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Dear Gilford Baseball Family

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again! The Red Sox are thinking spring training, and we are busy planning for our own 2012 youth baseball season here in Gilford. Attached you will find the updated registration materials for the 2012 season. Reminiscing on last year's events, here is a look at the highlights:

- In 2011 we provided baseball experiences for 130 boys and girls ages 4-12
- For the first time in our history, both the 10U and 12U All-star teams had simultaneous first place finishes at the District 6 tournament, sending both teams to their respective state tournaments!
- Following up the regular season, a growing number of players participated in the fall ball program to further hone their baseball skills.

Registration for this season can be accomplished by any of the following methods: 1) mail to the address shown on the registration form, 2) hand-deliver to Jim Glover at the TD Bank in the Gilford Shaw's center; or 3) turn in at the registration table at the Francoeur/Babcock memorial basketball tournament at Gilford Middle School on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Other important dates to keep in mind:

- Annual League Open Meeting-March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Skills Assessments-TENTATIVELY March 24<sup>th</sup>
- 2012 Opening Day-April 28<sup>th</sup>
- All-Star tryouts-May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Homerun Derby/Picture day-May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Farmington Tournament (for U10 and U12 All Star teams) May 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
- Second All Star tune-up tournaments (location tbd)-June 8-10
- Laconia U9 Tournament-June 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>
- Closing day ceremonies/Championship games-June 16<sup>th</sup>

We will once again be holding our winter skills clinics, but this year with an expanded format. We will continue to offer the same Sunday clinics at the high school gymnasium from 4:30-6:00pm as in the past for boys and girls ages 7-12. The High School clinics will begin February 19<sup>th</sup> and run for 5 weeks. To help defray costs we must require a one-time fee of \$10 per family for the GHS clinics, no pre-registration needed. The early practice is a huge benefit for those hoping to get the most out of their baseball experience!

In addition, we will be running separate skills clinics geared specifically for the 11-12 year old (majors) age group. This group will meet locally at the Gilford Hills Club gymnasium on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30pm beginning on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost for the entire 6-8 week session at Gilford Hills will be \$20.00 per family and pre-registration is required (email [boucher3@myfairpoint.net](mailto:boucher3@myfairpoint.net)). Any 11-12 year olds planning on playing middle school ball will surely gain an advantage from the early preparation these clinics offer as well.

Dates and times are subject to change, so please visit the league website frequently to check for updates and more information as it is made available. ([www.gilfordbaseball.org](http://www.gilfordbaseball.org)). If you have any further questions, feel free to contact any of our board members from the links on the website.

Looking forward to a great 2012 season-

Jaime Boucher

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