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# **PRESS RELEASE**

***Titled: 13 Year Old Summer Baseball League***  
***From: Kory Thomson, Recreation Supervisor***  
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The Billings Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a new summer baseball league, and is currently looking for team managers and coaches interested in putting together a team of 13 year old boys (age as of 5/1/2010) who have advanced baseball skills. This league is specifically designed for play on field dimensions which are appropriate for 13 year olds - base paths 75 ft., pitching mound 54ft., and the outfield fence 250ft.

Billings American Legion Baseball Post 4 supports the continued development of young baseball players in Billings and agrees that playing on field dimensions designed for the differences in physical development of this age group, is critical for player's continued improvement and overall success.

Each team will play a total of 20 games over the course of 11 weeks. League Games will start the week of May 17, 2010. Games played in May and first ½ of June will be played on Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays. Games played the last ½ of June and July will be on Monday through Thursdays. Games will start at 6:30 p.m. on the weekdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. This League will not conflict with the Little League Junior's scheduled games or the TOC's.

The League will provide team uniforms, game balls and a home plate umpire. Each team will be responsible for providing their own equipment. Team Manager Registration will begin in March 1, 2010. The League will be offering instructional coaches clinics in preparation for the season, designed for consistent skill development. For more information, contact Kory Thomson at 657-8376 or visit the Parks and Recreation website [www.prpl.info](http://www.prpl.info).



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## Summer Baseball League – Fact Sheet

- Sponsored and Coordinated by the Billings Parks and Recreation Department.
- Supported by Billings American Legion Baseball - Post 4.
- Designed specifically for boys age 13, and under, with advanced baseball skills (age as of 5/1/2010).
- Games will not conflict with Little League Junior's schedule or TOC's.
- Field Dimensions include 75 ft. bases, 54 ft. pitching mound, and 250 ft. fences located at North Park.
- Registration accepted only from team manager or coach – no individual sign-ups.
- Team Manager Reservation Fee (\$150) – NON-REFUNDABLE – registration begins March 1, 2010.
- The League is limited to the first 6 teams who pay the Reservation Fee.
- Team Manager will be responsible to distribute and collect individual player fees (\$150) with registration/ waiver form signed by each child parents.
- Team Manager Reservation Fee is transferable to a child playing on their team after April 15, 2010.
- Uniforms (button-up jerseys, 12oz. pants and league hat) provided as part of registration fee.
- Each team must provide their own helmets, bats, catchers' equipment and practice baseballs.
- League will provide game balls and a paid home plate umpire – base umps will be volunteers supplied by the home team for each game.
- Each team will play a total of 20 regular season games (7 inning games).
- Games will start during the week May 17, 2010 and continue through the end of July.
- Games played in May and the first ½ of June will be played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- Games played the last ½ of June and July will be played on Monday through Thursday.
- Games will start at 6:30 p.m. on the weekdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.
- The League will schedule the field for practice times.
- Rules will follow PONY LEAGUE with modifications made by Team Managers before the start of season.
- Pitchers will be subject to a strict pitch count or innings per week – TBD
- Instructional Clinics and Camps for coaches and players provided as a part of the league.