



Somerset Hills Girls Softball League

April – June 2011

NEW! *Pre-season clinics! See reverse side for complete information!*



Junior Swatters League

Grades 2 & 3

This is a recreational, non-competitive league where the basic skills and fundamentals of softball are taught to participants and no league standings are kept. This is a coach pitch softball league.

Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15 PM from May through mid-June. Occasional Friday games may occur due to make-ups. Most home games are played at Southard Park on North Maple Avenue, the War Memorial Complex on South Maple Avenue, Liberty Corner Firemen's Field and Mountain Park. Games are umpired by team coaches.

Minor Leagues,

Grades 4 & 5

Major League

Grades 6, 7, & 8

This is a recreational, non-competitive league where the basic skills and fundamentals of softball are taught to participants and no league standings are kept. This is a fast pitch softball league.

Minor League will play games on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Major League will play games on Mondays and Wednesdays. Occasional Friday games may occur due to make-ups. Games will start at 6:15 PM and are held from May through mid-June. Most home games are played at Ridge High School, Southard Park on North Maple Avenue, the Ridge JV Field and Mountain Park.

The Somerset Hills Softball League includes teams from Bernards Township, Peapack/Gladstone, and Tewksbury. Only Bernards Township residents may play on Bernards Township teams.



Each team will practice 2-3 hours per week beginning in early April. Each participant will receive a hat and jersey. Participants must provide their own glove and athletic shoe.

Registration Fee: \$70/player for Junior Swatters League (grades 2 & 3)
\$90/player for Minor or Major Leagues (grades 4 – 8)
if registration is received on or before Friday, March 4, 2011
\$20 late fee per player additional beginning March 7, 2011 (all leagues)

Residents only. Refunds are subject to a \$10 processing fee. No refunds issued after 4/01/11.
Complete one Youth Program Registration Form per child, per program. No carpool/team/coach requests.
Find additional registration policies and registration forms by visiting www.bernards.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

One volunteer coach and assistant coach is needed for each team. The number of teams and participants we can accommodate depends on the number of volunteers.

As a coach for your child's softball team you will be responsible for:

- Attending the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. clinic on 3/21/11, 7-10 PM at Town Hall
- Attending a pre-season general information meeting on 3/24/11, 7 PM, Town Hall
- Optional coaching clinic will be held on Saturday, March 12th, from 12:00 – 1:30PM.
- Communicating all important league information to parents and participants
- Teaching participants the basic skills & fundamentals of softball and good sportsmanship

It will take about 3-4 hours per week of your time to help us with this league.
Complete the "volunteer" portion of the registration form.



Somerset Hills Girls Softball Pre-Season Clinics For Bernards Township participants in grades 4-8.

*Instructor: Tara Cantagallo, Ridge Varsity Girls Softball Head Coach
along with members of the Ridge Softball Team.*

The following clinics are for Bernards Township residents only. Participants must be registered in the Somerset Hills Softball League (Minor or Major League). To enroll in a clinic date, call 908-630-5520 by the deadlines specified below. No additional registration form is required. *Space is limited for each clinic - first come, first served. All dates/times are subject to change.*

Coaches Clinic

Saturday, March 12th

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Ridge Varsity Field (Behind Bernards Township Community Center)

Rain Site: Ridge High Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 11th

A skills clinic for volunteer coaches and assistant coaches. The clinic will address coaching skills, player drills, position play & correct mechanics.

Players Clinic – Batting

**Players only, parents are not allowed to attend*

Thursday, March 10th

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ridge High Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 4th

This clinic will address batting technique. Please bring your own bat. Softballs will be provided.

Players Clinic – Fundamentals

**Players only, parents are not allowed to attend*

Saturday, March 12

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Ridge Varsity Field (Behind Bernards Township Community Center)

Rain Site: Ridge High Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 11th

A variety of softball fundamentals covered. Please bring your own glove.

Players Clinic - Fielding Clinic

**Players only, parents are not allowed to attend*

Thursday, March 17th

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ridge High Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 11th

This clinic will address infield and outfield play. Please bring your own glove. Softballs are provided.

Players Clinic - Pitching and Catching Clinic

**Players only, parents are not allowed to attend*

Thursday, March 24th

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ridge High Gymnasium

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 18th

This clinic will address pitching and catching. Please bring your own glove. Softballs are provided.

To enroll in a clinic date, call 908-630-5520 by the aforementioned deadlines

YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Complete one form per child, per program and submit one check per child, per program. This form cannot be used for the Summer Recreation Program.

Return to: Bernards Township Recreation, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

We DO NOT accept carpool, coach or schedule requests. Any registrations received with requests will be returned.

Program Title: Girls Softball **Fee:** \$ _____ *Make checks payable to "Bernards Township"*

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Male or Female: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Height: ___ ft ___ in Birth date: ___/___/___ Grade: _____ School child attends: _____

	Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name		
Home Phone #		
Work Phone #		
Cell Phone #		
Email		

Please provide information for an emergency contact (other than parent) We will always attempt to contact the parent/guardian first.

	Emergency Contact	Medical, physical, behavioral, or mental health conditions we should be aware of:
Name		
Home Phone #		
Cell Phone #		

	Name	
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION The number of teams & participants we can accommodate depends on the number of volunteers. Refer to the program's description and our Youth Sports Coach/Coordinator policies for more information.	Daytime Phone #	
	Email	
	Basketball/Softball	Circle one: Coach or Assistant

Basketball/Softball Coaches - You may choose **ONE** person you would like to coach with: _____
Please note: Requests are not guaranteed. The person you request must also request you. Multiple requests will be ignored.

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in this program and give permission to provide emergency care as necessary for the well being of my child until such time as I may be contacted. I give permission for those individuals listed on this form to pick-up/release my child from the program. I agree that the Bernards Township Recreation Department shall not be held liable in the event of accident or injury resulting from participation in this activity. I grant the Bernards Township Recreation Department the right to use any and all photographs of myself or my child participating in a Department sponsored activity for future media promotion. I certify that I have read and understand the Recreation Department's registration, refund, youth sports and volunteer coach/coordinator policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

For office use only: Cash _____ **Ck. #** _____ **Received:** _____

<p>YOUTH SPORTS POLICIES <i>The Bernards Township Recreation Department directly sponsors Girls Softball Youth Basketball (Recreation & Travel), & Ant/Floor Hockey.</i></p> <p>The Bernards Township Recreation Department encourages equal participation, skill development, team work, good sportsmanship and having fun.</p> <p>For Girls Softball, Recreation Basketball and Ant/Floor Hockey, league standings are not kept and awards are not distributed. All Travel program uniforms must be returned.</p> <p>Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Gym supervisors and officials have the right to expel any coach, player, parent or spectator from the program for any act of misconduct, including heckling, use of foul language, and other unacceptable behavior. The Model Athletic Code of Conduct and Parent Code of Ethics will be distributed and explained at the beginning of each season to all coaches, parents and players.</p>	<p>Team assignments are made according to skill level first in an effort to maintain balanced teams. Other factors may include the child's grade and the school they attend. Due to the overwhelming number of participants in our youth sports programs we <u>cannot accept</u> carpool, coach, team or schedule requests. Any registrations received with requests will be returned. We will not make changes to team rosters once they are assigned.</p> <p>We realize conflicts in schedule will occur. A commitment to attend every team practice and game is greatly appreciated by teammates and coaches. However, whether or not a participant is able to attend all practices, they will receive an equal amount of playing time during games.</p> <p>VOLUNTEER COACHES & TEAM COORDINATORS</p> <p>The number of teams and participants we can accommodate in a program depends on the number of volunteer coaches and coordinators. Parent participation is encouraged and appreciated.</p>	<p>We will assign <u>one</u> coach and <u>one</u> assistant coach per basketball and softball team and one team coordinator per hockey team.</p> <p>All coaches, assistant coaches and team coordinators must complete an authorization for a sex-offender background check. Authorizations are kept on file and additional checks are conducted each year for those who continue to volunteer.</p> <p>All coaches and assistant coaches for basketball and softball are required to have completed the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Clinic (Sports Awareness for Educating Today's Youth). A three-hour safety orientation and training skills programs that provides partial civil immunity protection to volunteer coaches. Clinics are held in fall and spring for Recreation Department volunteers.</p>
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