

# 2009 REGISTRATION

January 2009

Page 1

Baseball season is just around the corner. With receipt of this newsletter, registrations are being accepted for all returning players. In-person registration will be conducted on the first two Saturdays in February at Main Beach.

## How to register for CLALL Baseball 2009

Our walk in registration will take place at **Main Beach** on **February 7th & 14th between 9:00am—Noon.**

- Walk in registration is available for anyone wanting to register in person.
- **All new players must register in person.**

- **All new players** to the league will be required to produce an **original birth certificate** for proof of age (photocopies will not be accepted). Also bring completed registration and medical waiver forms.

- **Returning players** that do not wish to register in person can mail the enclosed registration form, medical waiver and payment in full to the address listed to the right.

- **There will be no online registration this year.**

**ALL FORMS CAN BE PRINTED FROM OUR WEB SITE [www.CLAmerican.org](http://www.CLAmerican.org)**

## CLALL's five different levels of play:

- **Rookies**-an instructional coach pitch program for 5 & 6 year olds.
- **Junior Sluggers**-a semi-instructional machine pitch division for 7 & 8 year olds.
- **Minors**-a semi-instructional division for 9 & 10 year olds. At this level players pitch from a mound for the first time.
- **Major East**-a competitive play division for 11 & 12 year olds. See our try-out schedule below.
- **Major West**-a more competitive division for 11 & 12 year olds. See our try-out schedule below.

## CONTACT INFO

For returning players mail payment, registration and medical waiver to:

**Crystal Lake American Little League (CLALL)**  
**P.O. Box 1002**  
**Crystal Lake, IL**  
**60039-1002**

Questions regarding registration please call Doug Knoeppel at (815) 861-2544 or e-mail him at [dougknoepel@clamerican.org](mailto:dougknoepel@clamerican.org)

## TRYOUT INFORMATION

### Who must try out?

- All new 12 year olds who did not play in our League last year.
- All 11 year olds.
- All 12 year olds who played in the Majors East Division last year and want to try out for the Major West Division.

### When does my child try out?

- All players with the last name starting with A-E, **Saturday, February 21st, 1:45pm-4:00pm.**
- All players with the last name starting with F-L, **Saturday, February 21st, 3:45pm-6:00pm.**
- All players with the last name starting with M-R, **Saturday, February 28th, 9:45am-12:00pm.**
- All players with the last name starting with S-Z, **Saturday, February 28th, 11:45am-2:00pm.**

### Where are the tryouts?

Crystal Lake Central High School in the field house. Enter the building at the Walkup Street entrance.

### What do players wear and what equipment are they to bring?

Dress comfortably in play clothes or sweats. Rubber-soled gym shoes are required. **No Cleats.** Boys should wear an athletic supporter with at least a soft protective cup. Bring a baseball glove. Although players may bring their favorite bat, it is unnecessary to do so.

### What if the player can't make the tryout?

They will be drafted into the Major East division. All players who wish to make Major West Division **MUST** attend one of the tryout dates to be evaluated.

### What will players do at the tryout?

Run, throw, field grounders, field soft fly balls, hit pitches thrown by a pitching machine. Players will try out in small groups, and each group will rotate through a series of drill stations. The tryout will be run like an indoor practice.

### Are parents permitted to watch the tryout?

**No.** To maximize a safe, orderly and effective tryout, only managers and coaches are allowed to be in the field house and gymnasium during tryouts.

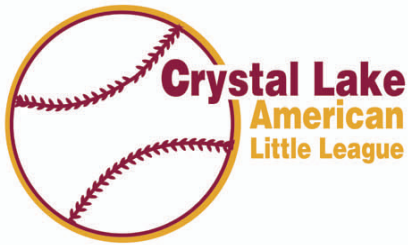
### When will players be notified regarding team assignments?

The player drafts will occur March 6th and March 7th. Managers will notify the players the week of March 9th. Please wait for your child's team manager to call you after the draft is completed.

### If a player was on a Major West Team last year, can they re-tryout or switch teams?

To be re-assigned to a different team, parents or guardians must write a letter to the CLALL Board clearly outlining reasons for this request prior to February 14th. The Board takes into account all factors for this proposed switch and decides the best course of action for the player, the team and the league.

**VISIT THE CLALL WEB SITE AT [CLAMERICAN.ORG](http://CLAMERICAN.ORG)**



# 2009 REGISTRATION

January 2009  
Page 2

## CLALL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS OF ALL KINDS

Our youth baseball program is operated entirely by volunteers. Through registration, every parent automatically becomes a volunteer member of the league. Volunteer opportunities are listed on the second page of your registration form. Please choose to volunteer for one or more of these positions to ensure a fun and successful baseball season for your child(ren). Below is a short list of the possibilities for you:

**Buildings & Grounds**—The quality of our fields depend on the number of people we have to clean & maintain them. We need Field Coordinators, people to show up on Field Clean-Up Days in the Spring and in the Fall. We are **always looking for people with specific skills or trades** such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters and landscapers. In addition, we are looking for people who have access to particular **equipment** (*bobcats, roto-tillers, etc.*) or **resources** (*business contacts or access to discounts*). Please e-mail Tim Coughlin at [timcoughlin@clamerican.org](mailto:timcoughlin@clamerican.org) or call him at (815) 861-2543.

**Boosters**—help run the league day-to-day and week-to-week during the season. Provide service to the players and fans of our league such as team parents, concession stand inventory, concession stand coordinator, food service manager, fund raising event (s), picture night, spirit wear, and team parent liaison. Questions? Call Patty Ferris at (815) 861-2512 or e-mail her at [pattyferris@clamerican.org](mailto:pattyferris@clamerican.org).

**Managers and Coaches**—Work directly with the kids on your team. Teach, encourage, and organize all aspects of the team. Schedule practices, teach fundamentals, follow official rules and regulations, work with and com-

municate with the VP of your division. Questions? Call Tim Coughlin at (815) 861-2543 or e-mail him at [timcoughlin@clamerican.org](mailto:timcoughlin@clamerican.org)

**Team Parents**—Work directly with the team and the coaches to organize schedules for announcing and scoreboards, keep parents informed of all upcoming events throughout the season, hand out picture order forms and pictures when they come in, put together an auction basket for our annual silent auction, plan end-of-the-year get together and purchase coaches' gifts. Questions? Call Patty Ferris at (815) 861-2512 or e-mail her at [pattyferris@clamerican.org](mailto:pattyferris@clamerican.org)

**Be a voice**—All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7:30pm at Home State Bank on Main St in Crystal Lake. Meetings in May, June and July start at 8:30pm due to game schedules.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 7th & 14th:** Walk-in **Registration** (9:00am-Noon) for new and returning players at **Main Beach**.

**February 21st:** **Tryouts** for players with last names starting with **A-E** from **1:45pm-4:00pm** at Central High School.

**February 21st:** **Tryouts** for players with last names starting with **F-L** from **3:45pm-6:00pm** at Central High School.

**February 28th:** **Tryouts** for players with last names starting with **M-R** from **9:45am-12:00pm** at Central High School.

**February 28th:** **Tryouts** for players with last names starting with **S-Z** from **11:45pm-2:00pm** at Central High School.

**March 6th & March 7th:** **Player drafts.** Notification for all divisions will follow.

**March 31st:** **Parent Night** at Crystal Lake South High School at 7:00pm. **Parents Only Please.** All parents of all divisions must attend.

**April 11th & April 18th:** **Field Clean-up days** 8:00am-Noon at all fields.

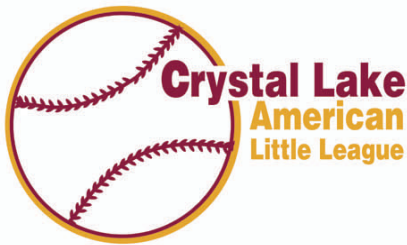
**April 25th:** **Opening Day Ceremonies** at Lippold Park at 8:00am, followed by a full day of games.

**May 5th:** **Team Picture Night** at Indian Prairie Elementary School. Teams will be notified of their scheduled photo time by their team parent or team manager.

**June:** All-star nominations, tryouts and roster selection for travel teams.

**June:** Preliminary registration for Fall Baseball Program

**VISIT THE CLALL WEB SITE AT CLAMERICAN.ORG**



# 2009 REGISTRATION

January 2009  
Page 3

## EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Tim Coughlin—President  
Doug Knoepfel— Players Agent  
Eric Ernd—Secretary  
Bob Ferris—Treasurer

If you are interested in an open position please contact any board member for information. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on our website or you may call Tim Coughlin at (815) 861-2543.

## OTHER BOARD MEMBERS & OPEN POSITIONS:

**OPEN**—Buildings & Grounds  
Mike Urbanski—VP of Team Sponsorship  
Sam Natrop—VP of Equipment  
**OPEN**—VP of Umpires  
Brad Alig—Web Site Administrator  
Patty Ferris—VP of Boosters  
**OPEN**—VP of Safety

## CLALL IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TEAM SPONSORS

If your company would be willing to sponsor a team for the 2009 season please contact Michael Urbanski, VP of Team Sponsorship, at (815) 347-2811 or email him at [mikeurbanski@clamerican.org](mailto:mikeurbanski@clamerican.org) or contact Doug Knoepfel at (815) 861-2544 his email is [dougknoepfel@clamerican.org](mailto:dougknoepfel@clamerican.org).

## "FUN" D RAISING

The CLALL is a not-for-profit organization with the goal to provide the best experience for all of the youth in our community while keeping the cost of playing ball to a minimum. In order to do this we have created two easy and fun ways for you to help earn money for your league.

- **Our major fundraiser is a raffle.** Every player in our league will be responsible for selling a minimum of \$50 worth of raffle tickets (\$100 maximum per family). This fee will be due at the time of registration. The decision to actually sell, or not to sell, the tickets will be up to the individual family. If you should need additional tickets to purchase or sell contact Michael Urbanski. The drawing will be held at the Opening Ceremonies on April 25th.
- **Our Silent Auction**—The format of this fund raiser is currently being reformatted and details will be available on Parent night, March 31st.

## TEENS WANTED

If you have a teen 13 years old or older and they would like to earn some extra cash for the summer here's their opportunity.

**Umpires**—The League is always looking for former baseball players, ages 13 & up, to participate in an umpire training class and umpire the Junior Slugger and Minor Division's games. If you are interested call Tim Coughlin at (815) 861-2543 or e-mail him at [timcoughlin@clamerican.org](mailto:timcoughlin@clamerican.org).

**Snack Stand Employees**—The League now employs a staff at Lippold Park and Main Beach concession stands. Teens 14 years old & up can go thru the interviewing process in February and March. Teen 14 & 15 years old must get a Workers Permit from their school. If you would like to schedule an interview please call Patty Ferris at (815) 861-2512.

**VISIT THE CLALL WEB SITE AT CLAMERICAN.ORG**