

Central Plains Youth Sports

Newsletter

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CPYS is excited to announce a donation from the Northeast Baseball Organization of \$100,000 to go towards the development of phase 1. The donation ceremony was conducted during the February 9th Northeast Baseball / Central Plains Youth Sports league registration for this summers baseball and softball leagues. The next League softball and baseball registration is scheduled for February 16th at the Edgemoor Recreational Center, 5815 E. 9th, from 9AM to noon. All teams that sign up in this registration period will automatically be guaranteed inclusion in the Central Plains Youth Sports leagues each year that their teams and coaches stay intact.



*Pictured left to right are David Haas, Aaron Dietz, Galen Worley, Brian McGuire and Bob Kay
(Picture provided by Snappy Photo)*

Last week CPYS kicked off their Internship Program by meeting with a Sports Management representative from Wichita State University. An Internship program going-forward plan was discussed in the areas of Sports Management, Facility Management, Marketing, Promotional Activity and Journalism. Other internship opportunities will include Sports Medicine, Events Management and Business. Aaron Dietz is leading the Internship activity for Central Plains Youth Sports. If you have someone that has an interest in our internship program, please have them contact Aaron Dietz at (316)213-7123. We also intend to establish Internship programs with other Universities as well as the local High Schools.

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As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we continue to move forward in 2008 with our Phase 1 development plans. Most of the design effort for the infrastructure is complete. We have moved all of the dirt to the proper elevation to support our drainage plan. We had to utilize all of the 60 acres to balance the entire site. This resulted in additional expenses that were not originally planned for Phase 1. We have given the go ahead to put in the sewer lines and water lines in the ground. We currently have that scheduled to be complete in February. That would support our overall plan for a Phase 1 Grand Opening in May.

As we mentioned, our current Goal consists of a Grand Opening in the May 2008 timeframe. We need volunteers for this committee. Please contact Margo Landis @ 841-3659 or Email: margo.l.landis@spiritaero.com if you are interested in joining the committee. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the upcoming activities as we move towards our Grand Opening.

We also have the same two basic needs that will be a common theme for years, 1) increase our awareness in the community and 2) continue to raise the appropriate funding through our marketing activities. To date we have raised approximate 75% of the funds required to complete Phase 1. This is due to the generosity of the Barry L. and Paula M. Downing Children's Charitable Foundation, the Northeast Baseball Organization, Foley Equipment, MKEC and Robl construction. All of these organizations see the value in the development of this facility for both the youth in our community and for the community itself by their wonderful contributions to our project.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with implementing our marketing strategy which enhances our recognition of 'What we're doing'. We can use some help with delivering marketing information to selected organizations and companies in this community.

We can also use some help with researching selected foundations for grant opportunities. This amounts to accessing their web sites and providing our grant writing team with a list of information required from us to send in a grant request. Neither one of these activities would take more than 2 or 3 hours a week.

In addition to developing a wheat field into an 18 field sports facility in a Park Environment, Central Plains Youth Sports is designing in some very unique Conservation drainage plans.

The design we are implementing with the parking lot and the storm system will be a unique one at that. We propose to install a bios wale system that will link individual rain gardens that will assist with the overall storage and management of storm water throughout the project. The full benefit of this system will be achieved once we get all of the paving in which includes the main parkway in and out of the site along with the southern edge of our parking lot. The makeup of the

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green design here is that we will be combining the use of native landscape materials and soil amendments to help in the concept of runoff infiltration. Infiltrated water from the bios wale will help recharge groundwater which will supply local streams with a slow, filtered flow rather than the surges of polluted surface runoff. By managing the water and the rate at which it flows we will minimize the impact we would have on the surrounding environment. The parking lot will define the western edge of this bios wale where the main drive into the site will define the other. The more complete paving we can do now will increase our storage capacity for storm system management.

Future Projects:

- Utilize Reclamation water to irrigate the fields
- Utilize natural grasses for landscaping

We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter. If you would like to be taken off of distribution please let us know. If you have other topics you would like to see mentioned in our newsletter please let us know as well. As always, contact Central Plains Youth Sports at www.cpys.org if you are interested in getting involved. Everyone is invited to stop by the site at 29th and Greenwich road to witness the beginning of the future of youth baseball and softball in this community.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the officers at CPYS:

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Thanks,

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