

SHARON RECREATION AND YOUTH

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

T-BALL - This program is open to all youths in second grade and under. We meet on Saturday mornings from 9-9:45am at the Sharon Valley softball field. The program starts in late April, depending on weather and the school break, we will send out a notice as to when we start. This program is a gentle introduction to throwing, catching and batting. There is no charge for this program.

JUNIOR SOFTBALL - This program is for all girls in third and fourth grades. There are generally two practices per week and 4-6 games on Saturdays. The girls are introduced to the game of softball using a 'soft' training ball and coach pitching during the games. Rules are relaxed in order to maximize the instructive nature of this team. This program begins in late April as well. This program fee is \$20.

SENIOR SOFTBALL - This program is for girls in fifth and sixth grades. This team will practice twice per week with league games on Saturdays. This is a competitive team that has an expectation of players committing to practices and games. There is a \$20 fee for this program.

FARM LEAGUE BASEBALL – This program is for all boys in third and fourth grades who are not eligible or choose not to try out for the Little League team. There are two practices a week, the field is smaller and this team uses a 'soft' training ball with coached pitched batting during games. This program starts in late April and runs through May. There is a \$20 fee for this program.

LITTLE/MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL – This program is for all boys who are 9-12 years of age. This is a competitive team which practices and/or plays games five days per week. There is a tryout for the Little League team which by rule rosters twelve players. Any player not making the Little League team roster is then rostered on a Minor League team often in coop with another town. There is a schedule of 12-15 games for the Little League team, with a few less games scheduled for the Minor League teams. This program starts with tryouts in late March or early April and games starting in late April and running through early June. There is a \$20 fee for this program.

SUMMER LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL - This program starts in early July and is offered for those youths who will be Little League 'eligible' the following spring – players who are currently 8-11 years of age. There are usually two games per week with one additional practice. This season is over in early August. There is a \$20 fee for this program.

COLONIAL LEAGUE BASEBALL – This is our Babe Ruth baseball program. It is offered for all youths who are ages 13-16 and for those 12 year olds who just finished

their last spring of Little League. This team will start play in early June and finish up league play in late July or early August. We have often cooped this team with another town.