

- For *All-Stars* there are boundaries that Dixie follows and if your child lives outside these boundaries he/she will *Not Be Eligible* for post-season play. See Sports Director for details.

League	Draft Date & Time	Ball Used	Birthday Cutoff	YMCA Uniform Supplied	Post Season All Stars
4-6 Coed T-ball	None	T-Ball (Sof-Tee)	April 1 current year	Replica Hat & Jersey	NO
7&8 Boys Machine Pitch	Tues. 3/09/10 6:00 PM (field 3)	Standard Baseball	May 1 current year	Replica Hat & Jersey	YES
9&10 Boys Dixie Minor	Tues. 3/09/10 7:00 PM (field 3)	Standard Baseball	May 1 current year	Replica Hat & Jersey	YES
11&12 Boys Dixie Youth	Tues. 3/09/10 8:00 PM (field 3)	Standard Baseball	May 1 current year	Replica Hat & Jersey	YES
13&14 Boys Dixie Boys	Friday April 30 th 6:00 PM (Field 4)	Standard Baseball	May 1 current year	Replica Hat & Jersey	YES
15-18 Boys Dixie Pre-Majors & Majors	Friday April 30 th 7:00 PM (Field 4)	Standard Baseball	May 1 current year	Replica Hat & Jersey	YES
(Coach Pitch) 7&8 Girls Dixie Darlings	TBA	11" Softball RIF level 10	May 1 current year	Visor & Sleeveless Jersey	YES
9&10 Girls Dixie Angels	TBA	11" Softball RIF level 10	May 1 current year	Visor & Sleeveless Jersey	YES
11&12 Girls Dixie Ponytails	TBA	12" Softball RIF level 10	May 1 current year	Visor & Sleeveless Jersey	YES
13-15 Girls Dixie Belles	TBA	12" Softball	May 1 current year	Visor & Sleeveless Jersey	YES

- **MANDATORY COACHES MEETING:**

Ages 4 – 12 Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00pm
All T-Ball Coaches will have a meet on Thursday March 11th at 6:00pm

(Exception: Coaches for 13&14 Boys/15-18 Boys will meet in April. Time and Date TBA)

Dear Parents,

The YMCA would like to thank you for allowing your children to participate in our *SPRING 2010 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL* Season. We are excited that you have joined us and are looking forward to serving you all this season. Before we get started with the season there are a few details that we would like to communicate to everyone for success.

Our leagues are run in such a way as to have everyone enjoy fun, competitive ballgames. We have set guidelines and rules to help create this atmosphere. Each participant has the right to equal playing time. The coaches are challenged to balance the substitution rotation- so please work with them giving them your support. Other ways we try to create balanced teams are through the drafting process. Each participant registered is on a team- the draft is conducted to have balanced teams throughout each league. It is very important to have all participants who are not moving into the next league and are not returning to the same team as last spring go through the draft. In efforts to make the teams as balanced as possible, we do not promise any participants (other than siblings) to be on the same team.

Many people have registered their kids in our programs and might even be members in our organization. I would like to take this opportunity to share who we are and what our program is about. We are a Christian, not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to help all people reach their God given potential in spirit, mind, and body. In our Baseball and Softball programs as well as the other programs we offer at the YMCA we want to help kids, families and our community to grow stronger and closer together. There are five character traits we focus on in efforts to do that: faith, caring, respect, responsibility and honesty. In efforts to do this we will ask each of you to help us in creating a positive environment for our kids. Before each game the home team will be responsible for leading the teams in a prayer and the pledge of allegiance- we know that it is not practical for you to walk on the field to join your kids, but we ask that you participate wherever you are. We thank you in advance for joining us in doing this and if any of you are interested in being your team's volunteer, please let your coach know.

Our regular season games will be played during the week. The days scheduled will be Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. **A Tip-Off Tournament will be held the weekend of April 9-11th. Regular Season Games for most age groups will begin the week of April 12th. The older boys' teams (Ages 13-19) will begin later according to Dixie Baseball requirements (mid May). All T-Ball and Baseball Coaches of teams ages 4- 12 and All Softball Coaches will have a meeting time on Tuesday, February 16th after that point they will be in contact with you regarding specific team and league information. T-Ball coaches will also meet Thursday, March 11th at 6:00 PM. All meetings will be held at the Kings Mountain Family YMCA After School Room.**

If anyone is interested in Coaching, being a Team Parent, being a Character Development Parent, Sponsor (each team is required to have one- \$250), or Volunteering in any other capacity, please contact us and let us know. *Each team will be asked to provide a sponsor. It is possible for teams to have a combination of sponsors to reach the full sponsorship amount.* We run our programs through volunteers. Our coaches dedicate their time, energies and efforts to your kids- please encourage and assist them with your team and your league. We look strongly to our coaches and parents to help us in setting a good example for our kids. I thank you in advance for promoting good sportsmanship this season.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at 704-669-3687.

Have a blessed season!

Jamie Camp
Program Director