

# RIVERSIDE LITTLE LEAGUE

P.O. Box 3

Riverside, IL 60546

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Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to the 2008 season of Riverside Little League! We are pleased you have chosen us to teach your children the games of softball and baseball within an atmosphere of healthy competition and good sportsmanship for a positive, character-building experience. One of our goals is to partner with parents to teach life lessons through sports. Part of the atmosphere of good sportsmanship comes from the full cooperation and support our players and fans give our umpires. Dozens of dedicated volunteers work year round to bring the Little League experience to Riverside. We hope you'll join them and become a Riverside Little League volunteer!

Riverside Little League is holding an **Open House Sunday, January 27, 2008 from 10 a.m. to noon** at the Max (4750 Vernon Avenue - at 47<sup>th</sup> and Plainfield Road in McCook). Join us for some fun instructional activities, meet our Board of Directors, get answers to your questions about the Little League program, and introduce yourself to us if you would like to coach. We are recruiting coaches with baseball and softball skills (or a willingness to learn them for the Tee Ball and Junior Minors Divisions) and a desire to mentor our youth.

We will *not* be mailing registration forms, so please complete the Little League Player Application either from this brochure or download a copy from our website at [www.riversidell.com](http://www.riversidell.com) to register for the coming season. You can submit your registration by (i) mailing it to P.O. Box 3, Riverside, IL 60546; (ii) dropping it in the collection box at the Riverside Parks and Recreation Office at 10 Pine Avenue Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; or (iii) coming to our open house! **Registration deadline is January 31, 2008.**

Last season, over 500 children between the ages of 5 and 15 participated in America's favorite pastime here in Riverside. In 2007, Riverside Little League held a preseason training and safety clinic for our coaches. More than 300 baseball fans attended the Riverside Little League family outing to see the White Sox Baseball game on June 18th at U.S. Cellular Field. We plan to host another family White Sox night in 2008 - details to follow. On the 4th of July you may have seen some of our many players march in the Riverside parade or maybe you attended our annual all-star games at Indian Gardens which again attracted large family crowds. Fans were treated to great baseball and softball during the post season tournaments as well. Congratulations to our Softball Juniors 13-14 girls team for their District Championship!

Our managers, coaches and others generously volunteer their time and effort, but not all of the needs of Riverside Little League can be met with volunteering alone. Riverside Little League relies on monetary contributions to cover costs such as field maintenance, equipment, insurance, training and development, uniforms and umpires. We donate funds to the Village of Riverside to improve and maintain Riverside baseball fields - this expense costs thousands of dollars.

We ask that you consider sponsoring a team using the form included in this brochure or lend your support to our baseball and softball programs by making a tax deductible donation. To support Riverside Little League's baseball and softball programs, please send your donation to: Riverside Little League, P.O. Box 3, Riverside, IL 60546.

Thank you for your generous support of Riverside Little League. We look forward to the opportunity to play ball this season and hope to see you there.

Cathy Gryczan  
President, Riverside Little League