

LYNX TRACKS



THE EARLY DAYS

A Turn Back in Time

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Oley Valley Youth League was founded in 1962, when several Oley Valley families came together and personally backed a loan to bring OVYL into existence. In the true spirit of volunteerism - a cornerstone of the Oley Valley and one of the qualities that makes the community so exceptional - families would gather on weekends, hauling their own garden tractors and equipment to mow, maintain, and improve the fields and

grounds, often followed by a picnic. To this day, OVYL is run entirely by a volunteer Board of Directors who dedicate countless hours, sweat equity, and passion to continuing a tradition of excellence in the Oley Valley. OVYL receives no federal, state, or local funding and exists solely through the commitment of volunteers, registration fees, and the generosity of local families and small businesses.



OVYL is about far more than youth athletics. It is about preserving a legacy - planting seeds early and nurturing them into a lifelong tradition of volunteerism, community involvement, strong moral and ethical character, leadership, and what it truly means to be a good teammate.

Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament 🏀



Over the past two weekends, OVYL proudly hosted both the girls' and boys' basketball tournaments at the elementary and middle school gyms. Teams from surrounding schools joined us for a full slate of competitive and spirited games. 52 to be exact. This event would not have been possible without the tremendous support of our families. . A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all parents who donated items & volunteered their time.



New Partnership Brews ☕

OVYL is pleased to announce a new partnership with Sweeties Back Porch Café, offering a selection of YL-inspired beverages throughout the month of February. Guests are invited to stop by and enjoy specialty offerings such as the Blue Raspberry Refresher, Blueberry Matcha, and Blueberry Latte.

Additional details and drink highlights will be shared on our Facebook page during the month. When visiting the café, please remember to mention OVYL at checkout to show your support.



OVYL Players of the Month 🌟🏆



Name: Addy Rettew

Something Surprising: "I am not a picky eater, but I don't like cheese or burgers. EWW!"

Favorite Warm Up Song: Kendrick Lamar & SZA- All the Stars

Best Advice: Don't be afraid of making mistakes. Remember your goals and dreams and keep going.



Name: Kaiden Johnson

Something Surprising: "I play the baritone horn, and I like to collect basketball shoes.

Favorite Warm Up Song: DJ Khaled- All I do is win.

Best Advice: "Finish what you start."
- Coach Kyle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Health & Wellness Night Feb 12 6:30- 8PM
- Baseball Registration ends Feb 15
- Softball Registration ends March 1st
- Baseball Open Gyms begin Feb 13 & 20
- End of Season Basketball Parties Feb 21
- Clean-up Day & Play it Forward Event March 14
- Softball Pitching Clinic Feb 15
- Baseball Skills Evaluation Feb 22
- Spring Opening Day & Pictures April 18

Play It Forward: Giving Gear a Second Life

The Youth League is hosting a “Play It Forward” event. A simple way for families to pass along lightly used sports equipment to others in our organization. If you have gear that’s been outgrown but still has plenty of life left, this is the perfect chance to put it back in play. Donated items will be collected and sorted, and then set out to pick from on Spring Clean-up Day. Donations will be collected at the OVES beginning Feb 9- March 6th.

Senior Scholarship is OPEN

OVYL
OLEY VALLEY YOUTH LEAGUE
SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP
Investing in Our Future • Supporting Our Seniors

APPLY NOW FOR THE 2026 OVYL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP!

- ✔ Commitment to Community
- ✔ Leadership Through Service
- ✔ Passion for Youth Development
- ✔ Positive Impact in Oley Valley

WHO CAN APPLY?
OLEY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

APPLICATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

Proudly Supporting the Class of 2026!

“It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up.” — Babe Ruth

Rewind: Youth League Photo Highlights



5/6 Grade Girls at Tournament with Coach Travis Beiber



U9 Boys Tournament at Brandywine



4th Grade Girls Basketball Team



YL Players at the Father Daughter Dance

Save the Date: FH Clinic with Phia Gladieux

The Youth League Field Hockey program is hosting a training clinic on April 4th with OVYL Alumni, Sophia Gladieux. More details and registration will be announced later this month.

Join the Team: Open Board Position

The Youth League is seeking a motivated and organized individual to serve as our Concessions Coordinator. This role is essential to creating a smooth, welcoming game-day experience for families and players. Responsibilities include managing inventory, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring the concession stand is fully prepared throughout the season. If you enjoy working with the community and keeping operations running efficiently, we'd love to hear from you. If you are interested, please contact Lauren for more information OV.concessions@gmail.com

Youth League set to Host a Volleyball Skills Clinic

The Youth League is teaming up with our volleyball youth teams to offer three skill-based clinics in the coming weeks. These sessions will give players a chance to build fundamentals, learn new techniques, and enjoy time on the court with teammates and coaches. It's a great way for athletes to grow their confidence and stay connected as the season approaches. Details and registration will be available soon — be on the lookout for updates.