

January 2006

**Dear Parents:**

**Welcome to Cactus Foothills Little League – North and our 2006 Spring Season of Baseball and Softball!**

Although it is only January, the Spring Season will be here very soon and many of the efforts needed to get the season started are well underway. As you may know, Registration for new and returning players will be held on the following dates:

*Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>: 9am – noon*  
*Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: 6pm – 8pm*  
*Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>: 9am – noon*

Registration will be held at the Sonoran Trails Middle School Cafeteria (or nearby room). (Sonoran Trails is located on 60<sup>th</sup> Street and is the first campus south of the subdivision.)

As we all gear up for another successful season, please let me call your attention to a couple of key points:

1. CFL-*North Website*. Our website, [www.cfl-north.com](http://www.cfl-north.com) contains a wealth of information regarding the league and contact information. From time to time, key information will be posted, so I would encourage you to check it out on a regular basis—particularly if our normal sunny sky turns gray and you are wondering whether an upcoming game will be rained out.
2. Parent's Code of Conduct. Each parent is obligated to comply with the League's Code of Conduct. While the vast majority of you are model Little League parents, we have recently run into some issues which require both the adoption of such a Code, as well as written acknowledgement of compliance by all participants. Please carefully read the Code because having a signed form on file is a requirement in order to have your child participate. By signing the registration form you are agreeing to comply with the Code. Failure to comply with the Code could result in your inability to participate in league events—including attending your child's games
3. Volunteers. There are a number of ways that parents can assist their team's manager and the League. **This year, in particular, we are in need of key help at the League-level.** We are always in need of volunteers—whether it is helping with field improvements, coordinating fundraisers, serving as game umpires, working the snack bar, etc. Please carefully consider these opportunities when called to your attention. We are a volunteer-run organization and are in need of your time more than your money. **Please see the other side of this letter to see our areas of greatest need.**
4. Skills Evaluations/Tryouts. Skills Evaluations are very important. Tryouts provide the coaches with very important information that helps us in our efforts for competitive balance. Please be aware that if your child does not attend tryouts, he/she will not (i) be eligible to play up in a higher division, (ii) will be placed on a team by blind-draw, (iii) will not be eligible to be traded to another team (even if a particular manager really wants him/her); and (iv) may not be eligible for All-Stars.
5. All-Stars. This year we are making a concerted effort to put forth CFL-*North's* best in the All-Star tournaments. There are three different All-Star baseball teams: 9-10, 10-11 and 11-12. The 11-12 baseball team is eligible to compete to go to the LL World Series. The other teams can compete for State titles. More information regarding how the teams will be chosen will be forthcoming. (Depending upon the level of interest, we plan on putting together girls softball All-Star teams.) Until then, please see the key dates below so that, if interested, you can arrange vacation and other plans accordingly.
6. Team Sponsorships. Each team is required to secure a team sponsor. The cost begins at only \$400 per team and includes not only your business name on the backs of the jerseys, but also recognition on our website and a thank you plaque from your team. It is tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated.
7. Managing/Coaching. Anyone interested in managing or coaching must complete a Coaches Application. In addition, anyone interested in being considered to manage must be interviewed (regardless whether you have managed in the past). Interviews will be conducted in late January/early February. Accordingly, managing candidates must have their Coaching Applications submitted by January 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on the website and will be at Registration. Managers will also be required to attend League Managers meetings and at least one Coaching Clinic.

We could probably add another half dozen items for you, but are out of room. Let us conclude by again welcoming you to the Spring Season. We look forward to seeing you at the fields and helping you get involved with the League.

Very truly yours,

*Board,*

*Cactus Foothills Little League – North*

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### Areas of Need for Help

*(In each instance, each volunteer will receive oversight and assistance from the Board in coordinating these activities. What is typically needed is someone to oversee and coordinate other volunteers in these areas.)*

- **Equipment Coordinator** (in addition, we need 2-3 people to help organize the equipment and put together the equipment bags for the Spring season)
- **League Information Officer** (maintain league database/ information and organize registration before each season)
- **League Website Coordinator** (maintain and update website)
- **Snack Bar Coordinator** (oversee League snack bars)
- **Fundraising Coordinator** (oversee League sponsors and fundraising campaigns)
- **Juniors Coordinator** (coordinate the Juniors team(s))

### Key Dates

#### **Mandatory or Required Events in bold**

January	14	Registration: 9am-noon; Sonoran Trails Cafeteria (Baseball/Softball)
	18	Registration: 6pm-8pm; Sonoran Trails Cafeteria (Baseball/Softball)
	21	Registration: 9am-noon; Sonoran Trails Cafeteria (Baseball/Softball)
	24	Coaching Applications Due for Managing Candidates (Baseball: minors and up)
	27	<b>Majors Tryouts: 6pm-9pm STMS lighted field (Kiwanis Field) (MANDATORY) (baseball)</b>
	28	Baseball Skills Clinic 9am—11:30am (ages 7-9)
	28	Baseball Skills Clinic 12pm—2:30pm (ages 10-12)
	28	Softball Skills Clinic: 12pm—2:30pm (ages 7-12)
	30-Feb.1	<b>Interviews for Manager Applicants (MANDATORY FOR CANDIDATES AT ALL LEVELS)</b>
	February	3
4		<b>Minors Tryouts (9am-11:30pm) DAMS fields (Baseball)</b>
4		<b>Farm Tryouts (12pm-2:30pm) DAMS fields (Baseball)</b>
5		<b>Field Improvement Day (each Manager required to provide 1 to 2 workers at one Field Day)</b>
7-8		<b>League Coaches Clinic by Kevin Long (6-8pm)</b>
10		Minors Tryouts: 6pm-7pm STMS lighted field (Kiwanis Field) (Make-ups) (baseball)
10		Farm Tryouts: 7pm-8pm STMS lighted field (Kiwanis Field) (Make-ups) (baseball)
11		<b>Softball Tryouts: 9am-11am DAMS softball field (All Ages)</b>
12		<b>Field Improvement Day (each manager required to provide 1 to 2 workers at one Field Day)</b>
Tba		<b>District Coaches Clinic (Managers must attend either the League Coaches Clinic or District Coaches Clinic)</b>
18		Baseball teams formed (estimated completion date)
Tba		Juniors Tryouts (subject to finding a volunteer to coordinate the Juniors Program)
25		<b>Umpire/Safety Clinic (mandatory for all Managers)</b>
25	Softball teams formed (estimated completion date)	
March	Tba	Games Begin
	11	Opening Day/Team Pictures
June	6 (apprx.)	9-10 All Star baseball team announced (tryouts will precede)
	13 (apprx.)	11 and 11-12 All Star baseball teams announced (tryouts will precede)

### Key Contact Information

League Website:	www.cfl-north.com
Registration Information:	registration@cfl-north.com
Sponsorship Information:	fundraising@cfl-north.com
Tryout Information:	players@cfl-north.com
Umpiring Information:	umpires@cfl-north.com
Managing/Coaching Information:	coaches@cfl-north.com
Field Assistance Information:	fields@cfl-north.com
Snack Bar Assistance Information:	snacks@cfl-north.com
Other Volunteer Information:	president@cfl-north.com

### League Refund Policy

**REFUNDS, LESS A \$25 PROCESSING FEE, WILL BE AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED BEFORE TEAMS ARE FORMED. ONCE TEAMS ARE FORMED (IE, DRAFT HELD), NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE.**