



Please read through the following material related to the new West Metro Miracle League baseball registration (by March 1st) and pass along to other families that may have an interest! Any questions, please contact Lisa Adzick at 952-474-1452.

West Metro Miracle League – who are we?

Our Mission:

- Provide opportunities for children between the ages of 3-19 with any type of disability, to play Miracle League baseball.
- Promote the construction and maintenance of the special facilities needed to support the Miracle League players and their families at Bennett Family Park.

The West Metro Miracle League (WMML) is a charitable organization that provides children with mental and/or physical challenges an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized and integrated league. The West Metro Miracle League is located and fully integrated in the Bennett Family Ballpark in Minnetonka, MN. Bennett Family Park is the home of seven baseball diamonds that accommodate Tee Ball through Little League and Babe Ruth. It is only fitting that the newest addition to the ballpark is the West Metro Miracle League. Each child playing ball can also be paired with a volunteer “buddy”, if desired, who will give them a little help and encouragement to play the game. These are other ballplayers from the Bennett Family Park system.

Why are we different?

- Our Miracle League Teams will be playing amidst all the other leagues every Saturday and Sunday at Bennett Family Park including East Tonka Little League, Minnetonka Girls Softball Association and Tonka Babe Ruth.
- As part of the “Miracle at Bennett” overall ballpark improvement project, in the summer of '08, we will be breaking ground on the official Subway - Killebrew Field, a Miracle League Field sponsored by the Minnesota Twins, Harmon Killebrew and Subway. This designated and special baseball field will include a ½ “ thick rubber field to enable those kids using chairs to easily get around the bases as well as provide more cushion in the event of a fall. Check out the other Miracle Leagues being built in Minnesota at www.miracleleaguemn.com

- Bennett Family Park is a privately funded non-for profit baseball and softball complex that recently celebrated it's 50th anniversary.

What is the time commitment for Spring Season '08?

For our first season, our goal is to have 4 teams with 10 – 15 girls and boys each and will play 1 game each weekend (either Saturday mid day or Sunday late afternoon – same time each week). Our games will include a 30 minute warm-up before the 1 hour game. Our season opens on May 3rd and runs through the end of June.

As with all the parents of kids that play at Bennett Family Park, we may ask for some parent volunteering at the concession stand (very minimal).

What are the rules for each player?

- Everyone hits.
- Everyone gets on base.
- Everyone crosses homeplate.
- Everyone wins.
- Everyone can have access to a volunteer buddy (if needed, or they can bring their own).
- Everyone gets a treat ticket after each game to go to the concession stand.
- Everyone gets a medal at the end of the year.
- EVERYONE HAS FUN!

How do I sign up?

1. Print and complete the attached registration / release form and mail it along with a check for \$35 made out to the West Metro Miracle League and mail to: Lisa Adzick at 18025 Cynthia Dr. Minnetonka, MN 55345 **no later than March 1st**. Please be aware that we are limiting the registration this season to no more than 60 players, so get your registration in early!
2. More information will be sent out regarding the purchase of a helmet for your player. These typically run about \$10.

How can I get involved?

- Spread the word. While we are targeting 60 kids for the spring league, after the ballpark is built this summer.....the sky is the limit!
- As we built out the Miracle at Bennett, which the Miracle League is a large portion, we continue to look for a few remaining funds to close the gap and make our vision come true. Any donations, big or small are appreciated. Checks can be made out to Bennett Family Park.
- We are also in need of in-kind support for asphalt, excavating, demolition and fencing to lower overall costs. This would occur in early July. Should you know of anyone that can help, please let us know.
- Volunteers are needed: coaches, fun umpires, website gurus, photographers, special events coordinators..... fill out the attached volunteer form. It's fun!

What to do if I have questions?

Call Lisa Adzick at 952-474-1452 or 612-671-3539

**FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AND SEND IN NO LATER
THAN MARCH 1ST – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE TO 60 KIDS**