



LAKERS BASEBALL!

Kalispell Legion Baseball Association

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Post # 137

January 20, 2010

To All Lakers and future Lakers:

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe but the 2010 baseball season will be on us before we know it! The Board & Coaches have been busy putting together plans for the upcoming season. Ryan Malmin will again take on the role as the Lakers Manager and as coach of the AA Team, he is in the process of finalizing both team schedules. Hopefully, these will be done by sign-ups.

We were able to have both an "A" & "AA" teams in 2009 and are looking forward to having two teams again this season. Our **sign ups** are Wednesday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Flathead County Fair Grounds (Country Kitchen Building). We are holding sign ups at this time to determine numbers of interested players so Coach Malmin can get started with our open gym program for both teams. This will be a chance for you and your parents or guardian to meet with the Coaches/Board Members and to learn more about Legion Baseball. All players participating in Lakers Baseball will need to have a physical prior to participation. A copy of your high school sports physical will do.

There will be open gym starting in February which is a fun way to increase your skills, get to know other prospective players, and work with the Coaches to develop team skills. All players participating in open gym need to be covered by Lakers insurance. The cost is \$30.00 and is nonrefundable and will be collected at the sign up meeting.

Does playing Lakers Baseball cost money? Yes, there is a commitment of both time and money on the part of both parent/guardian and the player. In 2009 each player will be responsible for selling 20 season passes at a cost of \$40.00 each prior to the day of the first scheduled game. If a player has difficulty selling their passes, a list of prospective buyers can be obtained from the Board to help in this endeavor. Parents and family members are also responsible for participating in fund raisers such as the spring golf tournament, the Booster Auction, the concession stand, ticket sales at the gate and any other fundraising projects. These fund raisers help offset the total per player cost for playing baseball and being able to travel to games and tournaments. They can also be a fun way to get to know other parents! Please do not let cost be the total deciding factor in your decision to participate in Lakers Baseball because the actual out of pocket costs are minimal.

We would like to encourage participation by ALL eligible players. If you have questions with regard to cost, participation requirements, parental commitment, schedule, please feel free to contact one of the Board members listed below. **Please share this letter with your parents or guardian.** We are looking forward to having you as a part of a GREAT 2010 baseball season.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON JANUARY 25, 2010!

Sincerely,

The Lakers Board & Coaches

2010 Lakers Board:

President: Marc Liechti 261-4810

Treasurer: Jason Brown

Don Decker

Bob Stauffer

Head Coach: Ryan Malmin 253-2232

Vice President: Dan Brosten: 752-4114

Secretary: Kelly Stimpson

Joe Matulevich

Brent Pistorese

KALISPELL LAKERS - AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL 2010 REGISTRATION

PARTICIPANTS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN:

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE DAY: _____ HOME: _____ CELL:: _____

E-MAIL: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE DAY: _____ HOME: _____ CELL:: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON OTHER THAN ABOVE:

NAME _____ PHONE: _____

PHYSICIAN: _____ PHONE: _____

\$30.00 REGISTRATION FEE (NONREFUNDABLE) YES _____ NO _____

TEAM POLICY YES _____ NO _____

DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY YES _____ NO _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM YES _____ NO _____

PHYSICAL YES _____ NO _____

BIRTH CERTIFICATE YES _____ NO _____

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY 2010

Abuse of drugs and alcohol is a nationwide problem that affects persons of every age, race, gender and ethnic group. It poses risks to the health and safety of both the individual and the community, and The American Legion is committed to taking steps to reduce these risks.

To do so, **The American Legion Post #137 and the Kalispell Lakers** baseball team has adopted this policy that establishes standards that all team members must meet, and sets out consequences for those who violate this policy.

No team member shall report for any team related activity (practice, games, other sponsored functions) if they have used alcohol or any controlled substance, except when a physician has prescribed medication for a valid medical condition and the team member is taking it as prescribed.

Team members who are seen by a member of the coaching staff or another adult in a position of authority, using or possessing drugs or alcohol, or in possession of drug paraphernalia (as defined in prevailing state law), during a team event or from first day of signups to the last day of competition will be subject to the discipline outlined below.

In instances where another person, such as another team member, family member, or fan, reports a violation of this policy, the violation will be investigated on a case by case basis. If the person reporting the violation is willing to provide a written statement and or/testify in court (if needed), the report may be treated the same as if the violation was observed by a member of the coaching staff or an adult in the position of authority.

Alcohol: Possession or use of alcohol is a violation of state law for persons under 21 years of age. While alcohol is a legal substance for persons over age 21, alcohol abuse is a serious health problem, and violations will be treated seriously. Therefore, possession or use of drug or alcohol by a team member will result in the following:

Discipline:

First Offense will result in the player being suspended for 2 weeks.

In addition, for a first offense, the team member will be required to obtain an evaluation by a chemical use counselor, drug and/or alcohol tests and to provide a consent to that counselor to let a team official know of the assessment results, recommendations, and team member compliance. All costs associated with these tests will be the responsibility of the team member or his parents/guardians. A refusal to comply with this testing or evaluation will result in immediate dismissal from the team.

The American Legion Post #7 and Kalispell Lakers Baseball will not tolerate a second offense.

I acknowledge that I have read the American Legion Baseball Team Drug and Alcohol Policy. I hereby consent to abide by it and abstain from alcohol and drug use, as outlined in the policy.

I understand that any violation of this drug and alcohol policy may be discussed with and/or made available to my parents or legal guardians. I further understand that any violation of this policy may mean I will be removed from the team and/or it will affect my ability to become a team member in the future.

If/when I take over-the-counter or prescription medications, I agree to take them according to the directions, and to only take prescription medications prescribed to me for a valid medical condition.

Name (Please Print) _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please Print) _____

Phone Number _____

Date _____

Parents Signature _____

Parents Signature _____



2010 Kalispell Lakers Handbook

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Mission Statement:

The Kalispell Lakers is a program Committed to a positive baseball experience for the youth of Kalispell, while providing an opportunity for personal growth and success. It will involve the learning as well as the integration of numerous life long skills and values such as courage, pride, determination, hustle, respect, loyalty, poise, commitment, dedication, discipline, intensity, solid work ethic and good positive attitude.

History:

The Kalispell Lakers were officially established in 1970 and have a long-standing tradition of success. The Lakers have made several trips to the state tournament with the most recent trip in 2006. The Lakers were the 1978 Montana State American Legion Champions and finished in 3rd place at the Northwest Regional Tournament that year. The Lakers finished 3rd at the 2009 State Tournament in Miles City. (see - www.kalispelllakers.org)

Facts:

Sponsored by American Legion Post #137

Team name: Kalispell Lakers

Team colors: **Scarlet** and **Gold**

Division: Western

Complex: Griffin Field

Birth Certificates:

Each participant is required by the American Legion to have a **CERTIFIED** record on file with the Kalispell Lakers President by May 1. The birth certificate will be returned to you when your playing career is over.

Camps and Vacations:

You are allowed to attend one camp as long as you have approved it with the Head coach 30 days in advance. Please plan your summer vacations after baseball is over.

Equipment/Uniforms:

You will be provided necessary equipment and uniforms for competition. You are expected to take proper care of all team equipment and uniforms. You will need to provide your own gloves and practice gear. A uniform deposit **may** be required and returned to you upon the completion of the season with your uniform turned in to the coaching staff.

Code of Conduct:

Do what is right; if you have to ask if it's right, it's not.

Communication:

The Kalispell Lakers have a set procedure for solving problems. The Board strongly encourages the player to meet with the Coach first to solve any problems that may arise during the season. If the player is not comfortable approaching the coach directly, then the player or parent or both may bring the problem to the attention of the Liaison. The Liaison will address these problems with the coach at an appropriate time. If any of the parties believe that a face-to-face meeting is necessary and all are in agreement to do so, then the Liaison will coordinate and mediate that meeting. If any of the above should fail or prove to be unsatisfactory in the eyes of either party, then the player, the coach or the parent may bring the matter to the attention of the board of directors. The board will then make a decision that it believes is in the best interest of the Kalispell Lakers Program.

Fees/Fundraising:

A non-refundable fee of \$30.00 is required at the time of registration. Each player is required to sell 20-\$40.00 passes or the equivalent of \$25.00 student passes or a combination of both to equal **\$800.00**. The ticket stubs and money (\$800.00) are due on or before **THE FIRST SCHEDULED GAME** of the season. This money is used to defray expenses and the tickets promote home games. There are **NO** exceptions. **Players that have not turned in their ticket money (by the above date) will not be allowed to play or travel with the team.** Additionally the Lakers will need assistance from players and their families with other group fundraisers. Parents and family members are also responsible for participating in fundraisers such as the spring/fall golf tournament, the Booster Auction, the concession stand, ticket sales at the gate and any other fundraising projects. We would also like to emphasize that the cost should not be a factor in determining if your son should play for the Lakers. Cost is however an overwhelming factor in our ability to provide a strong, sound baseball program. Financial records are available for your review at any time.

Field Care:

Each player is required to assist with all field care. Responsibilities will be assigned.

Injuries and Illness:

Report any injury or illness to a coach immediately.

Physical Exam:

A Physical exam is required to participate and must be turned in to the coach prior to the first day of practice.

Road Trips:

While on the road you are expected to follow specific guidelines regarding your behavior. The coaching staff will address those guidelines with you prior to your first road trip. At least one coach or designated parent will remain with the team at all times. The team will make every effort to eat all meals together.

Illegal Substance Policy:

Any illegal or criminal activity, use of, possession of, consumption of, selling or giving away of tobacco, tobacco substitutes, alcohol, or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited from the first day of sign-ups until the last day of competition. Refer to separate pages for the drug and alcohol policy to be read and signed by each player and parent before any participation of the player in the Lakers baseball program.

2009 Board Members:

President: Marc Liechti - 844-2377, Cell – 261-4810

Vice President: Dan Brosten

Treasurer: Jason Brown

Secretary: Kelly Stimpson

Bob Stauffer

Joe Matulevich

Don Decker

Brent Pistoese

Head Coach/Manager: Ryan Malmin – 253-2232

KALISPELL LAKERS 2010 TEAM POLICY

1. Do what is right!
2. A positive attitude is everything. 10% of life is what happens to you- 90% is how you respond to it.
3. You are expected to conduct yourself appropriately at all times and present yourself in a positive and mature manner. You are a representative not only of Kalispell but also of Legion Baseball.
4. Your appearance is a direct reflection of yourself, your family, the team, and the Kalispell Lakers. You are expected to wear your hat and uniform properly at all times. You are expected to be clean shaven for all games. Beards, goatees, sideburns, and mustaches will be neatly trimmed and at the Coaches discretion. The wearing of earrings and jewelry at practices, games, and on road trips is strictly prohibited. Your hair will be kept short and neatly trimmed.
5. You are expected to be at all practices, games, meetings, etc. on time. If you are going to be late or absent, the team policy is to contact one of the coaches in advance of your absence or tardiness. Failure to notify one of the coaches will result in a loss of competition for the next scheduled game.
6. Any illegal or criminal activity, use of, possession of, consumption of, buying, selling, or giving away of tobacco, tobacco substitutes, alcohol, or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited from the first day of sign-ups until the last day of competition. Refer to separate pages for the drug and alcohol policy to be read and signed by each player and parent before any participation of the player in the Lakers baseball program.
7. All uniforms/equipment belonging to the team and assigned to the player must be returned. If lost or damaged, it must be paid for by the end of the baseball season.
8. By signing this policy, both the player and parent/guardian acknowledge an understanding that organized athletics involve the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports. I acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of safety rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, and even death.

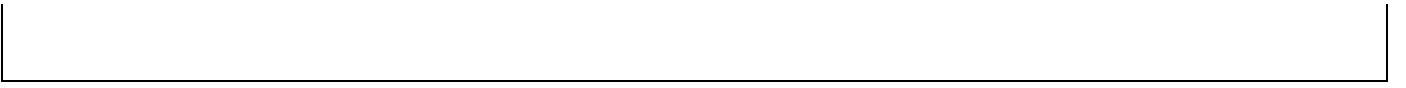
9. As the parent or guardian whose signature appears below, I hereby give my permission for _____ to engage in the sport of baseball as part of the Kalispell Lakers Legion Baseball Team. I also give my consent for the above named player to accompany the team on out-of-town trips. I understand that the \$35.00 nonrefundable fee that I have paid is to cover the cost of liability insurance for the player.

I/We have read, understand, and will abide by the aforementioned team policy. I thoroughly understand and accept the above requirements as conditions for participation in Lakers Baseball.

Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PLAYER'S
EMERGENCY INFORMATION LIABILITY RELEASE

This will certify that I, _____, (Parent) or (Guardian)
Of _____, having been requested to furnish all of the
information shown on ALB Form No.2, and to execute the same, decline to do so
and decline to grant permission for the emergency medical treatment of
_____, by a doctor of medicine and decline to grant
permission to any person to administer an anesthetic in the event of a medical
Emergency to _____, on the grounds that such actions are contrary to my and
his religious beliefs and teachings.

This will further certify that I hereby release and forever discharge the
American Legion, its members, its agents, its representatives, and its
employees from any and all liabilities of any nature whatever from any injury
or harm or complication of any kind that may result, directly or indirectly,
by reason of my refusal and failure to grant the permission for emergency
medical treatment and for the administration of an anesthetic to
_____, and my refusal and failure to furnish all of the information requested on the
reverse side of this card by my refusal and failure to
execute same.

Date of Signature: _____

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PLAYERS EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD

Player's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Family Physician _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Hospitalization Insurance _____

Date of last physical examination _____

History of Diabetes or Epilepsy _____

Allergies to Sulfa, Penicillin, etc. _____

Parent's Permission to Administer Anesthetic and/or Emergency Treatment as

Required: YES _____ NO _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date of Signature _____