



Clifton Park Baseball League



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Dear Clifton Park Baseball Families:

I hope that your 2011 baseball season was fun and rewarding. I am writing on behalf of the CPBL Board of Directors to thank you for your continued support, to provide a recap of another great year where CPBL continued to shine on and off the field, and to provide you with some important information regarding the 2012 season.

On the field, our 12 year old and 13 year old All Star teams made impressive World Series runs. After earning a berth in the Cal Ripken World Series, our 12 year old team advanced to the U.S. Semifinals before falling to a very tough team from Hawaii. Meanwhile, our 13 year old team advanced all the way to the final game of the Babe Ruth World Series before falling to the team from California. Our 9 and 11 year old All Star teams also continued the CPBL tradition of success by winning their state tournaments and advancing to the Mid-Atlantic Regionals held in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We look forward to building on this success next year at all levels.

Off the field, the Clifton Park Baseball community came together to help our neighbors after this fall's devastating flooding in Waterford. Within a matter of days, you responded by donating truckloads of clothing and other supplies to help our neighbors in need. Your response made a huge difference and we have received many "thank yous" from our friends in Waterford for your outreach and support.

Credit for much of the league's success last year goes to Joe McCrudden who recently stepped down from his position as president of Clifton Park Baseball. Under Joe's leadership over the past five years, the league has maintained a strong recreational and travel program that puts more than 1,000 players on the field each season. Joe's efforts, as well as those of the other board members who served with him, have provided a very strong foundation for the league's continued growth and success.

On behalf of the entire CPBL Board, I also want to thank the hundreds of volunteers who donated thousands of hours of their time last year to help run the league, maintain our fields and coach our players. None of the league's accomplishments would have been possible without you. We are always looking for more help, so if you have an interest in getting more involved, please send me an email at cwmeyer23@gmail.com.

The CPBL Board is very excited to start building on last year's successes both on and off the field in 2012 and beyond. Over the next few months, we will be providing you with more information about our long-term plans to strengthen our baseball programs and improve our facilities, including redesign of our winter workout and slugger programs, repair of the Tref/Wood infield at the upper quad, construction of new dugouts on Fields 7 and 8, and construction of a covered/lighted practice facility at the upper quad.

For those of you who may be considering purchasing new baseball bats for the upcoming season, please be aware that Babe Ruth has issued new rules for both the Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Divisions. A copy of the new rules is available on the CPBL website at www.cliftonparkbaseballleague.com.

Finally, winter workout registration is now open and you can reserve your child's spot by visiting the CPBL website at www.cliftonparkbaseballleague.com. Also, please be on the lookout for our spring registration announcement, which will be sent out in early January.

Happy Holidays and see you at the fields in 2012!

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