Stow Armory 10AM - NOON
March 14	H Maroon tryouts	Stow Armory NOON – 2PM
March 14	H Maroon tryouts (cont.)	SYB Building basement 2PM – 4PM
March 14	B & C Girls tryouts	SYB Building basement 10AM - NOON
March 14	B & C Girls tryout (cont.)	Stow Armory 9AM – 10AM
March 21	Baseball Players Clinic 9am – noon 3-5 grades  1pm – 3pm 6-8 grades	Stow High School gym - \$25 each – Contact John Daymon
March 29	Baseball Coaches Clinic	Stow High School 10AM – 1PM
APRIL 1	PRACTICES BEGIN	TBD
April 5	Softball Coaches Clinic	Stow High School 1PM – 3PM
April 19	Softball Players Clinic  1pm – 4pm	Stow High School – \$20 each Contact Doug Hawkins
April 19	Field Day – Baseball teams	See field assignments 1PM
April 26	Field Day – Softball teams	See field assignments 1PM
MAY 1-4	GAMES BEGIN	Schedules out in mid-April
May 9	Picture Day	SYB Building time and details to follow
June 12	Night at the Racers	SYB Building – 6:30PM
July 2	Softball Leagues All-Star Games	Stow High School and SYB Fields
End June or Early July	Baseball Leagues All-Star Games	Silver Springs Fields
June 26-28	Softball End-of-Season Tournament	Stow fields
July 11 - 19	Hot Stove Baseball Tournaments	TBD

Practices on the ballfields for baseball and softball begin **April 1**. Coaches may decide to practice in batting cages or other facilities at their preference and expense. Scheduled practices on the ballfields end early May once games begin. During the scheduled games, managers may hold practices at the ballfields providing teams do not show up for games – if a game is scheduled on the field, the practicing manager must relocate.

Teams are not permitted to practice on the Stow High School ballfields unless you are given permission by SYBS executive vice-president or Stow High School Athletic Department.

Games begin in **early May** and continue into **early-July**.

Baseball (at Silver Springs fields) and Softball (at Stow High and SYBS fields) will hold an all-star game for all age groups except D and E in **late June/early July**.

Baseball leagues H maroon, G, and F have an Ohio Hot Stove tournament **July 11, 12, 18, 19**.

Softball leagues A, B, and C will have an end-of-season tournament from **June 26 – 28**.

Fall season is mid-August to beginning of October – signups in mid-July. Visit website for more information.

Our website, [www.stowyouthbb.org](http://www.stowyouthbb.org), contains much information for parents and players. Visit frequently to keep updated with the leagues and organization. The game schedules and field locations are included on the website.

**BASEBALL ONLY – NEW FOR 2009 - RECOMMENDED MAXIMUM PITCH COUNT PER DAY**

7-8 years old 50 Pitches Per Day

9-10 years old 65 Pitches Per Day

11-12 years old 75 Pitches Per Day

13-14 years old 85 Pitches Per Day

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND:**

SYBS offers to both a male and a female graduating senior a \$1,000 scholarship for their first year of college.

Applications may be found in the Guidance Office at Stow High School, on the Stow High School website, at SYB hall or

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on SYBS website. All applications are reviewed and the 2 winners, one male and one female, are picked. The only qualification is that the applicant be part of SYBS for at least two years. Applications are due to SYBS by April 30, 2009.

**T-BALL and COACH PITCH:**

In partnership with Stow Parks & Recreation Department, we offer t-ball and coach pitch for boys and girls ages 4 to 6. Three sessions are offered – one in May/June, one in July/August, and one in September/October. Cost is \$50 per session. Each session will have signups a month prior to its start date – keep tuned into our website, [www.stowyouthbb.org](http://www.stowyouthbb.org), Stow Sentry, and the Stow Parks & Recreation website for further details.

**TRAVEL TEAMS UPDATE:**

SYBS has a softball travel team in each age group of B, C, and D. They currently participate in the CVEL league and play weekend tournaments. Tryouts for the 2009 teams were held in August/September 2008. You can find their schedules on our website as the 2009 season approaches. For questions, contact Brian Lynner.

SYBS has a travel baseball team in each age group of 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, and 14U. They currently participate in the SSBL league and play weekend tournaments. Tryouts for the 2009 teams were held in August/September 2008. You can find their schedules on our website as the 2009 season approaches. For questions, contact Rich Moncheck.

**SOFTBALL I LEAGUE FOR 7 AND 8 YEARS OLD GIRLS**

This league is structured to help the girls learn the basic skills of fast-pitch softball. Coaches pitch to the girls for part of the season and help them learn how to move around the softball field for both offense and defense.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL EQUIPMENT:**

In the girls program, shirts with the sponsor's name or logo, shorts, and socks are provided to the girls participating, which they get to keep. Hats are not supplied, since in the past most girls did not wear them. If a team decides to wear hats they can be purchased through the equipment manager, Mike Huff, at the parents' expense. **If at any time during the season, repair or replacement of equipment is needed, contact Mike Huff at 330-688-6489.**

Since we are now providing the girls with shorts, the grey baseball pants are still available if managers wish to have them for their players instead of the shorts.

Sliding shorts can be purchased at a local sporting goods store at the parent's expense.

**SOFTBALL BATTING HELMETS:**

All youth softball players must wear helmets that have a face guard and a chinstrap attached in order to bat and be a base runner on the field.

If you wish to purchase a batting helmet for your daughter to use as her own, it must have a face guard and chin strap on it. You may also want to consider getting one with adjustable clasps to adjust for the proper size and fit.

**SOFTBALL BATS:**

Softball bats must contain one of the three items listed: **“fastpitch softball” or “NSA approved logo stamp” or “ASA approved logo stamp”**. The item must be legible - if it isn't, the bat cannot be used.

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**BASEBALL BAT RESTRICTIONS:**

H Maroon and G leagues will have baseball bat restrictions as follows: metal baseball bats that are a maximum diameter of 2 ¾ inches and a maximum of -8.5 using length to weight ratio. (Example: 30 inch bat must weigh at least 21.5 ounces).

F league – metal baseball bats - *for SYBS league play only*: 2 ¾ inches maximum diameter and difference between weight (in ounces) and length (in inches) cannot be greater than five (5). (Example: 32” bat must weigh at least 27 ounces). For any **Hot Stove Tournaments**, the difference cannot be greater than three (3). (Example: 32” bat must weigh at least 29 ounces).

E league – metal baseball bats that have a 2 5/8 inches maximum diameter and the difference between the bat ounce weight and length in inches cannot be greater than 3 (three). (Example: 32 inch bat must weigh at least 29 ounces).

**BOYS EQUIPMENT:**

Each year in the baseball program, SYBS purchases hats, with the sponsor’s name or logo, MLB replica jersey, and socks for each child participating in the program. At the end of the season, the boys get to keep the hat, MLB replica jersey, and socks. The uniform pants provided must be returned at the end of the season. Each year we have several hundred dollars of unreturned uniforms. **If at any time during the season, repair or replacement of equipment is needed, contact Mike Huff 330-688-6489.**

**SIGN-UP GUIDELINES:**

SYBS holds its spring/summer season sign-ups for baseball and softball the last two (2) Saturdays in January and the first (1) Saturday in February. For ages 7 to 18. Only individual sign-ups are taken. Late sign-ups are taken until the end of March – a late fee will be charged and the child will be placed, as space exists, on the teams.

SYBS holds its fall season sign-ups for baseball and softball in mid to late July. For ages 9 to 14. Team sign-ups are taken and the leagues are filled on a first-come, first-paid basis. Individual sign-ups will be taken to help registered teams complete their rosters. There is no guarantee that all individual players who sign-up will be placed on a team.

SYBS offers 3 sessions during the year for t-ball and coach pitch in partnership with the Stow Parks and Recreation Department. These two programs serve boys and girls ages 4 to 6. Visit our website for further details.

Please keep an eye on our website and the Stow Sentry for details as the sign-up times approach.

**LEAGUE AGES:**

To determine what league your child will play in, use the age your child will be on May 31, 2009 for boys and January 1, 2009 for girls. If the league is a tryout league, every child will be placed on a team during the draft process.

H Gold Boys	7 & 8 years old	I League Girls	7 & 8 years old
H Maroon Boys	9 & 10 years old	A League Girls	9 & 10 years old
G League Boys	11 & 12 years old	B League Girls	12 years old and younger
F League Boys	13 & 14 years old	C League Girls	14 years old and younger
E League Boys	15 to 18 years old	D League Girls	18 years old and younger

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**Notes about tryouts / Teams:**

The Stow Armory will be used for fielding/throwing tryouts and the SYBS basement for hitting tryouts.

**Boys**

E League - tryout dates to be announced later – all boys trying out will be selected to a team

F League - All boys trying out will be selected to a team

G League - All boys trying out will be selected to a team

H Maroon- All boys trying out will be selected to a team

H Gold – Managers do not select their team; the SYBS VP puts the teams together.

**Girls**

I League – Managers do not select their team, the SYBS VP puts the teams together

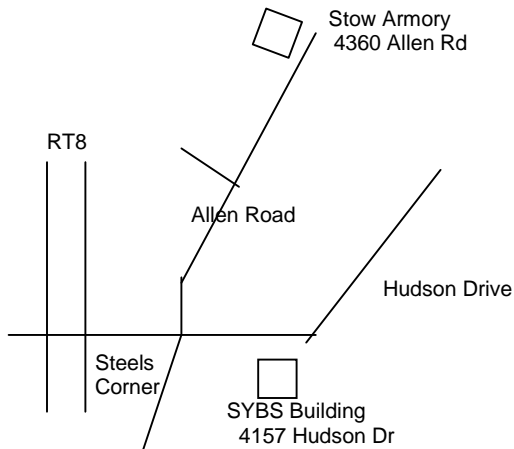
A League – Managers do not select their team; the SYBS VP puts the teams together

B League – All girls trying out will be selected to a team

C League – All girls trying out will be selected to a team

D League – tryout dates to be announced later - All girls trying out will be selected to a team

**See page 1 of this newsletter for tryout dates:** This year tryouts will be the same time frame and format as last year and totally indoors at SYBS building on Hudson Drive and at the Stow Armory on Allen Road (so the weather outside is not a factor).



**REFUND POLICY:**

If your child decides not to play baseball, softball, t-ball, or coach pitch between signup dates and April 30, 2009, you may request a refund in **WRITING**. Please include the child's name, league signed up for, date of birth, reason for refund, person to make the check payable to, and the address to send the check to. To be valid, this request must be submitted in writing via email or mail by the child's parent or legal guardian to the SYBS Treasurer (will not be accepted if comes via the coach). All refund requests are approved or denied by the SYBS Board.

**ECHO HILLS PARKING:** IF YOU PARK IN THE APARTMENT BUILDING PARKING LOTS BY FIELD 2 (THE BACK FIELD), THE APARTMENT COMPLEX HAS THE RIGHT TO TOW YOUR CAR. YOU MUST PARK ON THE ALLOWABLE STREETS OR IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

**SYBS Field #3 PARKING :** The parking for Field #3 is behind the Pump-It-Up building. You must use the Pump-It-Up driveway and park in the paved lot behind building when your child has a game on SYBS Field #3. The batting cage area and the main parking lots at SYBS are to be used for games played on Fields #1 and #2.

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**UMPIRES:**

The search is on for young men and women interested in umpiring during the baseball and softball season, adults are welcome. *Qualifications are:* be at least 15 years of age before September 1, responsible, and a love of the game. Play experience and knowledge of the game is preferred. Compensation ranges from \$25 to \$30 per game. Applications will be available during registration on 1/24, 1/31, and 2/7 or by calling the SYBS building at 330-920-8536. Training seminars will be scheduled in April and May 2009.

**END of Spring/Summer Season:**

In late June or early July, there is a baseball All-Star night on a Friday at Silver Springs. Each league creates 2 All-Star teams from all the players in its league and the 2 teams play each other.

In late June or early July, there is a softball All-Star night on a Saturday at Silver Springs, Stow High School or SYBS fields. Each league creates 2 All-Star teams from all the players in its league and the 2 teams play each other.

In mid July, each baseball team in H-Maroon, G and F leagues attend an end of season tournament through Ohio Hot Stove. This tournament is the district (July 11, 12, 18, and 19) and the winners of each age group will move onto the regional (July 25 – 26). The winners of the regional will go onto the State finals (August 1 – 2). See the Ohio Hot Stove website for further information on these tournaments [www.ohsbl.com](http://www.ohsbl.com).

In late June, each softball team in A, B, and C leagues participate in an end of season tournament in Stow. The 2009 tournament is scheduled for June 26 – 28.

**FUND RAISERS:**

SYBS Board of Directors has opted again this year to have 2 fundraisers because we understand that each organization your children are involved with relies on them. The 2 fundraisers are: (1) a Night at the Racers on June 12, 2009 and (2) the raffle at sign-ups. The raffle usually consists of a baseball glove, a bat, and some gift certificates. The Night at the Racers is a fun filled evening for ADULTS only at the SYBS Building Hall, where for \$20.00 per person you get beverages, munchies, buffet dinner and the excitement of a night of betting on harness horse races (videotaped). This is a great way to have fun and support SYBS. Ticket information will follow at a later date or contact your League VP.

SYBS operates **BINGO** on Monday and Tuesday nights at the SYBS building (play begins at 6:30pm). All **BINGO** events are run by volunteers. SYBS gets all the proceeds from these games. With these proceeds, we have been able to replace some old baseball and softball equipment each year, partner with Stow Parks and Recreation and Stow-Munroe Falls Schools to improve/update our school playing fields, perform annual maintenance on these playing fields, keep the registration fees relatively constant, and to maintain the ball fields and batting cages at the SYBS building as well as the SYBS building itself. See our website at [www.stowyouthbb.org](http://www.stowyouthbb.org) for more information.

**BATTING CAGES:**

Remember that SYBS has 3 batting cages in the basement, available for use for baseball or softball. The rate for the cages is \$20 per hour (all 3 cages) for SYBS teams and \$45 per hour for all other community teams. If your team doesn't pay at cage use time, you may not be allowed to use the cages in the future.

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To schedule a time for your team, call Leo Kline at 330-928-2625. If you leave a message for batting cage time at the SYBS hall phone number Leo may not get it for a few days, so your best chance is to call him at 330-928-2625 or speak to him in person. Individual times at the cages are available by appointment at a cost of \$5 per 15 minutes by calling Leo Kline at 330-928-2625.

While you are using the batting cages, it is the managers' and coaches' responsibility to make sure all children batting in the cages are wearing a helmet, no bats are swung outside of the cages, no baseballs or softballs or any other items are thrown outside the cages, and that no property of SYBS or the building itself is destroyed. In past years, we had items broken because coaches were not abiding by the rules – please keep your players and spectators under control and following the rules or you may not be allowed to use the cages in the future.

If you are caught breaking any of the batting cage rules, YOUR TEAM will be asked to leave and may not be allowed to return.

### **CHARACTER COUNTS™:**

The Board of Stow Youth Baseball and Softball has adopted the concepts and fundamentals of Character Counts™. The Stow Munroe Falls Schools have also adopted this concept. This concept strives to teach the children trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

For more information on Character Counts, see their website at [www.charactercounts.org/sports](http://www.charactercounts.org/sports).

All of our managers and coaches listed on the team rosters must sign a statement each year committing to abide by these concepts and a few other “code of ethics” that we feel is important.

### **CODE OF ETHICS:**

1. The welfare of the players is of prime importance at all times.
2. See that no player, umpire, or coach is ever mistreated either physically or verbally.
3. Each team will be responsible for keeping order on their side of the baseball/softball field.
4. Keep all team personnel within the team area at all times.
5. Each person connected with the team will be responsible for the proper conduct of said team and see that all Association Rules are conformed with.
6. No person shall use tobacco (chew/smoke) or alcohol or drugs on the practice or playing field during practices, scrimmages, or games.

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

*SYBS would like to thank the many volunteers who help to operate the SYBS program each year. When you have a program as large as SYBS, 85+ teams and over 1,100 participants, it takes a lot of volunteer effort. We know improvements can be made and are always looking for input and help. We also need help with field maintenance.*

The Board is performing non-financial background checks on the team managers and assistant coaches listed on each team roster that is turned into SYBS.

### **SYBS MEETINGS:**

The Board of SYBS meets every first and third Monday of the month. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the SYBS building except for during the spring/summer and fall baseball/softball seasons when the meetings start

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at 8:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public at the beginning to discuss any concerns of parents, coaches, umpires, or players. If you have any questions concerning a meeting, call 330-920-8536 or visit our website.

A complete listing of SYBS Board members and their contact information can be found on our website.

**FIELDS:**

Rain and mild temperatures or very hot temperatures can have a drastic effect on the playing condition of the ballfields. We continue to add infield mix to each baseball and softball field annually as needed. We provide drags at each of the fields for dragging the infields. We have provided field boxes at each of the fields, as long as the coaches can remember to lock the boxes, we will keep supplies in them to help them get the fields ready. We added field setup (pitching rubber, home plate and bases are set and the foul lines drawn and the softball pitching circle) for 2006 and plan to continue into the future. We have some volunteers who drag the fields; any help that we can get for this task will allow for the fields to be drug on a more regular basis and allow each one to be done more than once a week. To help out with dragging the fields, please contact Leo Kline at 330-920-8536.

The City of Stow and SYBS work together to maintain the 2 fields at Forestbrook and to coordinate the use of these 2 fields.

We also work with the Stow Parks and Recreation Department for use of the fields at Silver Springs. The Stow Parks Department takes care of all the maintenance at the Silver Springs fields.

SYBS cooperates with the Stow-Munroe Falls School Board and Athletic Department for the use of the elementary, junior high and high school fields. The School Board is responsible for mowing the grass and SYBS maintains the benches, fencing and infields at the elementary and junior high schools. The high school fields are maintained by the Athletic Department with some help from SYBS as needed. Since the school fields are open to the public, SYBS has little control over the day-to-day conditions, but we try to get them ready for play as much as possible. This arrangement presents many challenges since there are restrictions as to when and what SYBS is allowed to do on school property.

Our future plans are to continue to keep the baseball and softball fields in good condition, but to do this we also need help from the community, coaches, and parents. Please let us know if you see anyone vandalize the fields or if something needs repaired.

**We have scheduled a fieldwork day for Sunday, April 19, 2009** for baseball teams and **Sunday, April 26, 2009** for softball teams at the assigned fields listed below between 1pm – 5pm. We need as many volunteers as we can get; let's start the season with the fields looking great. Bring rakes, shovels and weed whackers. It only takes a few hours of your time. When additional workdays are required your team manager will notify you of the dates and times. Also let's hope that we have a dry start to the season so the initial field work can be completed prior to the start of games in May.

**Listed below are the field day assignments:**

Woodland	Girls I	ForestBrook	F League
Indian Trail	Girls A	Kimpton 1	G League
Kimpton 2	Girls B	Riverview	H Maroon
Fishcreek	Girls C	Echo Hills 1 & 2	H Gold

**SPONSORS:**

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Every year SYBS looks for sponsors to assist us in funding the program. For their sponsorship, the local business receives a picture of the team mounted on a plaque for them to display, their company name and logo on the boys' hats or the girls' shirts, and their name listed in the Stow Sentry and our web page. In addition, the sponsor of the winning team in each league receives a trophy. The cost to sponsor a team is \$250 and is tax deductible. We are always looking for new sponsors – contact Carmen at 330-677-8026 for further information.

If you have an opportunity to patronize our sponsors, PLEASE let them know you appreciate their involvement in our youth.

1 EDI Source Inc.	Perma Construction Co.
Action Superabrasive	Perrin Asphalt (2 teams)
Arby's of Stow/Hudson	Pony Express Pizza Inc.
Blizzard Trophy (2 teams)	(Stow) Quality Dry Cleaners
Buckeye Car Wash	R. P. Martin LPA
Dairy Queen-Fishcreek Rd	Ron Marhofer
Damon's Grill	Saturn of Chapel Hill
Davey Tree Expert Co.	SGS Tool
Davis Eye Center	Sons of American Legion #175
Diamond Title	Spitzer Ford
Dick's Sporting Goods (2 teams)	Sto-Kent Family Entertainment
Eddy's Bike Shop	Stow Big Boy
Giant Eagle (2 teams)	Stow Cone
Handel's Ice Cream	Stow Dental Group (2 teams)
HighPoint Lawn Service (2 teams)	Stow FOP Lodge #82
Lancaster Bingo	Stow Munroe Falls Lions Club (2 teams)
Lehner Manufacturing	Stow Sports
Lexi Comp	Superior Bingo Supplies
Kid's Country - Stow	Summit Tree
Marhofer Chevrolet Geo	Thompson Electric
The Mower Shop	TTR Shipping
Pat's Computer Rescue Service	Vizualization Photography
	Wing Warehouse

**SYBS BOARD MEMBERS:**

Contact information can be found at our website [www.stowyouthbb.org](http://www.stowyouthbb.org)

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Brian Lynner	B League Girls VP
Angela Valli	C League Girls VP
<b>OPEN</b>	D League Girls VP
Jim Szemenyei	H Gold Boys VP
Pete Wagner	H Maroon Boys VP
Maurice Iovine	G League Boys VP
Tony Ferrari	F League Boys VP
<b>OPEN</b>	E. League Boys VP
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