



CENTRALDEKALBSPORTSASSOCIATION,INC.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL DEKALB

WADE WALKER PARK BASEBALL

5585 Rockbridge Road

Stone Mountain, GA. 30088

2010 SPRING INFORMATION PACKET

ABOUT US:

Central Dekalb Sports Association, Inc. (CDSA) has been in existence since 1977 and has operated at Wade Walker Park for the entire time. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. CDSA is responsible for the operation of the baseball program at Dekalb’s premier park, Wade Walker Park. We are an “all volunteer” organization with our elected Board of Directors overseeing the operation of the baseball program. Every aspect of our organization consists of volunteers, starting with our managers, coaches, and team parents. We do a background check on all our team managers. Our baseball program provides organized sports for children from 3 ½ years old to 16 years old. We offer a recreational level program as well as a competitive level program to our patrons. We promote a healthy, fun, and safe environment to assist in the building of character, confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship in the children of our community. We are located at the corner of Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road & Rockbridge Road in Stone Mountain. You can reach us at the following:

- (770) 469-2130 –Wade Walker Park phone number.
- (678) 886-7113 – President of CDSA (678)886-3419-Treasurer of CDSA
- (678) 886-3082 – Player Agent of CDSA (678) 887-9346-Park Mom of CDSA
- WWW.WADEWALKERPARK.ORG – website for CDSA.

BASEBALL SEASON : **

CDSA plays baseball under the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) program. The regular baseball season begins with opening day on the fourth Saturday in March, March 27, 2010 and ends before the last day of school in Dekalb County. No official games will be played during Spring Break. During CRCT testing, there will be no games scheduled late in the evenings Monday through Thursday of testing weeks. Tiny-Tot teams play 6 games and teams in other leagues will play a minimum of 12 regular season recreational games. Teams in good standings with CDSA might be invited to play in the “In-Park invitational” games which can include from 1-4 games. The top two teams in good standings with CDSA with the best regular season record from each league will represent CDSA by playing in AABC District tournament games. The AABC District tournament games are played at other parks hosting the tournaments.

- March 27 – May 14, 2010 - Regular season games.
- May 15 – May 20, 2010 – In-Park Invitational games
- June 14 – June 18, 2010 – AABC District Tournaments

* These dates and schedules are based on the Dekalb County school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year and are subject to change.

BASEBALL LEAGUES:

The following is a breakdown of the baseball leagues;

- Tiny-Tots – Instructional league for beginners ages 3 ½ to 4 years old.
- T-Ball – League for ages 5 & 6 year olds, hitting off the batting tee and coaches pitching.
- Clemente – League for ages 7 & 8 year olds, hitting pitches of opposing players.
- Mays – League for ages 9 & 10 year olds; full baseball.
- Reese – League for ages 11 & 12 year olds; full baseball.
- Koufax – League for ages 13 & 14 year olds; full baseball.

*** Ages are based on a May 1, 2010 date. i.e. How old will the child be on May 1?**

BASEBALL TEAMS:

CDSA recreational league baseball teams consist of nine to twelve players. The Board of Directors for CDSA must approve all cases where more than twelve players are on a team. Travel teams and All-star teams are allowed to have more than twelve players on a team but cannot exceed AABC rules for team structure. Travel teams and All-star teams typically play more games than the recreational teams and usually require travel to play teams at other parks. Additional costs are usually required of players on Travel teams and All-star teams.

REGISTRATION: **

CDSA will hold the baseball registration as early as January 1, 2010. You can take advantage of a \$25 discount if you register during this “Discount” registration period which begins on January 1st and ends at midnight on January 30, 2010. The discount incentive is to turn in any used “usable” equipment (i.e. cleats, bats, baseball gloves). This registration discount is **not** available through our website (WWW.WADEWALKERPARK.ORG). It is **only** available during our on-site dates in January. The equipment must be turned in at the time of registration. Regular registration runs from February 1 to March 6, 2010.

Early Registration

January 1 thru January 31, 2010 Online and On-Site
Saturdays January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.).....On-Site

Regular Registration

February 1 thru March 6, 2010 Online and On-Site
Saturdays February 8th, 13th, 20th, 27th (10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.)....On-Site
Saturday March 6th (10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.).....On-Site
Tuesdays/Thursdays February 23rd & 25th (6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.) ...On-Site
Tuesday/Thursday March 2nd & 4th (6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P. M.).....On-Site

*** Last day to register Online is Friday, March 5, 2010 until 11:59 pm.**

**** On-line link is WWW.WADEWALKERPARK.ORG**

COST: **

The cost of registration for the Tiny-Tots (3 ½ to 4 year old) instructional league is \$65 per child. The registration fee for Tiny-Tots is not subject to early registration discounts. For all other leagues the cost of “Discount” registration for baseball is \$100.00 per child. The cost of “Regular” registration is \$125.00 per child. All “Out Of County” registrants will be assessed a \$15.00 out of county fee.

DISCOUNTS:

CDSA offers discounts in addition to the “Discount” registration discounts. Additional siblings that live in the same household and register to play baseball in the Spring season are offered a \$10.00 sibling discount. A \$10.00 discount is offered if a sibling registers to play softball at Wade Walker Park in the Spring of 2010. Discounts are only given at On-Site registration. Patrons can not combine discounts.

CDSA PARK SPONSORSHIPS REWARDS:

In 2010, we are giving our patrons an opportunity to receive free registration through our CDSA Park Sponsorship program. Every parent/guardian who secures a sponsorship donation to CDSA of at least \$500.00 will receive a free registration. This sponsorship program is for donations made to Central Dekalb Sports Association, Inc. of at least \$500.00 and not to any specific team or person. If you have already paid the registration for your player you will receive a refund of your registration for the amount you paid at registration. If you paid by debit/credit card the registration refund will be credited back on your debit/credit card. Registration rewards will be awarded once Central Dekalb Sports Association, Inc. receives the funds from the sponsor. Do not hold up registering your player for the sake of waiting for a free registration to become effective. You must be registered to hold a spot in the league for your player to play. Please note that leagues do fill up.

FORM OF PAYMENT:

For online payments through our website, we accept credit/debit cards (Visa or Master Card). For payments made on-site we accept cash, checks, credit/debit cards (Visa or Master Card), and money orders. All monies are due at the time of registration. Special cases will be presented to the Board of Directors of CDSA for review of extenuating circumstances.

RETURN CHECKS:

There will be a \$30.00 service charge on each returned check. You will have five business days to honor any returned checks. No player will be permitted to practice or play until the entire amount has been paid in full with cash, credit card, money order, or certified check.

REFUND POLICY:

The refund policy for CDSA will be strictly enforced. All refunds must be made in writing addressed to the President of CDSA at POB 478, Pine Lake, GA 30072. If a player withdraws, the parent/guardian must notify the President of CDSA in writing at the aforementioned address. All refunds are subject to the \$30.00 application processing fee. Parents/Guardians who request a refund and the written requests are postmarked by **March 5, 2010** will be eligible for a refund less the processing fee. By completing the registration online or signing the acknowledgement on-site you acknowledge that you understand the CDSA refund policy.

Refund request should also be **emailed** to the Treasurer and Player Agent by March 5, 2010. **There are no refunds after March 6, 2010.**

TRYOUTS:

Tryouts are used for coaches to access the skill level of players and not used to cut players from our baseball program. Tiny-Tot players do not tryout. Players returning to a team do not have to attend tryouts. Players who are new to the CDSA baseball program and players who have been placed in the draft are required to attend tryouts, unless the player is considered an “out of park” player. Tryouts will be held on Saturday March 6, 2010. The tryout schedule for the Spring ’10 season

LEAGUE	AGE	TIME
T-Ball	5 yr. old	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
	6 yr. old	10:30 A.M. – 12 Noon
Clemente	7 yr old	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
	8 yr. old	10:30 A.M. – 12 Noon
Mays	9 yr. old	9:00A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
	10 yr. old	10:30 A.M. – 12 Noon
Reese	11/12 yr. old	10:30A.M. – 12 Noon

Dates and times of the tryouts for “Travel” teams and “All-star” teams are announced and sent out via email to registered players in the assigned leagues. When tryouts are conducted for “Travel” or “All-star” teams, players can be cut from consideration by the coaching staff of those teams.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Practice schedules are up to the coaching staff of individual teams. Commissioners for each league will provide a practice schedule for each team where the field is available. A team can elect to keep or trade their practice times. It is recommended that each team find an alternate practice location (church, school, open field, etc...) for additional practice times. The football field can only be used for practice by the Tiny-Tots, T-Ball, and Clemente leagues on a first-come-first-serve basis. The CDSA Board of Directors asks each team using the football field to be considerate of other teams that need practice time by limiting practices to 1 ½ hour.

SCHEDULING OF GAMES:

- **Tiny-Tot league** games are played on field #2. Tiny-Tots games are played on Saturday mornings at 9:00 A.M., with practices before the games at 8:30 A.M. Games are no longer than 1 hour.
- **T-Ball league** games are played on field #6. The game length is 1:15 minutes. T-Ball games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.; Saturday at 1:00 P.M., 2:30 P.M., 4:00 P.M., and 5:30 P.M. (7:00 P.M. if necessary). Each team will play at least two (2) games per week and in some cases maybe three (3).
- **Clemente league** games are played on field #5. The game length is 1:30 minutes. Clemente games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.; Saturday at 1:00 P.M., 2:30 P.M., 4:00 P.M., and 5:30 P.M. (7:00 P.M. if necessary). Each team will play at least two (2) games per week and in some cases maybe three (3).
- **Mays league** games are played on field #2. The game length is 1:45 minutes. Mays games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.; Saturday at 12:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., and 4:00 P.M. (6:00 P.M. if necessary). Each team will play at least two (2) games per week and in some cases maybe three (3).
- **Reese league** games are played on field #4. The game length is 1:45 minutes. Reese games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.; Saturday at 12:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M., and 6:00 P.M. (8:00 P.M. if necessary). Each team will play at least two (2) games per week and in some cases maybe three (3).
- **Koufax league** games are played on field #1. The game length is 2 hours. Koufax games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.; Saturday at 10:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., and 4:00 P.M. (6:00 P.M. if necessary). Each team will play at least two (2) games per week and in some cases maybe three (3).

UNIFORMS:

The registration fee includes a full uniform consisting of a cap, jersey, pants, belt, socks, and number on jersey. Players are required to provide their own cleats. Baseball cleats are recommended but football and soccer cleats are allowed. Metal cleats are not allowed in Tiny-Tots, T-Ball, Clemente, Mays, and Reese leagues. Sample uniforms are available for viewing and sizing at Wade Walker Park during on-site registration. It is **mandatory** that players try on the sample uniforms to ensure accurate sizing before uniform orders are placed. **If you register online it is highly recommended that you update the uniform sizes for your player, failure to do so can result in the wrong size uniform being ordered for the player.** If you are unsure of the size for your player, have them come by Wade Walker Park during on-site registration to try on sample uniforms to ensure accurate sizes. Once the uniforms have been ordered, jersey **cannot** be returned. **You will be responsible for any cost associated with re-ordering due to improper sizes.**

PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT:

CDSA provides the Manager of each team with basic baseball equipment (including baseball helmets) for use during the season and returned after the season is over. It is recommended that parents/guardians provide their player a baseball glove and bat. Since CDSA provides helmets to the coach you aren't required to provide a helmet but if you are concerned with sharing helmets we recommend that you purchase one for your player. Aluminum and wood bats are allowed. The extra wide barrel aluminum bats are allowed during the regular season at Wade Walker Park but in some tournaments outside of Wade Walker Park they may not be allowed. Please make sure to get assistance from the sales person when purchasing a baseball glove and bat to ensure the glove is not too small or large and the bat is not too heavy for the player.

FUNDRAISERS: **

CDSA WILL HAVE A MANDATORY FUNDRAISER.

Due to the changing ways of our economy in this present day, many are finding different ways to defray increasing costs. For several years, CDSA has offered affordable registration fees. We have stayed current at the same fee for years and we want to continue to offer you a most reasonable registration fee. Therefore, we will participate in a mandatory Coke fundraiser for the upcoming season. As a patron of the CDSA, there are requirements that must be satisfied in order to resolve your obligation of the fundraiser. **Each family is required to sell at least five (5) cases of the Coke products offered. You have the option to “opt out” of the fundraiser by paying \$50.**

All monies will be collected by your team’s **Designated** Team Parent or a member of your team designated to collect and submit the funds. All fundraiser monies are due to be paid, in **cash**, by **Friday, April 16, 2010**. Based on unforeseen events/circumstances, this date may be subject to change. The time and location will be determined at a later date.

If you elect **not** to participate in the fundraiser and do not pay the “opt out” fee, your player will not receive a uniform and/or your TEAM will forfeit a game. Your player will not be allowed to play without a CDSA issued uniform. Please refer to our 2010 Spring Information Packet for our refund policy.

The Manager of each individual team may ask parents/guardians of their players to voluntarily participate in extra events for the team like outside tournaments or banquets or even additional uniforms. To defray some of the expenses associated with these extra events a team may elect to have a fundraiser to help with their cost. That will be in addition to CDSA’s fundraiser.

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to CDSA’s mandatory fundraiser, the parent/guardian of each player registered must work a 2 hour time slot in the concession stand. Only one parent/guardian has to work the assigned time where two parents/guardians are present for the player. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to find a replacement volunteer if they cannot work their assigned time. The replacement volunteer must be an adult or teenager at least 14 years old. Every attempt is made to assign the time slots where they do not conflict with times the player is playing a baseball game at Wade Walker Park. However, that can not be guaranteed. When the parent/guardian does not show up to work their assigned time in the concession stand, the player’s team will suffer a forfeit of their next game and the player will sit out the game. Teams that have parents/guardians that missed working their concession time slots may also forfeit their appearance in the “In-Park” invitational.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

All players new to the CDSA baseball program are required to bring a certified copy of their birth certificate to registration.

OPENING DAY/CLOSING DAY: **

CDSA offers our players and members (parents/guardians) two opportunities to celebrate and enjoy the baseball experience at Wade Walker Park. We offer a grand “Opening Day” celebration event scheduled for Saturday March 27, 2010. The events could include a parade, fun, games, team pictures, and more. The players are also given a closing ceremony where refreshments are provided for players to end their season. The date/time of that event will be announced.

Note 1: For more specific park rules visit our website (WWW.WADEWALKERPARK.ORG).

Note 2: More information will be provided to your Team Mom/Parent by our Park Mom/Parent.