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Bonny Eagle Little League Newsletter

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PLAY BALL! 2024 registration is now OPEN!



The Bonny Eagle Little League registration is ready for you to sign up your players! You can Sign up by clicking [THIS LINK](#). **Registration will be closing on March 7.** *We must get uniforms ordered promptly so late registrants will not be permitted!* Families with TWO or more children to register will receive a 20% discount off of their registration fee. Minors and majors players who wish to participate in spring training, evaluations, and pitching clinics must be registered!



SPONSOR OUR LEAGUE!

Thank you to our local businesses who have supported our league over the years!! We are now looking to get our sponsors for the 2024 campaign, so spread the word. More information will be coming soon!!



CALLING ALL COACHES---NEW VOLUNTEER FORM REQUIRED



If you've coached in the past, or want to get involved, there is a new background check form that must be filled out. This is for anyone looking to be a head coach or an assistant coach. Additionally, parents who are going to be practice helpers need to fill this out before the season. All minors (AA, AAA) and majors coaches should plan on attending evaluations--more info below. If you're interested in coaching, please email the league with subject line "Volunteer/Coach", and we will email you the link to the form that **must be** filled out and submitted.

WE NEED UMPIRES!!

One of the most important needs of our league is umpires. We need volunteer umpires at the AAA and majors baseball and softball for the upcoming season. Our umpire in chief, Nick Pinkham, has very few people on his list. If you attend an umpire clinic and complete 5 games, we will reimburse your child's registration fee! If you have questions, send us a message at bonnyeaglelittleleague@gmail.com and Nick will be in touch.



OPENING CEREMONY 2024

The third annual Opening Ceremony, at the Bonny Eagle Stadium, is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at 9:30 AM. This is a fun and exciting way to kick off our Bonny Eagle Little League season with a community event that recognizes all our players and volunteers!



SOFTBALL PITCHING CLINICS with JULIE ARE BACK!



Coach Julie Roy will be running softball pitching clinics for our girls who are interested in putting in the work!! The dates are as follows: **Mondays: March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8 from 7:00-8:00 ON at BEMS.** There will be a limit of the amount of pitchers per session. In order to keep the numbers low for the

best instruction possible, players may be scheduled for particular dates– interested families will be emailed in mid March. This will be FREE to registered little league softball players ages 9 and up.

Please email EJ at regan1279@gmail.com to register.

CONCESSION STAND SUPPORT

SUPERVISORS WANTED, EACH TEAM WILL BE HELPING

During this season, our teams' coaches will be assigned one game to supply parent volunteers from their team to work the concession stands as the season progresses. This will be a fairly easy process as we will have a Signup Genius for people to use to commit. Each team will be assigned one night to supply parents to work and support our concession stands. Our board will be working diligently to schedule practices and games around this commitment, and will have more info soon.

If you'd like to serve as a concession stand supervisor (open it, close it, cook), please reach out to the board!!

Little League Diamond Leader Training for coaches

Focused on ensuring children have a positive, well-rounded experience on and off the field, the Little League® Diamond Leader Training Program is a FREE educational resource that provides coaches with an understanding of the impact that mental, social, and emotional well-being has in youth sports through detailed information, interactive scenarios, and a variety of additional resources.

Through this course, which navigates Little League volunteers through real-life scenarios that are being faced in local leagues all around the world each year, coaches will have a better understanding of the impact they have on their players, both on and off the field. [CLICK HERE TO GET STARTED!](#)

Evaluations to be held at the University of Southern Maine's Fieldhouse

We are excited to announce that our season evaluations will be held in February and March at the USM Fieldhouse in Gorham. This very large space will provide our coaches a great opportunity to evaluate our players to help us form this season's teams. Dates and times are as follows. MORE INFO COMING SOON regarding what dates and times will be designated for baseball, softball and specific age groups. Coaches, please stay tuned for details and plan to attend!

FEBRUARY	MARCH
Friday the 23rd, 6:00-8:00 PM	Friday the 8th, 5:00-7:00 PM
Saturday the 24th, 4:00-6:00 PM	Saturday the 9th, 8:00-10:00 AM
Sunday the 25th, 1:00-3:00 PM	Sunday the 10th, 12:00-2:00 PM

CHANGES TO OUR LEAGUE'S FORMAT

THIS INFO WAS EMAILED ON JANUARY 4

We do have some exciting changes to the format of our league that are VERY IMPORTANT for everyone to hear! Players will now be placed on teams more closely grouped together within their age groups. This will more closely align us with many other towns in our District, while at the same time allowing for more competitive games between players of similar age and skill sets at each level.

Baseball and Softball new division structure:

- Ages 4-5: Co-Ed T-ball (same as prior years)
- Ages 6-7: Coach Pitch – separate baseball & softball teams
- Ages 8-9: Double-A (AA) - separate baseball & softball teams
 - combo of player & coach pitch
 - develops this age group to get ready for the next level
- Ages 9-10: Triple-A (AAA)
 - will enable the highly skilled 9 or 10 year-olds to thrive and stand out amongst their peers (vs being often overmatched at the Majors level), while challenging and motivating other players of the same age to develop themselves to the next level
- Ages 11-12: Majors
 - 9's who were in Majors last year (league age 10 in '24) are 'grandfathered' and remain in Majors this year
- Evaluations will be held at the USM Field House (stay tuned for these dates and sign-ups to be announced)
 - ages 9-12 only (11's that were not in majors last year)
 - players who were in Majors last year do not attend evals
 - draft will be held to select AAA and Majors teams
 - any 9 year-olds who don't make AAA will be placed on a team in the AA Division

SEASON COMMITMENT: WHAT TO EXPECT

The chart below will give an idea of what your child's weekly schedule will look like during the season. The practice and game schedule will be released by early April. **Please take note of the Little League International League Age Charts for baseball and softball on the next page.** League age birthdays are slightly different for softball and baseball.

<u>LEVEL/AGE</u>	<u>EXPECTED WEEKLY TIME</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
TEE BALL (league ages 4-6*)	One week day practice, one Saturday morning game	Mid April- Early June
COACH PITCH (league ages 6-8*)	1-2 weekly practices, 1-2 game(s) a week	Mid April- Early June
MINORS (AA and AAA) (league ages 8-10*)	1-2 weekly practices, 2-3 game(s) a week	A few dates in March, then early April-early June
MAJORS (league ages 11-12*)	1-2 weekly practices, 2-3 games a week	A few dates in March, then early April-early June
ALL STARS MAJORS and MINORS (league ages 9-12)	3-4 weekly practices, possible scrimmages, regional district tourney done by early July, state tourney by mid July	Late May-potentially late July or maybe into August!

*The ages above are guidelines based on recommended league age for each level. Please see the information in the newsletter (above) about evaluations.

2024 Little League® Age Chart



Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

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2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	5
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	6
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	7
2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	8
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	9
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	10
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	11
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	12
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	13
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	14
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	15
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NOTE: This age chart is for SOFTBALL DIVISIONS ONLY, and only for 2024.

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BONNY EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

Congrats to the class of 2023 winners, Allie Doughty and Ben Savage

The Bonny Eagle Little League board is once again awarding TWO \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors at BEHS. These will be eligible for seniors who participated in little league. Whereas Bonny Eagle Little League was formed in 2021 by combining the MSAD 6 little leagues, the seniors who played in these pre-2021 leagues are encouraged to apply. If you know a graduating senior, let them know! More information will be available soon on our leagues website.

2024 State of Maine Umpire Clinic

If you're interested in volunteering to umpire this season, the 29th Annual State O' Maine Little League Umpire Clinic will be held on **in March, [follow their Facebook page to see the date that will be released soon!](#)** They are usually held at Windham High School (406 Gray Rd, Windham ME). Bonny Eagle Little League's board will reimburse any one who attends and umps for us this season!

KEY DATES

Friday, February 23	USM Field House, Evaluations, 6:00--8:00 PM
Saturday, February 24	USM Field House, Evaluations, 4:00--6:00 PM
Sunday, February 25	USM Field House, Evaluations, 1:00--3:00 PM
Friday, March 1	Sponsorship deadline
Thursday, March 7	Player registration deadline
Friday, March 8	USM Field House, Evaluations, 5:00--7:00 PM
Saturday, March 9	USM Field House, Evaluations, 8:00--10:00 AM
Sunday, March 10	USM Field House, Evaluations, 12:00--2:00 PM
Last week of March, first week of April	Indoor practice time for majors and minors (AAA, AA) at BEMS, George E Jack and Edna Libby--schedule will be distributed to coaches in March
Monday, March 18	Softball pitching clinic with Julie Roy, BEMS, 7:00-8:00 PM
Monday, March 25	Softball pitching clinic with Julie Roy, BEMS, 7:00-8:00 PM
Monday, April 1	Softball pitching clinic with Julie Roy, BEMS, 7:00-8:00 PM
Monday, April 8	Softball pitching clinic with Julie Roy, BEMS, 7:00-8:00 PM
Second week of April	First outdoor practices
April 14 or 20	Field Cleanup Day
Week of April 22	First games!!
Saturday, April 27	Opening Ceremony at BEHS, 10:00 am
Second week of June	Playoffs for majors and minors teams

Thank you for the 2023 season!

Once again, thank you to our community for a memorable and fun THIRD YEAR of our Bonny Eagle Little League. Our players, our volunteers, our sponsors, our parents, the high school and middle school programs, and everyone else who is a part of our league represented our communities with BE PRIDE! This league wouldn't be possible without our amazing community!! We're on to 2024!



2024 Bonny Eagle Little League Board

President: Tom Peters	Treasurer: Nicole Hildings
VP of Upper Baseball Divisions (Majors, AAA, AA): Mike Fries	VP of Lower Baseball Divisions (Coach Pitch and tee ball): Brandon Poulin
Player Agent: Sean Smith	Secretary: Audra Gerrish
Umpire in Chief: Nick Pinkham	VP of Softball: Lindsay Atkinson
I.T. Coordinator: Derek Curtis	Facilities Maintenance: George Kelting
Fundraising Coordinator: Marissa Cutter	Opening Ceremony Coordinator: EJ Regan
Safety Officer: Corey Hamilton	Concessions: HELP WANTED!!
At-large members: Kari Ellsworth Brian Goriss Anna Moskey Michelle Havu	Looking to join or help the board? We are retaining "at-large" members now! These folks will help with committee work (uniforms, scheduling, evaluations, etc) and lend a hand where they can! Email us at the address below if you're interested!

Contact Us

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Our Mission

In accordance with Little League International, Bonny Eagle Little League seeks to assist "children in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being" through proper guidance and exemplary leadership. "By espousing the virtues of character, courage and loyalty, the Little League Baseball and Softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes."

Source: www.littleleague.org/learn/about/historyandmission/mission.htm

Thanks for reading!

The Bonny Eagle Little League board is going to use this newsletter and future editions to send important information you need during the upcoming season. Thanks for your interest!