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**Now celebrating our  
59th year!**

## **Welcome to Merillon Athletic Association League Information Brochure**

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[www.MerillonAA.com](http://www.MerillonAA.com)

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## **Forward.....**

To All Merillon Parents;

This booklet is provided for you so that you may have a better understanding of our association from our beginning to present. We urge you to read all of it carefully. We ask for your cooperation so that we may continue to provide an excellent program.

Anthony Camilleri  
Chairman

## **A Brief History of Merillon AA**

In late 1951, a group of 25 parents got together to form a youth baseball association. Additional meetings were held and it was agreed to obtain a Little League charter. In 1952, a representative committee of parents met with the Little League officials from Williamsport, Pa and a formal charter was granted. The new league decided to call itself "Merillon" after the fire house meeting place and the cooperation received from the volunteer firemen in developing a small baseball field adjacent to the Merillon fire house, which now a days is the Denton Ave School parking lot. And so Merillon Athletic Association was born.

In 1955 with the help and cooperation of the Town of North Hempstead and the Village of Lake Success, Merillon Athletic Association was granted five acres of estate property. By 1963 in addition to a refreshment stand Merillon Athletic Association built an equipment garage that was in service until 1990 when the current field house was built through the efforts of the late Senator Michael J. Tully, Jr. and the Town of North Hempstead.

Today more than ever the current Board of Directors, Managers, Coaches, and parents are dedicated to providing an environment for the continued tradition of Americas favorite past time... Baseball! In addition to our spring season Merillon Athletic Association provides summer and fall programs and host baseball clinics in the summer and winter providing professional instructions to those in attendance.

## Code of Conduct

- I will remember that my child plays for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all Merillon sanctioned games or events.
- ***Zero Tolerance Policy: Participants in any altercations or who becomes a disruption to the game will be required to leave the complex immediately and will be subject to potential expulsion from the league.*** This includes players, coaches, parents and guests. No profanity please, these are our children.
- I will encourage my child to always play by the rules, respect the coaches, umpires and other players.
- I will let the coaches do the coaching, and recognize the value and importance of VOLUNTEER coaches.
- I will respect the league officials, coaches and umpires and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront them on the field of play and will take time to speak with them at an agreed upon time and place.
- Parents are not permitted to enter dugouts or the field of play during games unless a medical situation occurs.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, develop skills and create team spirit.
- No alcohol or smoking is permitted within the Merillon Field's Complex or any other Merillon sanctioned games or events.
- No bats swinging or throwing balls at any time within common areas of the Merillon Field Complex. Supervised play and bat swinging within the field of play, batting cage or designated areas only! This is for the safety of our children.
- The batting cage is only to be used by Merillon ball players under the supervision of a Merillon coach.
- No throwing of rocks is permitted.
- No fence climbing is permitted at any Merillon facility.
- No dogs are permitted.
- Observe any posted signs and be alert for foul balls at all times.
- Please dispose of all trash properly. We are responsible for keeping our complex clean, please help us do so.

**Important Note: These rules are enforced simply for the safety of your child and ensuring that he/she will have a positive Little League experience.**

## **Mission Statement**

For over 50 years Merillon Athletic Association has provided baseball and softball programs to over 10,000 boys and girls.

--The objective of the Merillon Athletic Association is to implant firmly in the youth and young adults of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier; and, will grow to be decent, healthy and trustworthy adults. This objective also includes young men and women in our softball and baseball programs.

-- As taken from Merillon Athletic Association's Constitution and By-laws

“Little League is about having fun playing baseball or softball. Players have fun when they know they are improving and feel successful. The best way for players to improve is to receive excellent instruction from their coach and then, during practice and at home, work on improving their skills.”

## **Board of Directors**

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## **Parking Rules**

As most of you are aware our league has grown over the past few seasons and our parking requirements have increased. We have once again obtained permission to utilize the parking lot of We're Associates adjacent to Merillon Field #2 off Dakota Drive and located to the west of Merillon Complex.

In addition we have attempted to enforce parking regulations in the Merillon Field House parking lot with little success. This area has become extremely congested and the safety of our children has become a concern. Therefore since our Field House parking lot is limited in size, only league personnel or handicapped permitted vehicles will be permitted to park in the Merillon Field House parking lot.

We respectfully request that all non-league personnel utilize the parking lot of We're Associates adjacent to Merillon Field #2 off Dakota Drive and located to the west of Merillon Complex and park in this area. There are more than enough spaces there for guests and parents of Merillon players. However please use the following guidelines and some common sense when using these spots.

Remember that people who work for "We're" have preference over us.

Please do not litter, pickup after yourself and your children.

Please do not park in the entrance or exit lanes of Dakota Drive, use only the designated parking spaces.

If we violate these rules our privileges will be revoked and we will not be able to utilize these facilities.

Please be reminded that the Town does not permit parking along Marcus Avenue. They will issue tickets for parking violations. In addition to the parking violations I am sure you will agree that it isn't the safest of streets to exit your vehicle.

## **Summer Travel League**

### **Merillon “Sharks” Baseball**

New this year we will be forming the Merillon “Sharks” program for players interested in playing Summer Travel Baseball.

There will be two divisions **Rookie League** for ages 9 through 12 and **Big League** for ages 13 and up.

We will be holding Tryouts for these teams  
on May 22nd and May 23rd.

More information will follow on our website and mailed to your home. If you are interested in being a manager or coach or if you simply would like more information please email our VP of Travel Thomas Murphy at [tjm\\_murphy@verizon.net](mailto:tjm_murphy@verizon.net)

## **Merillon's Picture Day!**

“Picture Day” is April 24th & 25th at Merillon Park.

Team pictures as well as individual pictures will be taken.

All players are required to attend the “Team Picture”

as this picture is then put onto a plaque and

distributed to the individual team sponsor

in recognition of their sponsorship.

### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

You will be able to purchase individual pictures of your future Major Leaguer online in the leisure and privacy of your own home and pay online via credit card.

You still will be able to purchase individual pictures on the date of the shoot via check but this should help you to choose the best package and pricing for you.

Your team manager will have more information

for you at a later date including time schedules

and pricing for individual picture

packages.

## **Merillon's Annual Parade Day!**

**On Saturday, May 1, 2010 we will be holding our**

### **Opening Day Parade Ceremonies**

Please join us in celebrating our 59th year

of incorporation as a Little League.

We encourage you to make every effort to attend

and take part in this celebration.

**Again, this year as part of the opening ceremonies we will be holding our**

### **“Raffle Fundraiser Drawing”**

The parade will step off at the Manor Oaks Elementary School at approximately 10:00am and proceed directly to Merillon Park on Marcus Avenue. More information will be supplied by your team's manager.

**ALL TEAMS ARE TO REPORT TO THE PARKING LOT OF THE MANOR OAKS SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 9:30AM AND BE IN FULL UNIFORM AND SNEAKERS NOT CLEATS!**

## **Merillon Summer Registration!**

**May 1, 2010**

Summer intramural and travel team registration begins.

Please check our website for more information and links for registering your child online.

## **Merillon's 10th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser!**

**Date:** Exact time and date to be announced  
**Place:** Harbor Links, Port Washington, NY  
**Cost:** To Be Determined for Single Player and Foursome Group

**Includes:** Practice Balls, On Course Lunch, Golf Cart, Round of Golf, Cocktail Hour w/Open Bar & Appetizers, Dinner w/Beer, Wine, Soda.

**Register by Mail:** Go to [www.MerillonAA.com](http://www.MerillonAA.com) click on the Golf Outing Link on the first page. Printout and complete the following information below and mail to Merillon Athletic Association PO Box 2144 New Hyde Park, NY 11040 (Please note at the time of printing this booklet this section of the website was still being worked on and will be set up shortly)

Sponsorship & Combination Packages  
Will be offered...

For more information or any questions email us at  
[Merillonaa@optonline.net](mailto:Merillonaa@optonline.net)

**Please note that at the time that this book was being printed the above fundraiser had yet to be set up.**  
**Further information will be mailed directly to your home.**

## **Merillon's Summer Baseball Clinic!**

**Monday, July 12, 2010 through Friday, July 16, 2010**

Give your son the opportunity to develop first-rate skills with individualized instruction given by highly accomplished coaches at the Professional, College and High School Level.

Featured instructor

Dean Tartarian

of the Fundamental Baseball Camp

Each day will be packed with instruction that will include:

- Conditioning
- Small Group Drill Work
- Situation Drills
- Throwing Techniques
- Individual Hitting Instruction
- Base Running Techniques
- Individualized Pitching Instruction
- Scrimmage Game with Individualized attention

Open to all Merillon registered players ages 7 through 12. Players will be grouped according to skill level and age to maximize their instruction.

Players should bring lunch and drinks each day. In case of bad weather, the camp will be moved indoors. Merillon personnel will be available on site at all times.

Visit our website at

[www.MerillonAA.com](http://www.MerillonAA.com)

Information for our Summer Camp  
including a link to register will be posted to our website  
around May 1st, 2010.

## **Sponsor a Team!**

**Support our sponsors and or become one.  
It is easy, affordable and it will promote your business  
throughout the community.**

**Your business name will be listed on our web-site, used as team name and  
a banner is created in the name you request and proudly carried  
in our annual parade,  
then posted on the Merillon Field for the season.**

**The team name with a the team summary will be reported in the Anton  
Newspaper throughout the season for more  
promotion for your business.**

**Most importantly your financial support as sponsor keeps our League af-  
fordable for families in our community, which is greatly needed in these  
tough economic times.**

**If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or know someone who would,  
please contact Mr. Frank Kurre either by E-mail at: [flkurre@hotmail.com](mailto:flkurre@hotmail.com)  
or [MerillonAA@optonline.net](mailto:MerillonAA@optonline.net)**

## Sponsors

Sponsorships are a very important part of our programs. Without our sponsorship support it would be difficult to continue providing almost year round programs to over 600 local children annually. Merillon Athletic Association would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support of all the boys and girls who play baseball and softball for our Little League and our community.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or know someone who would, please contact Mr. Frank Kurre either by E-mail at: [flkurre@hotmail.com](mailto:flkurre@hotmail.com) or [MerillonAA@optonline.net](mailto:MerillonAA@optonline.net)

## 2010 Sponsors

Robert J. Kurre & Associates, PC  
New Hyde Park Funeral Home, Inc.  
Knights of Columbus—New Hyde Park Council  
2852  
Iron Horse Transport Inc.  
Ridgewood Savings Bank  
New Hyde Park Elks  
Dominick's Italian & American Delicatessen  
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Virgilio Chiropractic and Wellness Center  
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Dennis Barber Shop

## Calendar of Events

### March

11th, Thursday– Spring 2010 Girls/Boys Division Drafts at Merillon Field House, 7pm Lower Farms, 8:30pm Upper Farms.

12th, Friday– Spring 2010 Girls/Boys Division Drafts at Merillon Field House, 7pm Minors, 8:30 pm Majors.

10th Wednesday– Board Meeting

12th Friday— All spring schedules posted to the website.

18th Thursday– Instructional Division Players & Parents meeting at G. Martin Senior Citizens Building, 7:00pm.

23rd Tuesday– Mandatory Managers meeting to be held at Clinton G. Martin Senior Citizens Building, 7:00pm.

{Note: After each Division Draft is completed Managers will pick up all of the following items; Team Equipment, Uniforms, Medical Release Forms, Raffle Tickets and Keys }

TBA = To Be Announced

## **Calendar of Events, con't...**

### **April**

9th, Friday - Challengers Division Opening Day

10th, Saturday - Opening Day

14th Wednesday– Board Meeting

24th, Saturday - Picture Day— Team and individual pictures to be held at Merillon Park, TBA

25th, Sunday - Picture Day— Team and individual pictures to be held at Merillon Park, TBA

### **May**

1st, Saturday - Summer season and summer camp online registration opens

1st, Saturday - Parade Day and Raffle Drawing

12th, Wednesday - Board Meeting

22nd, Saturday— Summer Travel Team Tryouts.

23rd, Sunday– Summer Travel Team Tryouts (rain date).

25th, Tuesday - Mandatory Managers Meeting - Spring Season Closeout and Playoff Schedule.

TBA = To Be Announced

## **Calendar of Events, con't...**

### **June**

9th, Wednesday - Board Meeting

12th, Saturday - Championship Saturday! Exact times of Championship games per division and locations will be decided at a later date.

13th, Saturday - 4:00PM - Annual coaches softball game and barbeque

12th, Saturday - All Team Equipment & Keys returned, (with the exception of Summer Managers).

13th, Sunday - Championship Saturday! Exact times of Championship games per division and locations will be decided at a later date (rain date).

15th, Tuesday - Summer All Star Team Rosters announced and posted on website.

17th, Thursday - Summer All Star Team Parents Meeting at Clinton Martin Senior Citizens Building. A letter will be sent out to all families involved.

June continued on next page...

TBA = To Be Announced

## **Calendar of Events, con't...**

### **June** continued

25th, Friday - Summer Teams Draft Night, TBA.

25th, Friday- Summer Schedule Distributed via Web

27th, Sunday - Tentative Date for the start of the Williamsport Tournament

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### **July**

5th, Monday - Summer Season begins!

12th, Monday - 16th, Friday - Summer Camp

14th, Wednesday - Board Meeting

### **August**

2nd, Monday - Online Registration for our 2010 Fall Season begins

8th, Sunday - Summer Season Ends.

11th, Wednesday - Board Meeting

26th, Thursday—Fall Intramural team drafts night, TBA

TBA = To Be Announced

## **Calendar of Events, con't...**

### **September**

1st, Wednesday - Fall Schedule Distributed via Web

8th, Wednesday - Board Meeting

8th, Wednesday - Equipment, keys & Tournament uniforms returned (Except fall managers)

11th, Saturday - Fall Season begins

16th, Thursday - Annual Golf Outing

22nd, Wednesday - Special Board Meeting - Election of Officers

### **October**

17th, Sunday - Challengers Division Tournament

4th, Monday - Spring 2011 Season Registration Opens On-Line.

13th, Wednesday - Board Meeting

30th, Saturday - End of Fall Season. All Team Equipment & Keys returned, ALL MANAGERS!

30th, Saturday - Merillon fields prepared and shut down for Winter - Exact times will be posted. All persons who volunteered for this will be contacted separately.

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