



# MBSC Monthly

NEWSLETTER FROM THE MIDDLETON BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COMMISSION

## Mark Your Calendar Now!

- Feb 27-28 • Registration 6pm-8pm – MHS LMC
  - Mar 5-6 • Registration 6pm-8pm – MHS LMC
  - Mar 24 • Spring Workday at FFMP & Adler Fields
  - April 14 • Baseball Evaluations – NO ALTERNATIVE DATES
  - April 15 • Softball Evaluations – NO ALTERNATIVE DATES
- \*\*Go to [mbscwi.com](http://mbscwi.com) for times and/or if you need additional information.

## Registration 2012

MBSC in-person registration is set.

**Date:** February 27-28 and March 5-6

**Time:** 6-8 PM

**Place:** MHS LMC

All families interested in signing up their children for any MBSC programs this season should plan to attend one of the nights.

Here is what you can expect at registration:

- All softball and baseball league directors will be present to answer your questions about the 2012 programs including the new 50/70 pilot program for Cal Ripken Players and new Metro League tournament teams for softball players.
- Volunteer registration will be available. Remember, all families are REQUIRED to serve at least 5 hours in volunteer positions.
- Coaching sign up lists will be available for those that are interested. We are trying to get all coaches lined up prior to the forming of teams as our goal is to include as many kids as possible in "competitive" programs.
- Computerized registration stations and assistants will be ready to help you efficiently get your children registered for their proper programs. Remember that all participants will be registering for their respective recreational level leagues. Those wishing to participate in competitive programs may sign up to do so at registration.
- Payments in the form of cash, check, or credit card will be accepted.
- Pig Roast Tickets will be distributed.

For more information on league programs, go to [mbscwi.com](http://mbscwi.com) and click on baseball or softball headings.

## Prospective League Fees

Baseball		Softball	
Instructional - ages 6-8	\$100	Little Brewers - ages 6-8	\$100
Little Bucks - ages 9-10	\$110	Cardinal - ages 9-10	\$110
Pepper - ages 11-12	\$110	Minor - ages 11-12	\$120
AAA - ages 13-15	\$125	Jr. League - ages 13-14	\$110
Cal Ripken - ages 9-12	\$210	Sr. League - ages 14-18	\$110
Babe Ruth - ages 13-15	\$225	South Central - ages 12-18	Add'l fees \$75
Legion - ages 16-18	\$180		

## Coaches Wanted for 2012

We have already received notes from several potential 2012 baseball and softball coaches, but we still need more. If you or someone you know is thinking about coaching an MBSC softball or baseball team in 2012 we want to hear from you. MBSC is encouraging anyone that would like to coach next season to contact one of the league directors soon so we can plan our seasons. MBSC is committed to teaching all coaches, with any level of experience, how to improve their coaching ability and provide our players the best possible opportunity to improve their playing skills. Look at the MBSC directory and contact the respective league director for the level you are considering coaching and they will answer any questions you might have.

This year, MBSC will be holding its **Coaches' Clinic on May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Both experienced and new coaches are REQUIRED to attend this informative evening.



**(Coaches' Clinic, continued)**

MHS baseball and softball coaches along with the MBSC coaching development committee will be present to provide skills, knowledge, and philosophies necessary for successful seasons. If you are planning on coaching this season, please put this date in your calendar. ☼

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## Volunteer Opportunities

MBSC will continue to notify you as volunteer opportunities arise. MBSC is still seeking a potential **Website Manager** to help improve and manage the website content, and bring new ideas to this vital means of communication with our families. If you are skilled in this area and have the desire to help improve our website, please contact Jay Smith at [jsmi17@amfam.com](mailto:jsmi17@amfam.com) with your credentials and willingness to help.

**Electrician needed** to help MBSC trace and label the electrical circuits at FFMP concessions building. If you possess the talents to complete this project, please contact Mike Hinz at [mike.hinz@mbscwi.com](mailto:mike.hinz@mbscwi.com).

Thank you to all past and future volunteers. Your service helps make our programs awesome. ☼

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## Job Opportunities

MBSC is looking to fill the following two positions at the Firefighters Memorial Park Concession Stand for the upcoming 2012 Summer Season:

*(Applications accepted until February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.)*

### Concession Mgr I

Monitor, order and stock all inventory for the concession building from various vendors. Maintain all concession equipment and building interior.

Start: April

End: August

Hours per week: Start around 1-2 hrs/wk may ramp up to 15 hrs/wk based on historical info (Average = 8 hrs/wk)

Pay: TBD

### Concession Mgr II

Schedule workers, track hours and fill in (if necessary) for the daily activity at the concession building. Account for daily money (beginning, ending and daily sales) to operate the concession building.

Start: Mid-May

End: Mid-August

Hours per week: Start around 1-2 hrs/wk may ramp up to 9 hrs/wk based on historical info (Average = 5 hrs/wk)

Pay: TBD

**(Job Opportunities, continued)**

If interested and would like more details about either position, please contact Renee Kalscheuer before February 1<sup>st</sup>. Call her at 608-577-8858 or send an e-mail (include "Concession Mgr" in the subject line) to [reneekal@hotmail.com](mailto:reneekal@hotmail.com) ☼

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## Donation Requests

MBSC is always concerned about safety of both its players and spectators. One item we would like to add at Firefighters Memorial Park is an **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)**. Please contact Mike Hinz if you would like to make a donation toward this endeavor. You could help save a life.

The annual MBSC Pig Roast Celebration is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Middleton Sport Bowl. If you are interested in making **donations for prizes**, please contact Mike Land at [landmr@charter.net](mailto:landmr@charter.net). Or, if you are interested in making a **donation toward the purchase** of the pigs to be roasted or beverages, please contact Steve Kelliher at [kelliher@tds.net](mailto:kelliher@tds.net).

MBSC is also looking for **two bar stools** for the announcing booth at FFMP. The stools need to be sturdy and measure 31" high. If you happen to have two stools that you no longer use, we might be able to take them off your hands ...or seats, as the case would be. Please contact Mike Hinz at [mike.hinz@mbscwi.com](mailto:mike.hinz@mbscwi.com) if you are able to help. ☼

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## Softball Pre-Season Workouts

### For: Softball Players Ages 11-18

Sunday nights from 7-8:30/9 PM MBSC coaches have the Field House at the High School reserved to conduct Spring Training for the girls. Workouts started January 11 and continue until the start of the spring season. Players can show up and leave as it fits their schedules. Players will have a chance to throw, field, and hit as well as condition themselves for the upcoming season.

**What to bring:** All players should wear sneakers, bring a glove, bat, and softball. If you're a catcher (any age), a facemask will be required, and a chest protector and shin guards are highly recommended. ☼



## FFMP Field No. 2 Dedication

Field No. 2 at Firefighters Memorial Park (FFMP) has been dedicated and named George Solner Memorial Field in honor of George Solner who was not only a baseball coach for his son, Bubba, in the MBSC program, he was also the architect who donated his time and talents to design the FFMP concession and restroom building. There was a nice tribute published in the Middleton Times Tribune, it can be found on [mbscwi.com](http://mbscwi.com). ☘

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## FFMP Update

MBSC continues to plan improvements at FFMP. This spring, we have goals to complete batting cages by putting turf and batting areas down. MBSC also has goals to build roofs on the dugouts, add bullpen screens, and improve pitching rubbers, depending on what funds are available. ☘



## Buy & Sell in the MBSC Newsletter

Why pay \$300 for a new bat every year, or \$200 for a new glove that your son or daughter outgrows?

MBSC has a way to make the burden of new-equipment costs a little easier. Starting next month, we will try a new buy and sell list on our newsletter.

If you have a piece of equipment (bat, glove, helmet, etc.) that your child has outgrown, and would be of value to another MBSC participant, we will list it in our Buy & Sell area in the newsletter.

This section will be like a want ad list similar to Craig's List. We will accept a brief description of your equipment and contact information. You may e-mail your description to [mike.schoonveld@mbscwi.com](mailto:mike.schoonveld@mbscwi.com).

### Example:

**Youth Demarini Baseball Bat.**  
2 1/4" diameter barrel. Paid \$220, used for 1/2 baseball summer season with Cal Ripkin League. Minimal scratches on barrel.  
Contact [jdoe@email.net](mailto:jdoe@email.net)

Photos will not be posted. Photos can be e-mailed between seller and buyer.

Hopefully we can help reduce expenses and put good equipment to use for many seasons to come. ☘



## 2012 State Baseball Tournaments

State Tournaments sites and dates were recently awarded for the 2012 baseball season.

MBSC programs always seem to have great success so it is never too early to start planning for next summer.

The tournaments are listed below.

- 8 year old machine pitch-Janesville, July 13-14-15
- 9 year old, Neenah, July 12-13-14-15
- 10 year old, Janesville, July 14-18
- 11 year old 60", Dodgeville, July 14-18
- 11 year old 70", Janesville, July 14-18
- 12 year old 60", Marinette, July 14-18
- 12 year old 70", Neenah, July 14-18
- 13 year old, Green Bay, July 14-18
- 14 year old, Eau Claire, July 14-18
- 15 year old, Sauk Prairie, July 14-18
- 16-18 year old, Dodgeville, June 30-July 5

*"So many good things have happened to me in the game of baseball. When I do allow myself a chance to think about it, it's almost like a storybook career. You feel so blessed to have been able to compete this long."* ~Cal Ripken Jr.

## 2012 Calendar of Events

### MBSC Commission Meetings

Edgewood College, Deming Way  
Next one...Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM

### Other Important Dates

January 8-29 • (Sundays) Softball Pitching Clinic Grades 3-8

Feb 27-28 • Registration 6PM-8PM MHS LMC

Mar 5-6 • Registration continues 6PM-8PM MHS LMC

\*\*Mar 24 • Spring Workday at FFMP & Adler

April 14 • Baseball Evaluations – NO alternative dates

April 15 • Softball Evaluations – NO alternative dates

May 16 • Coaches' Clinic

\*\*May 20 • 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser 12PM-8PM

May 21 • Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Seasons Open

June 11 • Recreational baseball & softball starts

\*\*June 17 • Special Olympics Softball Invitational

June 20 • Cardinal Youth Camp at FFMP

Advanced Hitting, Pitching/Catching

June 23-24 • Cardinal Dugout Club Youth Baseball Tourney

July 13-15 • MBSC Softball Tournament (U10-U14)

\*\*August 8-9 • Midwest Fastpitch Softball Showcase

\*\*August 11 • Fall Workday at FFMP & Adler

\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visit [mbscwi.com](http://mbscwi.com) for additional information

## Sponsors

The MBSC would like to thank The UPS Store and UW Provisions for their generous donations and continued support of MBSC.

The UPS Store can handle all of your shipping and packing needs and is your source for Middleton Cardinal Apparel.

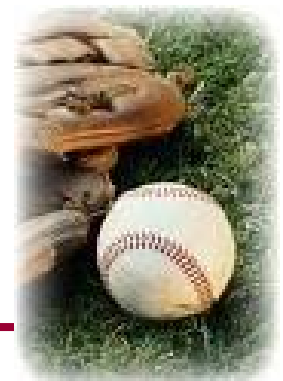


UW Provisions has all the protein sources your hungry ballplayers need. Stop by their new store at 2315 Pleasant View Road.



## Do you have something for the newsletter?

The MBSC newsletter welcomes all your ideas. Anyone is encouraged to submit articles, facts, and information regarding games and performance of your teams. We will publish as many highlights from the upcoming seasons as possible. We also welcome photos from your games and/or teams. Contact Mike Schoonveld at [mike.schoonveld@mbscwi.com](mailto:mike.schoonveld@mbscwi.com). ☼





## MBSC Members Directory

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**Mission Statement: MBSC shall administer and implement a complete, healthful, meaningful and wholesome community baseball and softball program, which will afford each participant the opportunity to play organized ball, which is dedicated to the highest standards of sportsmanship, fair play and competition.**



## MBSC Committees

**Coach & Player Development:** Steve Kelliher, Scott Campbell, Dan Hewuse,  
Michelle Schreier, Arin Oppermann, Jeff Delabarre, Bob Banke

**Concessions:** Renee Kalscheuer, Michelle Schreier, Dana Henke, Arin Oppermann

**Field Scheduling:** Mike Hinz, Jeff Delabarre

**Fund Raising:** Mike Land, Brenda Delabarre

**Pig Roast/Silent Auction:** Steve Kelliher, Jerry Gurtner, Scott Campbell, Ken Maly, Doug Olstad,  
Mike Schoonveld **Silent Auction Only:** Mike Land, Tom Schmitt

**Purchasing:** Don Stephan, Jerry Gurtner, Dana Henke

**New Software Implementation – Registration & Field Scheduling:** Michelle Schreier, Mike Hinz, Melissa Kelliher,  
Jay Smith

**Safety:** Steve Kelliher, Stan Haack, Jay Smith, Tom Schmitt, Michelle Schreier

**Technology/Website:** Jay Smith, Mike Schoonveld

**Tournaments:** Jay Smith, Brian Drunasky

**Volunteer Coordinator (at least 2 openings):** Ken Maly, Doug Olstad, Brian Drunasky

**New Software:** Michelle Schreier, Scott Campbell, Mike Hinz

**Spring Work Day – March 24:** Dan Hewuse, Stan Haack

**Fall Work Day – August 11:** Steve Kelliher, Mike Hinz

**Special Olympics – June 17:** Jerry Gurtner, Don Stephan

**Midwest Fastpitch Softball Showcase – August 8-9:** Tom Schmitt, Doug Olstad

**U10-U14 Tourney – July 13-15:** Perry Hibner, Bob Banke

**U16-U18 Tourney – July 20-22:** Bob Banke, Doug Olstad, Rob Karn

**Coaches Clinic:** Tom Schmitt, Don Stephan, Arin Oppermann

**Newsletter:** Mike Schoonveld, Editor • Connie Dey-Marcos, Layout & Design



## See How You Score – Baseball vs Softball

Are the following true of Fastpitch Softball, Baseball, Both, or Neither?

1. A runner is allowed to tag on a fly ball with less than two outs.
2. A runner is allowed to take a lead off from a base before the pitcher has released the ball.
3. The pitcher can throw a fastball, curveball, and change-up.
4. Outfield fences are generally 450 to 550 feet from home plate.
5. Types of bunts include a drag bunt, slap bunt, and a sacrifice bunt.
6. The third baseman generally plays in front of the base.
7. The catcher wears full equipment, including shin guards, helmet, and a chest protector.
8. There are four outfielders in fastpitch and baseball?
9. The designated hitter is allowed in the lineup.
10. If you bunt a third strike and it goes foul, it is an out.

Quiz answers: 1.both, 2.baseball, 3.both, 4.neither, 5.both, 6.softball, 7.both, 8.neither, 9.both, 10.both