

Bill Arp Baseball

Spring 2011

General Information

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On behalf of the Bill Arp Baseball Board of Directors we would like to tell you how very excited we are about our upcoming season. Thank you for choosing Bill Arp to play. We are committed to our park, parents and most of all the children and want this year to be a great success.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors is elected at the end of the spring season each year. The board members hold office for one year terms. Director, Assistant Director and Treasury have two year terms. Each parent has the right to run for a position on the board at each election which is held toward the end of spring season. Please see the Board of Directors link for a list of the current board members and their email addresses.

Registration: Registration for the Spring 2011 baseball season will be held on-line through January 22nd and in-person on January 8th (Douglas Co. residents only), 15th and 22nd from 10 AM to 12 PM at Bill Arp Park (Blue 2 story building on 2nd floor). Bill Arp Baseball uses the PONY (Protect Our Nations Youth) Baseball rules and regulations. PONY Baseball provides the following age divisions. The registration rates are set by the Bill Arp Baseball Board of Directors:

Ages	League	Reg. Fee	Concession Fee
3-4	Pre-T (T-ball only)	\$ 60.00	\$25.00
5-6	Shetland (T-ball with coach pitch option)	\$110.00	\$25.00
7-8	Pinto (Coach Pitch)	\$120.00	\$25.00
9-10	Mustang	\$130.00	\$25.00
11-12	Bronco	\$140.00	\$25.00
13-14	Pony	\$150.00	\$25.00

**On-Line Registration will include a processing fee from Active.com. Also, Non-Douglas County residents will need to pay an additional \$25.00 per player. This fee will go directly to Douglas County.

League Age is the age attained by a player prior to May 1st for the specific year in question (i.e., 2009). The registration fee includes a full basic uniform (jersey, pants, socks, belt, and hat) an end of season trophy, umpire fees, concession fees, and league insurance. Each child will be responsible for their own gloves, batting helmets and cleats. Refunds will not be given after the 2nd practice. Please provide a copy of each player's birth certificate during registration.

A fee of \$30 will also be assessed for each returned check. Unresolved returned checks could result in delay of your child's uniform and/or trophy.

Concession Stand: The concession stand is the primary revenue source of Bill Arp Baseball. A \$25 deposit is requested when you sign each child up at Bill Arp. **A fee of \$30 will also be assessed for each returned check. Unresolved returned checks could result in delay of your child's uniform and/or trophy.** When you complete your concession duty your deposit is returned. If you don't complete your time of duty then the money is deposited into the league account. Each parent is asked to work the concession stand one time during the spring season (for each of their own children). The scheduled time to work the concession stand will occur before or after a scheduled game. The concession stand work times are around 2 hours.

Volunteer Support: Bill Arp Baseball is a non-profit organization run solely by volunteers. All parents are encouraged to volunteer to help with activities. Parent volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of Directors, coaching, Team Moms, field maintenance, concession stand and fund-raising activities. Without parent volunteers there would not be a league for the kids.

Coaches: All coaches are volunteers and relied on heavily to carry a large burden of responsibility for the league. First and foremost, the coaches are teachers of the fundamentals of baseball. Also, the coaches are the “life-line” for information that needs to be passed from the league to the parents. All coaches (managers, assistant coaches, team moms, etc.) are required to submit a coaching application form that is subject to review by the Bill Arp Baseball Board of Directors. Also a background check is required for these positions as well. Bill Arp Baseball shall not permit any person to participate in any manner whose background check reveals a conviction for any crime involving or against a minor, or a domestic violation conviction, where a minor was involved. Bill Arp Baseball Board of Directors reserves the right to prohibit any individual from participation as a volunteer if the board deems the individual unfit to work with minors.

Sponsorship: Bill Arp Baseball has provisions to handle park and team sponsorship donations. Sponsorship donations help support the park and individual teams. Teams are not required to obtain sponsors, but team sponsorship money can benefit a team and help with uniform upgrades, team party costs, etc. The team sponsorship money is spent at the discretion of the team. All monies received for park sponsorships will be placed in the park fund and used for the various park expenses. All sponsorship donations are processed through the park so the sponsors receive credit for their donation for tax purposes. All sponsorship donations are 100% deductible. Team sponsorship: After the cost of the appreciation gift is purchased the teams will receive 80% of the monies donated and the park will receive 20%. Please see sponsorship form link.

Practice/Game Schedules: Games will begin on Saturday, March 12th. Practice and game schedules will be developed after registration has been completed and the number of teams that comprise each age division is known. Your patience is greatly appreciated as it takes a lot of time and coordination to develop the practice and game schedules.

Dates of Interest:

In-Person Registration:	January 8 th (Douglas Co. residents only) from 10 am – 12 pm
In-Person Registration:	January 15 th & 22 nd from 10 am - 12 pm
On-Line Registration:	Through January 22 nd
Work Day:	January 15 th
Coaches Meeting:	January 24 th @ 7:00 pm
Distribute Equipment:	January 24 th
Mustang & Pony Evaluations:	January 25 th
Pinto & Bronco Evaluations:	January 27 th
Baseball Clinic:	February 12 th
Opening Day:	March 12 th

Park Cleanliness: We encourage everyone to keep Bill Arp Park clean. Please pick up the trash around the stands and in the dugouts after each game and practice. Trash receptacles are located at various locations around the park. It is each coach’s duty to make sure the dugout and stands are clean after they leave their practice/game. If we all work together we can make the park a cleaner safer place to play.

Adult Conduct: Adults (parents, coaches, fans, etc.) are asked to conduct themselves in a business-like manner while at Bill Arp Park. Adults are asked to provide a proper environment for children participating in youth sports by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and volunteers at every practice and game. Adults who do not demonstrate appropriate behavior will be warned and if the problem persists may face disciplinary actions and/or may be asked to leave the park. Please see the Code of Conduct.

Pets are **not** allowed on the fields at Bill Arp Park. Also, per Douglas County ordinances, alcoholic beverages are not allowed on park properties. Smoking is permitted in designated areas around each of the fields. Please look for the blue signs that specify the designated smoking areas. Please be courteous to others.

Questions, Comments, Ideas, etc.: Please contact a member of the Board of Directors if you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas.

Thank you for bringing your children to play at Bill Arp Park!!!!