WHEATON WILDCATS TRYOUT INVITATION FOR 2020 SEASON
WHEATON PARK DISTRICT YOUTH SOFTBALL

10U *(CANNOT TURN 11 BEFORE 1/1/20)*
Thursday, August 1 | 6–8P | Graf #4 | Tryout code: 340347-01
Saturday, August 3 | 10:30A–12:30P | Graf #4

12U *(CANNOT TURN 13 BEFORE 1/1/20)*
Thursday, August 1 | 6–8P | Graf #5 | Tryout code: 340347-02
Saturday, August 3 | 10:30A–12:30P | Graf #5

14U (*CANNOT TURN 15 PRIOR TO 1/1/20)*
Wednesday, July 31 | 6–8P | Graf #4 | Tryout code: 340347-03
Saturday, August 3 | 8–10A | Graf #4

16U *(CANNOT TURN 17 PRIOR TO 1/1/20)*
Wednesday, July 31 | 6–8P | Graf #5 | Tryout code: 340347-04
Saturday, August 3 | 8–10A | Graf #5

18U *(CANNOT TURN 19 BEFORE 1/1/20)*
Wednesday, July | 31 6–8P | Graf #5 | Tryout code: 340347-05
Saturday, August 3 | 8–10A | Graf #5

In case of inclement weather, Sunday, August 4, 12–2P will serve as the rain date. See time and field location above.

Full-time Travel Team Tryout to be conducted by the Softball Board of Control and Selection Committee

Tryout Ages
Youth softball players: Ages 9–18 *(open tryouts)*

Tryout Location
Graf Park. Please park in DuPage County Fairgrounds *(see map on next page)*.

Pure travel softball players must try out for each age level they want to be considered for.

Tryout registration is appreciated at wheatonparkdistrict.com by August 1.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Full-time softball travel candidates are encouraged to attend at least two tryout dates. In case of questionable weather, proceed to Graf Park. A decision will be made at the field as to whether tryouts will be held. Graf Park is located next to the DuPage County Fairgrounds and Monroe Middle School on Manchester Road. Please park in the fairgrounds lot by entering through gate 3S.

Full-time travel team softball (Wheaton Wildcats) is very competitive and requires serious commitment by players, parents, and coaching staff. The regular playing season will start in April and runs through July, and it is anticipated that approximately 60 practice and tournament games will be played during this time period. Practices, games, and/or tournaments will begin this fall. In the winter months, training will continue indoors at facilities located within Wheaton and the surrounding western suburbs.

A team roster of 12 players will be chosen for each age level to create a Blue team. 18U Blue will be selected prior to 16U Blue and so on, continuing down to 10U Blue. The selection of additional players for an Orange team at any age level cannot occur until all Blue team players at all age levels have been selected and have paid the minimum $300 fee (for residents) and $375 (for nonresidents), as discussed in the paragraph below. The creation of any team is dependent on the quality and depth of talent (especially pitching), plus the availability of qualified coaches. Selection is based upon a number of factors in addition to the tryout itself, including but not limited to: prior travel experience, coaches' evaluations, and prior commitment to the WPD in-house and travel softball programs.

All players chosen must register as part of the regular Wheaton Youth Baseball/Softball registration process and will be assessed a non-refundable registration fee of $300/resident or $375/nonresident, payable to the Wheaton Park District. The minimum registration fee will be due immediately upon notification of selection to a team. If payment is not received, an alternate player will be selected.

For more information or to volunteer to manage or assist a team, contact:
Softball Travel Vice President, Mike Krejci
michael.krejci@saint-gobain.com | 630.235.1340

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PAYMENT

These funds shall be used for umpires, softballs, equipment, field maintenance, and inclusion in the Annual WPD Red, White, & Blue Classic. In January, players will be required to purchase team uniforms. Returning players may use their existing uniforms if they are selected to the same team. Each player will be responsible for an additional $600-$800 to go toward uniforms, indoor training, umpire fees, and tournaments. This additional fee could be lowered as a result of fundraising efforts by teams. All other information will be covered at your team's parent meeting.
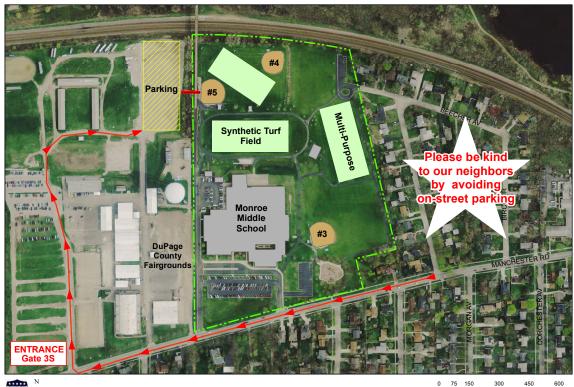
PARENTS

Please drop off and pick up your players ten minutes before and after the scheduled tryout time. If you wish to stay, you must remain on the bleachers during the tryouts. The selection committee will run the tryouts. Any interference will result in you being asked to leave. **If your child is unable to attend the tryouts and would still like to be considered for a team, you must register them AND contact Mike Krejci prior to the tryouts at the numbers provided.**

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

The number of teams in the travel softball program will be determined at the discretion of the Selection Committee, and shall be based upon the overall talent and qualified managers available. Regardless of the number of tryout participants, the Selection Committee, at its sole discretion, may hold supplemental tryouts. These Supplemental Tryouts will be posted on the WPD website. Players who participated in the initial tryout do NOT need to attend any Supplemental Tryout. The Selection Committee shall use its best efforts to finish the selection process within one week from the completion of tryouts. Team selections by tryout number will be posted on the WPD website. Go to wheatonparkdistrict.com, click on Leagues, click on softball, and click on Announcements (on the right of the screen) to get rosters. A list of the players selected to the travel team(s) and coaches' names will also be placed on file with the WPD Athletic Department and the league administrator after the selection process is completed.

A non-refundable registration fee of $300/$375 payable to the Wheaton Park District will be due within 48 hours upon notification of selection to a team. If payment is not received, an alternate player will be selected.

Graf Park
Fairgrounds Parking -- Conveniently located next to fields.

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