

Recreation Superintendent:

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Wauseon Recreation Department is a non-profit organization designed to develop new and maintain existing programs for both young and old. In all of these programs, we want to create an atmosphere in which participants are able to have **FUN** while learning and improving team and individual skills. Our goal is to provide as many opportunities as possible.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

In **2016**, the Recreation Department will be operating under a new PAYS program. All Recreation activities will operate under a PAYS program that will be named the Parent Code of Conduct. This program will be very similar to the PAYS program and it will be **MANDATORY** for all parents who sign their children up for one of the following competitive programs: **Baseball / Softball, Wahoo's Swimming and Diving, Soccer, Wrestling, Football, and Basketball**. Parents will be required to turn in one signed copy of the Parent Code of Conduct, which will be kept on file in the Recreation office for one year.

The code of conduct is what the Wauseon Recreation Dept. expects all players, coaches, and fans to follow. As a charter member of the Parents Association for Youth Sports, the Wauseon Rec Dept. prides itself in making sure SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP is a part of its programs. Watching kids play youth sports is a privilege...NOT A RIGHT! Absolutely NO unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. ANY violation of this policy will result in your disqualification of the activity and subject to further discipline from recreation officials.

The Parents Code of Conduct policy is to help motivate parents to be effective role models. The Recreation Department's mission is to make sure that youth sports are **safe, positive, and fun for the children** of today and future generations. It is an essential to keep parents of the community up to date with current issues involving recreational programming. Basically the only difference between the new program and the old program is that there are no required meetings to attend. If you have any questions concerning the **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**, please feel free to contact the Wauseon Recreation office at **419-335-8334**.

RECREATION POLICIES

1. PROGRAM INFORMATION:

All program information for **2016** is listed in this brochure. Brochures will be handed out to each student in the Wauseon School District in grades K – 5 in **January of 2016** for programs taking place spring through fall. Registration forms for winter activities will be distributed to students in the fall of **2016**. Brochures and registration forms can also be picked up at the Wauseon Recreation Office at **230 Clinton Street**, online **www.wauseonrec.webs.com**, or in the schools' main offices. All upcoming information will be announced by the following methods:

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| a. Brochure | e. School Announcements |
| b. Expositor | f. Website: www.wauseonrec.webs.com |
| c. Rec Phone
335-8334 | g. INTV |
| d. WMTR (96.1 FM) | h. Twitter (@WauseonRec) |

2. REGISTRATION LATE FEE POLICIES:

ALL PARTICIPANTS turning in a late registration form will be subject to pay late fees after the registration deadline and thereafter. Also, after the deadline, registration for programs will only be accepted if there is space available for more participants. The Wauseon Recreation Association encourages all participants to register early to avoid late fee charges.

3. NEW! ONLINE REGISTRATION:

New this year, we are offering online registrations for all activities! Yes, online registrations. No longer do you have to travel to the office to turn in registration forms. You can now do it online by visiting our website at www.wauseonrec.webs.com. No more filling out the same information multiple times a year. The online registration program saves your child's information from season-to-season and year-to-year, making this program simple and easy to use. All major credit cards are accepted. If you do not have access to internet, you can still come to the Rec Office located at 230 Clinton Street to fill out a form in person.

2016 SUMMER BASEBALL / SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

This season will mark the 63rd time that Wauseon will offer organized youth baseball / softball. Opening Day Ceremonies will be held on **May 31, 2016**. The 2016 baseball and softball programs will be as follows:

REGISTRATION DUE DATES VARY: SEE SPECIFIC FORM FOR DUE DATES 2016 BASEBALL LEAGUES / TEAMS

<u>LEAGUE NAME:</u>	<u>GRADE / AGE</u>
Start Smart -- T-ball	Pre-School (Must be 4 by May 1, 2016)
K-Ball -- Coach Pitch	Kindergarten
Rookie LL – Machine Pitch	Grades 1 & 2
Minor LL – Player Pitch	Grades 3 & 4
Major LL – Player Pitch	Grades 5 & 6 (Travel will be required)
City Pony – Player Pitch	Grades 7 & 8 (Travel will be required and there must be enough participants and coaches to form teams)
8U Travel	Must play in Rookie League & cannot be 9 before April 1, 2016
9U Travel	Must play in Minor League & cannot be 10 before April 1, 2016
10U Travel	Must play in Minor League & cannot be 11 before April 1, 2016
11U Travel	Must play in Minor League & cannot be 12 before April 1, 2016
12U Travel	Cannot be 13 before April 1, 2016 / Tryout Required
13U Travel	Cannot be 14 before April 1, 2016 / Tryout Required
14U Travel	Cannot be 15 before April 1, 2016 / Tryout Required

2016 SOFTBALL LEAGUES / TEAMS

<u>LEAGUE NAME:</u>	<u>GRADE / AGE</u>
Start Smart -- T-ball	Pre-School (Must be 4 by May 1, 2016)
Papoose – Coach Pitch	Grades K, 1 & 2
Pueblo – Player Pitch	Grades 3, 4, & 5
City Jr. High – Player Pitch	Grades 6, 7, & 8 (League will be formed if there are enough participants and coaches)
10U Travel	Cannot be 11 before January 1, 2016
12U Upper Travel	Cannot be 13 before January 1, 2016 / Tryout Required
12U Lower Travel	Cannot be 13 before January 1, 2016
14U Upper Travel	Cannot be 15 before January 1, 2016 / Tryout Required
14U Lower Travel	Cannot be 15 before January 1, 2016

TRAVEL TEAM PARTICIPATION

To participate in a travel team, participants must be enrolled in Wauseon Schools for the 2015/2016 school year. If a student is going to open enroll for the 2016/2017 school year, the first eligible period for participation in a program will be the fall of 2016.

COACHES / PARENT INVOLVEMENT NEEDED

Each year, we get many coaches who return from previous years, and we constantly recruit new coaches to add to the programs. We will need coaches at every level and in every sport that is organized through the Recreation Department. Our programs depend on the cooperation of parents who are willing to assist with their children's youth sport activities. We realize that some people feel that they are not qualified to coach. For those who feel that they are not qualified to coach, there are several ways to assist your child's coach. For example, in the past, some coaches have recruited a "media mom", a "snack coordinator", or just someone who has said that they

wanted to help in some way. To make all of our programs a success, it is a **necessity** that all parents help out in one way or another. Parents, please consider coaching or assisting in some form to help make the **2016** recreation programs better than ever.

BALL PRACTICE

We hope to see players using the diamonds in the morning for their enjoyment. We encourage pick-up games, batting practice, fielding practice, etc. After we start getting the fields ready for games in the afternoons, we ask everyone to ***please stay off*** the fields so that the fields will be in shape for evening play.

To reserve a field for practice, the head coach must have a *Field Permit issued from Recreation Office*. This is the only way to secure a diamond at the park and guarantee practice times. Therefore, teams may practice in open fields, play areas, back yards, church diamonds, etc. Players are expected to be present for team practices. Parents, please make every effort to get them to practice.

CANCELLED GAMES

We will wait as late as possible before canceling games due to weather issues. The announcement of canceled games will be available through our phone cancellation hotline (**419-335-8334**), our website (**www.wauseonrec.webs.com**), our twitter page (**@WauseonRec**), and local radio stations. The cancellation hotline and the website are the best ways to find information regarding the status of activities.

FLAG CODE AT BIDDLE PARK

GREEN FLAG = ALL GAMES PROCEED AS SCHEDULED
RED FLAG = ALL ACTIVITIES AT BIDDLE PARK ARE CANCELLED

Cancellations announcements will be on **103.1 WNDH Napoleon** and **96.1 FM WMTR Archbold / Wauseon Radio Station**, but please keep in mind that if WMTR is broadcasting a Detroit Tigers' baseball game, they will not interrupt the broadcast to make our announcement. **Rescheduling of games is at the discretion of the Recreation Office.**

MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

2016 marks the 7th year of the Friday Night Men's Softball League at Biddle Park. League play begins in May and runs through the first part of **August**. Teams play doubleheaders each week with games beginning at 7:00 and 8:00 pm. A league managers' meeting will be held on **February 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm** in the recreation office for any teams interested in playing in the league this season. League format is subject to change depending on team interest.

SAND VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Monday night Adult Sand Volleyball league returns for the **summer of 2016**. The league plays in a co-ed format, so men and women are able to play. The League runs from June – August and is played at the sand volleyball courts at Biddle Park. Please contact the Recreation Office for more information on the Adult Sand Volleyball League.

WAHOO SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

The Wahoo Swimming and Diving Team will begin its 43rd season of competition. The teams will be competing in the Greater Northwest Ohio Aquatic Conference, swimming and diving in dual meets and in Invitational and League Championships. The GNOAC Swim and Diving Championships meet will be held in July.

The participation fee is **\$50 (swim), \$50 (dive), and \$90 (swim & dive combined)**. **Dive** forms are due back to the Parks and Recreation Office by **Monday, April 4**. There will be a parents meeting for **Dive** on **Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm at Wauseon High School Pool**. **Swim** forms are due back to the Parks and Recreation office by **Monday, April 18**. There will be a parents meeting for **Swim** on **Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 pm at the Wauseon High School Pool**. Practice times will be determined at a later date and time for swim and dive. Practices will be 5 days a week once the school year has come to an end and summer has begun.

INDIAN STRIDERS TRACK & FIELD

This will be the 30th year the Wauseon Recreation Department will sponsor a track program for summer competition and skill development. Wauseon High School Track and Field Coach Joe Allen will oversee this year's program, and will be assisted by the Track and Field coaching staff.

Anyone interested in track and field should return the Striders registration form back to the Recreation office by **Tuesday, May 24**. This program costs \$20.00, which includes a t-shirt. Girls or Boys who have completed 2nd grade through 8th grade, may participate. Practice will be held from **5:00 - 6:00 pm** on **June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16** at the WHS Track. The Club Championships will be held on **Saturday, June 18, at 9:00 am** at the WHS Track.

GUIDELINES TO GOLF

Guidelines to golf program returns for the summer of **2016**. This year's program will be instructed by Kyle Storrer. If golf looks fun to you and you have never played before, this program is for you! To be eligible you must be between the ages of 10-15 and want to learn the game of golf. It is a four day clinic designed to introduce you to the fundamentals of swinging, rules and etiquette. At the end of the week, you will get to play on the course where you can apply the new skills you have learned. The participants will also learn how to properly take care of the golf course grounds. The golf program will take place **JULY 11-14 from 9:00 am – 10:30 am**. This program is limited to the first 20 participants. Participants will have an option to purchase a set of Jr. Clubs. Some loner clubs are also available on a first come first serve basis. Registration fees are **\$40** and forms are due **Tuesday, July 5th, 2016**.

KARATE

Our Karate classes will be active throughout the spring, summer, and fall. There will be 2 sessions of karate coming up for **2016. Spring session: April 4 – June 13 (No Karate May 30)** and **Summer session: June 20 – August 29 (No Karate July 4)**. The program will be held at the Homecoming Park Shelter. Sanchin-Ryu is a non competitive form of Karate. There will be a Jr. Karate Session from **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**; Grace Under Pressure, a women's self-defense program, from **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**; and an Open / Family Session from **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**.

START SMART BASKETBALL CAMP

The start smart basketball camp will be held **July 18, 19, 20, & 21** at the Biddle Park Basketball Courts. Start Smart Basketball teaches children (**ages 4-6**) the basic motor skills necessary to play organized basketball while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with their parents. The program focuses on teaching children and their parents skills in dribbling/ball handling, passing/catching, shooting and running/agility without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. The program will be held for four sessions, and as the program advances and children show improvement, exercises will become increasingly more difficult. Please note, a parent or guardian will be required to participate in all activities with their child. The registrations fee is \$20 and all forms are due by **Monday, July 11, 2016**.

MIDGET FOOTBALL

The Wauseon Midget Football Association's **2016** season will get underway in August. Midget football is tackle football for 5th and 6th grade students. Registration forms are due by **Wednesday, July 20**. Cost of the program is \$60.00 for Wauseon School District students. Midget Football practices will begin in August, with games beginning in September.

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

This program is for **1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th** grade students (grade you will be entering in the fall of the 2016-2017 school year). The first games will start on **Tuesday, September 13** and will conclude on **Tuesday, October 18**. Registration forms for this program are due by **Wednesday, July 20**. The fee for this program is \$25.00. Participants in this program will receive a jersey, and games will be held on Tuesday nights at Biddle Park. Game times will be at **5:00, 6:00, & 7:00 PM**. Coaches will contact participants in August with team information.

SOCCER

Soccer games this year will be played on Thursday nights at Biddle Park beginning on **September 15** and will conclude on **October 20**. The program is for boys and girls in grades K through 8 (grade you will be entering in the fall of the **2016-2017** school year). The cost of the Soccer program is \$20.00, which will include a t-shirt. Registration forms are due back to the Rec Office by **Wednesday, July 20**. Coaches will contact participants in August with team information.

START SMART SOCCER & FLAG FOOTBALL

Start Smart **Soccer** and **Football** teaches children (**ages 4-6**) the basic motor skills necessary to play organized soccer and flag football while they work one-on-one, spending quality time with their parents. The programs focus on teaching children and their parents skills in throwing, catching, kicking/punting, and running/agility without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. The programs will be held once a week for 4 weeks, and each week the exercises become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and the children show improvement. Start Smart **Football** will be held on **Tuesday nights beginning September 13 through October 4 at the Biddle Park Football Field, 5:30–6:30 pm**. Start Smart **Soccer** will be held on **Thursday nights beginning September 15 through October 6 at the Biddle Park Soccer Field #3, from 5:30–6:30 pm**. Registrations fees are \$20 for one program or \$35 to participate in both programs. All registrations are **due Monday, August 8, 2016**.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Women's Volleyball league will be up and running during the fall and winter of **2016** and **2017**. Games will be played at the Leggett Street Primary School. More information on the volleyball league will be released in August of **2016**.

NFL PUNT PASS & KICK COMPETITION

The local Punt, Pass, & Kick competition will be on **Monday, September 26** at the Biddle Park flag football field. Participant check-in will begin at **6:30 PM**, with the competition beginning at **7:00 PM**. PPK is a **FREE** competition for boys and girls ages 6 - 15. This event allows the youth to showcase their talents in passing, punting, and place kicking, with scores based on distance and accuracy. In August of 2016, check the website for PPK registration info at www.wauseonrec.webs.com. Winners at the local level will advance to a sectional level of competition. Sectional winners will then advance to the Team Championships, to be held by the Cleveland Browns, where they will compete against the other sectional winners from other sites in Northern Ohio. Winners at the Team Championship will then have the chance to advance to the National Finals, to be held at an NFL Playoff Game.

WINTER PROGRAMMING FOR 2016 / 2017

The following is information regarding the programs that will be offered this winter through the Recreation Department. Registration forms for all of the programs that will take place during the winter of 2016 - 2017 will be made available in the fall of 2016.

BASKETBALL

Basketball for **2016 - 2017** will be for students in grades **1 – 6**. Basketball practice will begin in **December 2016**. Registration forms will be distributed in October to students attending Wauseon Schools.

WRESTLING

The **2016 - 2017** wrestling season will be for all students in grades **K – 6**. The Tomahawk Wrestling Club will be running the program. More specific information regarding the wrestling program will be released in **October of 2016**.

MEN'S BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

The men's basketball open gym nights will be on Wednesday nights, beginning in December **2016**. Open gyms will run from **6:30 – 8:30 pm** at the Wauseon Middle School. Ages 40 and over play from **6:30 – 7:30** and ages 18-39 play from **7:30 – 8:30**. Open gym sessions will run through February **2017**.

For the latest information from the Recreation Department, visit our website at www.wauseonrec.webs.com. Registration and emergency medical forms can also be downloaded under the registrations tab.