

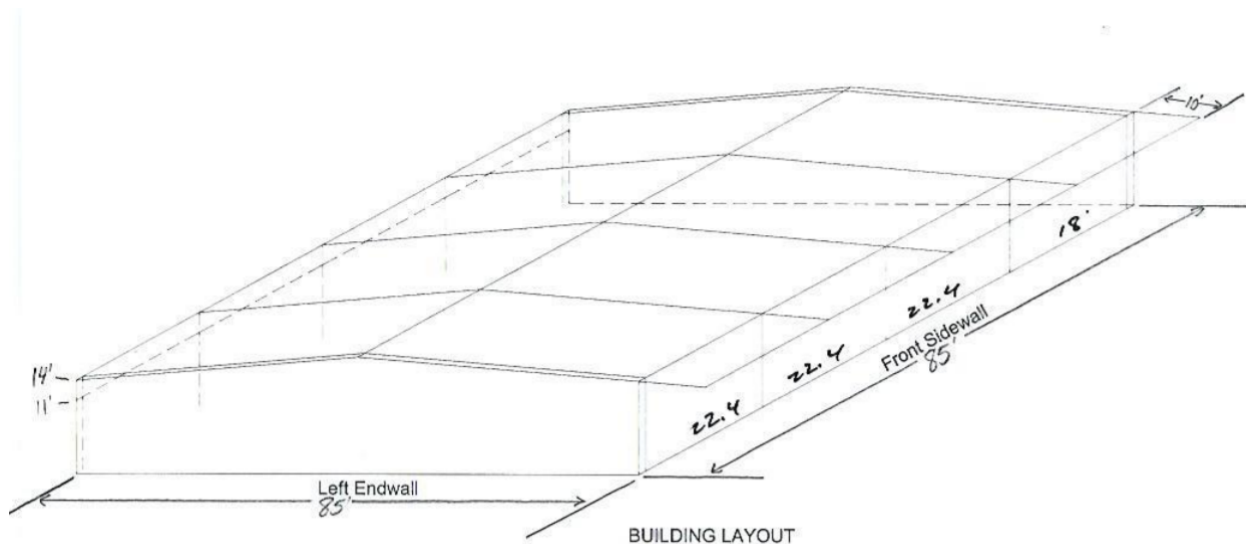
Lamar Little League Fall 2016 Update

Dear Lamar Family,

I wanted to extend my thanks to everyone for a successful fall 2016 season and to give everyone a heads-up on all that is ongoing at Lamar, including an update on the spring schedule and registration.

First off, over the last year, we've poured close to \$40,000 from our fundraising efforts back in to the fields and concession stand to ensure we have one of the top baseball facilities around. As I mentioned in the spring, we finally completed taking bids to cover our batting cages next to the concession stand. This construction project started last week, and we hope to have it complete by the middle of January. This will allow our players to practice even when it's raining, and it will be lighted as well. To date, we have raised nearly \$25,000 from outside donors to fund this project. **We'd like to raise more (as the current amount is only ~30% of the project cost), and as it is closing in on the end of the year and people are looking for things to donate to, we are asking for donations specifically for this project. We are going to create a plaque that will be put up on the concession stand that will list all of the donors. There are 4 levels of sponsorship for the cages, and they will be noted on the plaque (platinum sponsor - \$1000 or greater, gold sponsor - \$500-\$999, silver sponsor - \$250-\$499, bronze sponsor - <\$250).** If you would like to donate to this cause, please go to our website and click on the link (donations to Lamar Little League are tax deductible). Your name will be forever engraved on the plaque on the concession stand. If you have any questions with regards to this project or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me. I've attached proposed images for our batting cage work. Our plans for future upgrades to our fields includes converting Field 8 into a fit-for-purpose 50/70 field and adding a new playground by the concession stand. If you know of anyone who would like to donate to the cause, please pass them our way.





Secondly, we opened up registration for the spring 2017 season this past week. With regards to the spring schedule, we are planning to start the regular season after spring break this year. We plan to close normal registration on January 20th; late registration will be accepted through January 28th at an additional charge of \$25. We will have our coaches' clinic on January 28th, followed by a players' clinic on February 1st and try-outs on Saturday, February 4th. With respect to our spring season, one other thing of note is that we are adding a 50/70 division, in which all kids little league age 11-13 are eligible to play. This division will be an option under the registration link on our Lamar Little League website (www.lamarlittleleague.com). Our tentative spring schedule is below:

2017 Spring Schedule	
1-Dec-16	Normal registration begins (Spring season registration includes jerseys, socks, pants, and hat)
13-Jan-17	In-person sign-ups 6-8 pm in boardroom at the concession stand
20-Jan-17	In-person sign-ups 6-8 pm in boardroom at the concession stand
20-Jan-17	Normal registration Ends
21-Jan-17	Late registration Begins - \$25 added
28-Jan-17	Late registration Ends - \$25 added
28-Jan-17	Coaching clinic
1-Feb-17	Player clinic / warm ups for tryouts (6 pm - 8 pm)
4-Feb-17	Tryouts (9 am - 2 pm)
6-Feb-17	Make-up tryouts at 6 pm; Major Draft at 7 pm
7-Feb-17	Make-up tryouts at 6 pm; Varsity Draft at 7 pm
8-Feb-17	Make-up tryouts at 6 pm; Minors Draft at 7 pm
9-Feb-17	Make-up tryouts; AAA Draft at 6 pm; AA draft at 8 pm
14-Feb-17	Practice begins
3/13 - 3/17	Spring Break
20-Mar-17	Season begins
25-Mar-17	Opening Day Ceremonies
1-Apr-17	Pictures
4/14 - 4/16	Easter Weekend
13-May-17	End of Season
5/15- 5/21	Playoffs
30-May-17	Start of Blue Grey and 9U All Stars

Lastly, the 2017 Little League Baseball age chart is attached. The 2017 season will be the last one under the current bat rules. For 2018, Little League has combined with USA Olympic baseball to follow one set of bat guidelines (<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo.htm>). So if you plan on making an investment in a new bat, be cognizant of the fact that bat standards will change next year.

2017 Little League Age Chart FOR BASEBALL DIVISION ONLY

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	4
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	5
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	6
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	7
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	8
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	9
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	10
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	11
				2005	2005	2005	2005					11
2005	2005	2005	2005	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	12
2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	13
2003	2003	2003	2003	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	14
2002	2002	2002	2002	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	15
2001	2001	2001	2001	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	16

NOTE: This age chart is for **BASEBALL DIVISIONS ONLY**, and only for 2017.

Also, stay tuned to our website as we are going through a full update with a new provider that will streamline our tools for team management and parent communication. If there's anything that I can ever help you with, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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