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Little League Baseball coming to Jacksonville

The largest organized youth sports organization in the world will have an impact on young baseball players in the Jacksonville area beginning this spring.

Baseball players 10 to 12 years old in the Jacksonville #17 School District are invited to participate in the newly formed Jacksonville Little League. These registered Little League teams from Jacksonville will compete against other teams throughout Little League District 17 during the regular season with the potential to play in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in the postseason.

Player assessments will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. at Future Champions Sports Complex, Field 6. Baseball athletes who are between the ages of 10 and 12 on or before August 31, 2024, are encouraged to participate in the assessment. The number of athletes registered will determine the number of teams organized. The fee is \$100 per athlete, which includes the cost of a team jersey and hat. Fundraising options will be offered to offset the registration cost, and sponsorships are welcomed.

"A number of people who played Little League as kids have been interested in helping establish a local Little League," explained volunteer Randy Plunk. "We want our kids to have the same opportunities in baseball we had while growing up. In addition, we think the opportunity to play teams from surrounding Little Leagues will strengthen the culture of baseball in Jacksonville."

Home games will be played in Jacksonville at Future Champions beginning in late April. Game nights will be announced after the number of teams have been determined.

Pre-registration for the April 2 assessment is encouraged. For more details, visit www.jacksonvillell.com or Jacksonville Little League on Facebook.

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