



Greenback Youth Sports

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Dear Softball Fans,

Thank you so much for entrusting us with your children to play softball in the Greenback community. It is our goal to teach the children good sportsmanship & teamwork, in addition to the game of softball. We are working towards a partnership with the City of Greenback and Greenback School in order to continue to make improvements to our facilities and to achieve many short-term and long-term goals. Any fundraising you are asked to do during this season will be used to help us maintain and improve our league. We will keep you up to date as our plans develop.

Here are a few key dates you'll want to know as we start our 2024 season:

February 17th – 20st – Greenback Day at Dick's Sporting Goods in Alcoa

TBD – Team Store Open (Fan Shirts, Hats, & Visors)

TBD – Kickoff Tournament

April 6th – Picture Day & Fundraiser Due

TBD – End of Season Fun Night

We are looking forward to a great season, and we truly appreciate your support as we continue to try to strengthen and grow our league. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, feel free to contact any of the board members listed above.

Sincerely,

Greenback Youth Sports Board Members

Greenback League Information 2024

Bad Weather

During times of bad weather, the decision to play all games will be decided at the field by the umpire or league representative. If it's possible to make a determination to cancel games due to bad weather in advance, a league representative will communicate that decision to all the coaches, who will then need to communicate to the parents. We may also post information regarding game cancellations on the website when ever possible.

Concession Stand

Each team will be required to work the concession stand during the season. Your team will **NOT** be asked to work the concession stand during the time your team is playing. A schedule for you team will be provided to your coach prior to the season starting. The coach will ask for your help in filling your team's time slots with two (2) representatives. If you are unable to work your designated time slot, please let your coach know as soon as possible, so he or she can make other arrangements.

We can always use donations to our concession stand. So if you are grocery shopping and can pick up an extra bottle of ketchup or mustard or an extra pack of hot dog buns, we would greatly appreciate it! Here is a list of items we can always use:

- Hot dog buns
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Cans of chili without beans
- Napkins
- Large Dill Pickle Jar
- Small chip bags (variety pack)

End of the Season Fun Day / Closing Ceremonies

A fun night will be held at **Springbrook Pool in Alcoa** at the end of the season and provide a time for all players to receive their participation trophies and have fun with their coaches and teammates. All parents and family members are invited to attend. More details will be provided throughout the season.

Equipment (Bats, Helmet, etc.)

Every player should have a glove and helmet. All helmets should have a face guard and a chin strap. If a player wears cleats, they must be plastic, not metal.

If you bring your own bat to use during a game, it must be an approved ISA or ASA bat.

Catcher's equipment will be provided by the league for all games.

Fan Shirts, Hats, and Visors

Fan shirts will be sold. Each shirt will be the same design and color of the child's team and will include the word's "Fan Of" and the child's number on the back of their shirt:

The Greenback Baseball **hats** and **visors** will be available.

You will be able to place your order for a team shirt, hat, and/or visor **online** through our **Team Store sponsored by Pokey's & Sports**. A link to our Team Store will be sent out on our Facebook page and our website. The Team Store will be open for orders to ensure you have your order back as close as possible to the start of the season. We will make every effort to have your order ready to be handed out at the Jamboree.

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Fundraiser

The registration fee does not cover any other operating costs of this league (balls, field maintenance, catcher's gear, umpires fees, etc). Therefore, our fundraisers are what will allow this league to maintain and hopefully grow.

Players will be asked to sell Crocket Creek Beef Jerky to raise money for the league. It will be the expectation of each player to sell **10 bags**. A Beef Jerky Order Form is attached to this packet and you can find a link to this form on our website under "Parents Corner." Orders and money will be due on **Saturday, April 6th** during your team's designated picture time.

Regular Season Schedules

Copies of all regular season schedules will be provided to each coach the week before the start of the season. Regular season play begin around the first of April. Coaches will distribute schedules to you as soon as they are available to them. Schedules will also be posted to the league's website.

Sponsorships

Greenback Youth Sports is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. Therefore, any donations made to our organization are tax deductible. We have opportunities for an organization or individual to **sponsor a player** to cover their registration fee, purchase a **fence sign** which will be displayed all season, or **sponsor a team**. If you sponsor a team, your logo will be put on the uniform. Any money raised through the sponsorships will go into the Greenback Youth Sports organization to help cover miscellaneous expenses or directly to the individual being sponsored. Please review the Sponsorship Agreement included in this packet for more details. You can also email greenbackyouthsports@gmail.com if you're interested in donating or have questions.

Tournaments

A Kick-Off Tournament as well as an End of the Season Tournament are typically held each year for teams in our district. The Kick-Off Tournament is typically held at the end of March prior to the regular season beginning in April, while the End of the Season Tournament is typically held in May. Your coach will provide more information regarding the Kick-Off Tournament as soon as it's released.

The End of the Season Tournament dates and locations will be provided when the regular season schedules are complete. Game times for each team will be determined closer to the tournament dates.

During tournaments, there will be a gate fee charged for admission. **Please be prepared to pay to attend those games.** Tournaments are the only time a fee is charged to watch a youth softball game.

Uniforms

The registration fee from each player covers the cost of his or her uniform and insurance. Each player will receive a shirt, pants, belt, & socks.