



Jackson Hole Youth Baseball Cal Ripken Division
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Dear Baseball Parent:

Attached you will find a **2011** application for the Jackson Hole Youth Cal Ripken Baseball league for 7-12 year old boys and girls. Please take a moment to complete this application in its entirety and turn it in as soon as possible.

All players will be placed on a team regardless of their ability. The objective of the league is for kids to learn about and play baseball and we expect all players, parents and spectators to maintain a high level of sportsmanship. For their participation, players can expect playing time in all games, a team hat, team jersey and, hopefully, a lifetime of fond memories playing baseball in Jackson Hole.

Fees for playing are only \$50; however, we do expect all players to **sell or purchase** at least \$50 worth of raffle tickets as part of the League's fundraiser. Details of the raffle will be distributed after the season starts.

If your son or daughter has **not** played in the league before, **please attach a copy of his or her birth certificate** to the application and mail it to the address noted above.

The structure of the league will be identical to the prior year:

Rookie League – Pitching Machine or Coach Pitch only, 7 & 8 year olds, Games Tuesday & Thursday

Minor League – 9 & 10 year olds, Games Tuesday & Thursday

Major League – 11 & 12 year olds, Games Monday & Wednesday

Practices will start the week of April 25th with regular season play starting the week of May 9th. The season will end by June 30th.

Tryouts for the Minors and Major Leagues are held so that the coaches can evaluate every player's ability, resulting in a draft process that achieves evenly balanced teams. **Tryouts for the Minor League will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 and tryouts for the Major League will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.** Both tryouts will be held at **3:45 pm** at the **Alpine Field** between the Middle School and the new Colter Elementary School. In Case of rain or snow the tryouts will be held in doors at the Middle School Gyms. Rookie league players do not tryout; they will be placed on a team the first or second week of May and, subsequently, notified by their coach.

For those players who desire more baseball and a higher level of play, the league will also have an All-Star Travel program for the 9 & 10 and 11 & 12 year old divisions. Participation in the all-star program will be by invitation and the invitations will be extended to players who display desirable characteristics including attitude, sportsmanship, coachability and physical ability to play at this higher level. These characteristics will be evaluated by the selection committee starting with the initial tryouts and extending through practices and regular season play up to the date the selections are made. If your son or daughter is selected to play on the all-stars, you will receive additional information at that time. Please watch for additional information regarding the all-star program.

If you have questions or would like to know how we could use your help as a coach or volunteer, please call me at home 734-5599 or on my cell at 690-4334.

Let's Play Ball!

Mike Eden
Cal Ripken General Manager