

# MONKEYSHINES



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## BASEBALL & SOFTBALL GAMES TO START



Players are practicing according to the schedule listed below. Practices are as important as games and are a part of each player's commitment. Attendance will determine the amount of playing everyone gets. Practices may be cancelled due to bad weather. A weather update will be available by 3:00 daily at 773-463-4161.

Kindergarten & 1st grade co-ed Pitch / T-ball and 2nd & 3rd grade co-ed Baseball with instructional training and games twice a week, April - mid June. In addition, we will offer 4th & 5th grade co-ed baseball as well as 6th - 8th grade co-ed 12" softball! The cost is just \$60.00.

NBGC sports leagues are instructional - no experience needed! Our Staff and Leaders will teach youth the basics at camp and throughout the season. Some of the great features of NBGC baseball/softball include *everyone plays at least half the game, there is no required fundraising, candy or raffle ticket sales,, games are after school rather than in the evening, there are no Sunday games and the season ends before summer vacation.*

NBGC Baseball and Softball are proudly sponsored by Cubs Care. Volunteers are welcome; just stop in and talk to Program Director Bonnie Werstein or Athletic Director Phil Jensen.

<b>A LEAGUE - Kinder - 1st Grade</b>	
Mondays 4/20 & 4/27 & Thursdays 4/23 & 4/30	
4:00 - 5:00	All players living East of the Chicago River
5:00 - 6:00	All players living West of the Chicago River
<b>AA LEAGUE - 2nd &amp; 3rd Grade</b>	
Tuesdays 4/21 & 4/28 & Fridays 4/24 & 5/1	
4:00 - 5:00	All players living East of the Chicago River
5:00 - 6:00	All players living West of the Chicago River
<b>AAA LEAGUE - 5th - 8th Grade</b>	
Wednesdays 4/22 & 4/29 & Fridays 4/24 & 5/1	
4:00 - 5:00	All players living East of the Chicago River
5:00 - 6:00	All players living West of the Chicago River
<b>Saturdays All Leagues 4/25 &amp; 5/2</b>	
AAA League	9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
AA League	10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
A League	12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

## HELP US AVOID PARKING PROBLEMS

**Attention Drivers!!! Attention Drivers!!!** The parking lot here is very small and crowded due to heavy traffic with the After School Program and the Sports Activities. Sometimes we have a problem with cars parking in the FIRE LANE. The lane **must be open at all times in case of an emergency**. There is only one entrance/exit to our park. For everyone's safety we're reminding you to park your vehicle properly when in our lot; you can also park out front on Irving Park Road or on a side street. We also ask you to park sensibly, which means please do not park in the aisles or box people in. The local beat officers will ticket cars which are parked illegally. Many people found out the hard way last year.

Please do not drive up the path toward the Revere Park Fieldhouse. Finally, always watch out for children!

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS!

NBGC will be hosting a 30 hour job readiness certification program for Teens 14 - 21. All teens will be coached in interviewing skills and will complete the program with a professional resume and excellent references!! A little more information about the program.... The Youth Career Development Center (YCDC) at the Center on Halsted is a city-funded program whose mission is to provide job readiness training for youth ages 14-21. We help develop and strengthen skills that will foster success and self-sufficiency, both in the workplace and in their personal lives. The graduates of our 30 hour program learn soft skills, such as interviewing skills, resume and cover letter writing, goal setting, money management and budgeting, professional etiquette, conflict resolution, and job development. Upon graduation, we assist the youth in finding part time or full time employment. We work with employers such as Mercy Hospital, Chipotle and Radio Shack.

We have provided training in many high schools and community centers within Region 1, including Taft High School, Indo-American Community Center, Uplift Community High School, Nicholas Senn High School, Chicago Math and Science Academy and Lakeview High School.

Space is Limited for the NBGC Program! So don't delay, Contact us TODAY! The Program will begin April 20th and run every Monday - Wednesday & Thursday from 5:30-7:30 pm until the end of May.

## SUMMER JOBS FOR TEENS

Teens (14-24 yrs old) looking for Summer Jobs **MUST complete an application on [WWW.YOUTHREADYCHICAGO.ORG](http://WWW.YOUTHREADYCHICAGO.ORG)**. All Teens who complete the application then will have the opportunity to apply for Summer apprenticeships, internships and jobs with the following partnership agencies After School Matters, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, City of Chicago and Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. The deadline is May 29th so don't delay!!



The NBGC Moms' Club is holding a Yard Sale on Sat. June 6th to benefit the boys and girls programs. Keep that date open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Sell your wares and make money! Crafters and other vendors are welcome to join us. Tables will be available. If you are not a crafter, come out and buy a Father's Day gift or something for yourself! We look forward to seeing you there.

## FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

The Chicago law firm of Morici, Figlioli and Associates, headed by NBGC alum and past Board of Director's president, Jim Morici, provides no cost legal consultations for NBGC families and friends. Dozens of members of the NBGC family have taken advantage of these free legal consultations over the last two years. Those seeking advice have had the opportunity to meet, in private, with an attorney to discuss matters ranging from personal injury, workman's compensation, estate planning, real estate, criminal and traffic matters, as well as divorce and child custody. For an appointment, call Jim Morici at 312-372-9600. Morici, Figlioli and Associates has two convenient locations, one downtown and the other in Park Ridge.





**DISCOVERY/PEBBLE HOCKEY NEWS**

By: Kathi Jensen



On Tuesday April 14, 2009 The Kids played a floor hockey game against their Parents. The first game was the players from the Pumas/Twisters vs. the Parents. In the first period the Parents were looking pretty tough, Donald Taylor-Hart and Andrew P. Lawrence each knocked in a goal for the Parents team taking the lead 2-0. Since the Parents were at such an advantage they had to play with the opposite end of the stick, holding the blade of the stick. It made the game much more interesting and a lot harder for the Parents. The Kids were getting very close to scoring, but nothing went all the way in. At the start of the second period Andrew P. Lawrence and Donald Taylor-Hart were each called out on a penalty, "low sticking" they each sat out for 1 minute. This gave the Kids a huge advantage. The Kids took control over this game, Emilee Silich scored 2 goals, and Emery Lawrence and Krista Saldana each scored a goal. Krista Saldana, Emery Lawrence, and Saba Lawrence each had an assist. All the girls were showing great teamwork throughout the game. The final score of the game was 4-2 KIDS! Good work everyone! Leading the Kids to victory was: Emilee Silich, Desiree Rodriguez, Victoria Aguirre, Lydia Lawrence, Krista Saldana, Savannah Jerome-Branson, Shannon Bailey, Rebekah Cozza, Emery Lawrence, Issabella Ortiz, Addison Taylor, and Saba Lawrence. Participating for the Parents were Suzy Silich, Andrew P. Lawrence, Elissa Aguirre, Monica Bailey, Donald Taylor-Hart, Alex Saldana, Michael Cozza, Andrew Lawrence (#2) Geoff Taylor, Vanessa Ortiz, and Jane Lawrence.

The next match up was the Kids from the Aliens/Angels vs. the Parents. The Kids seemed to keep up with their opponents pretty well. For the first period the referee's would help out every now and then, but only a little kick of the puck to give the Kids a little advantage. Donald Taylor-Hart and Stephanie Benitez each scored a goal for the Parents team, making the score 2-0. On the Kids side the girls were ready to score some goals, Sarah Norton and Lillian Perkins each slapped a shot in past the Parents. Monica Herrera had an assist on the last goal. Going into the next period the game was tied 2-2. The Kids were hoping for domination in the final period, and the Parents wanted to prove they were better. The Parents were asked to hop on with both feet together whenever they wanted to move. They still scored 3 more goals, Claudia Vasquez claimed one, and Ruanly Santizo scored the last 2 goals. The Parents were now ahead 5-2. The Kids busted out their floor hockey skills, Sarah Norton, Lillian Perkins, Gabriella Salazar, Chevanna Santizo, Kaylene Norton, Monica Herrera, Korina Dominguez, and Tatiana Baxtrom each scored a goal to win the game, 9-5. Playing great for the Kids were: Sarah Norton, Kaylene Norton, Korina Dominguez, Tatiana Baxtrom, Lillian Perkins, Monica Herrera, Gabriella Salazar, and Chevanna Santizo. Contributing for the Parents were Claudia Vasquez, Eric Norton, Thomas Perkins, David Herrera, Donald Taylor-Hart, Ruanly Santizo, Stephanie Benitez, and Juana Perez.



**SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**



Mon.	Apr.	20th	All-Star Day			
			4:15	Champs	vs.	All Stars
			5:15	Parents	vs.	Daughters



**BRAIN GAMES**

By: Amanda Fox



Wow! Eric Escallier mentioned that he was bringing in pasta for everyone today, but we didn't expect to get the works! We began Brain Games with a few games of Square Up between Bina, Will Gruzca, Nella, Tashla Campos, Sage Duckunue and Summer Williams. Will, Bina, Amanda and Summer Williams played a lightning fast game of Bananagrams with Will coming out the clear winner, and then Sam Elkin joined us for the second round with Will coming out on top AGAIN! Then we all got very distracted as the food came in...

... Spaghetti ... salad ... asparagus ... bread ... chips ... pop ... and cake! With all the trimmings and necessities, Eric, David Melecio and Julian Hess brought in plate after plate of delicious food! Julian had to leave, but Anthony, David, Christian, Sam, Summer, Nella, Tashla, Bina, Amanda and Eric sat done to a wonderful dinner-and forgot all about playing Brain Games!



**AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS**

By: Amanda Fox



After School Matters is coming to an end this week. Our apprentices are finishing up their last few hours, their portfolios are being finalized, and they came dressed to impress for their mock interviews this week. We have had a great group of this Spring. Eric Escallier organized a field trip last week as part of his workshop. We had an enjoyable and educational trip to the North Park Nature Center followed the next day by Eric's workshop on natural habitats. All of our Apprentices are leaving with a better understanding of youth development, interviewing skills, well written resumes and a portfolio to show off their experience here this Spring!



**WE CAUGHT YOU!**



Michele and Tony Staniszewski were caught supporting the Club. They went out and got two local businesses to sponsor baseball teams. Thanks for stepping up to the plate and hitting a home run!

Mary Nickels was caught hopping around! Mary Nickels, our board president, entertained us all as the Easter Bunny at the Easter egg hunt! Way to go Mary!

Donny Taylor-Hart was caught stepping up! Donny helped our leaders and staff by passing on his baseball knowledge out at our meetings and our practices Thursday afternoon! Nice Job Donny!

Eric Escallier was caught feeding our minds! Eric voluntarily prepared a complete dinner-including dessert for our Brain Game regulars on Thursday! Yummy!

Anthony Melecio, David Melecio and Christian Melecio, Tashla Campos, Bina, David Melecio, Nella and Julissa Camacho cleaned up after the delicious meal Eric prepared. They would not even allow him to help! Awesome job everyone!



**MISSING JACKET!**



Kevin Santizo had a brand new Navy and Royal Blue coat (with a thin reflective stripe) at the Club, and he hasn't been able to find it. It was a youth medium. If anyone grabbed the wrong coat one day, or found a coat, please bring it (or information) to the Clubhouse.



**SPRING BREAK CAMP PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

By: Amanda Fox



This past week we have had camp for the private school kids. We enjoyed a scavenger hunt on Monday. We ventured out to watch Monsters vs. Aliens in 3D on Tuesday. Wednesday we came in in our plaids, camouflage, polka dots, strips and tye die for mis-match day! Thursday we walked over to the bowling alley to hit some pins before coming in in our pajamas and watching a movie at the Club on Friday!



**KIDS CLUB**

By: Amanda Fox



What a week! Homework ... Baseball ... Floor Hockey ... Volleyball ... and more Homework! What happened to Spring Break! We went back to our normal routine this week in Kids Club, homework first, then everything else! And there has definitely been alot going on!

Amanda brought out a new game this week called Bananagrams, and we have been racing against eachother to make words that connect and use all of our letters before anyone else does! We also have been playing with Eggsperit ... a quiz show set up with Amanda and Sage asking us anything from what color is the wall ... to ... what is the only flying mammal?

We finally made it to the playground to enjoy the beautiful day on Thursday. Most of the Afterschool Matters Apprentices are finishing up, so we have spent the week meeting some of the new leaders and welcoming back the old ones.

**FAMILY FEST & CARNIVAL JUNE 24TH - 28TH**  
**RIDES - FOOD - MUSIC - FUN!**  
**MEGA PASS \$45 UNTIL JUNE 20TH**







## PREP ALL-STAR ACTION

By: Sam Jensen



With the regular season and playoffs over it was time for the all-star game! Playing against the All-stars were the regular season champs, the Eagles. From start to finish it was very fast paced with plenty of shot opportunities from both teams. The first period was evenly matched with a goal from each team. The All-stars struck first when Eli Guzman scored on a great pass from Nick Gonzalez giving them the advantage early. Andre Jachimiak was able to score for the Eagles tying the game up at 1 in the first period. The second period was full of shots and goals. Brett Wicklund got things started when he scored on a pass from Anthony Lomas in the first minute of the period. Eli Guzman came up big for the All-stars adding 2 more goals while completing his hat trick. Although the Eagles were down they weren't giving up, Giovanni Jachimiak played tough and scored 2 goals to close the gap, bringing them within 1 goal heading into the final period. Thanks to amazing goaltending from Tony Cruz the Eagles were able to tie the game up at 5 with 2 more goals from Giovanni Jachimiak. With only a minute left in the game Shane Hathaway who scored a goal earlier in the period, scored again on an amazing wrist shot from mid court to put the All-stars up 6-5 with the deciding goal. Giving it all they had for the Eagles were Jason Turrentine, Tony Cruz, Andre Jachimiak and Giovanni Jachimiak. Playing with great teamwork for the All-stars were Brett Wicklund, Kaiden Friedrich, Shane Hathaway, Chris Vass, Eli Guzman, Nick Gonzalez, Harry Warnaar and Anthony Lomas.



## DISCOVERY BOYS FINAL SHOWDOWN

By: Michael Van Den Bosch



The Bobcats and Wasps teamed up to face off against their parents in the first game of the day. Emerson DiFilippo and Ethan Correa gave the kids an early lead with one goal apiece. The parents found a hole in the boys' defense and were able to tie up the game before the first period came to a close. Right when the puck hit the floor for the second period, the Bobcats and Wasps took over. The parents were running around like chickens with their heads cut off because the boys were all over the court, taking shots at the goal whenever the opportunities came to them. Alex Ursu, Emerson DiFilippo, Jake Caruso, Ethan Correa, Leo Klososky, and Sam Chapman successfully got the puck past the parents and slapped it to the back of the net. All of those boys would not have made those shots without a little help from Wylie Warren-Boulton, Aaron Barrera, Thomas Sullivan, and Ryan Elouati. As the game was coming to a close and the kids were running away with the game, the parents got two more points on the board. The boys easily took the victory with the score of 8-4. Punishing the parents for the Bobcats and Wasps were Alex Ursu (1 goal), Emerson DiFilippo (2 goals), Jake Caruso (1 goal), Ethan Correa (2 goals), Leo Klososky (1 goal), Sam Chapman (1 goal), Wylie Warren-Boulton (1 assist), Aaron Barrera (1 assist), Thomas Sullivan (1 assist), and Ryan Elouati (1 assist).

The second game of the day featured the Hornets and Locusts working together to take down their parents. Double the amount of hats were thrown on the court for Demetrio Araujo and Brian Shen since both of them did not stop until they collected three goals for the hat trick. The parents' cut the boys lead in half by responding with three goals of their own. Brian Shen and Alexis Hipolito were not going to let the parents get any closer and added two more points to the kids lead. Paolo Rodriguez finished the first period off strong by scoring back-to-back goals. The Hornets and Locusts really stuck it to the parents in the second period. Rene Martinez took shot after shot, until the puck snuck past his DAD not once, but twice. After scoring the final goal of the game, Ben Plumley took the court as the third official. He blew the whistle loud enough to quiet the gym and place his father in the penalty box for THREE minutes because he used a yellow stick in the game. The kids, with the final score of 13-3, demolished the parents. Having an explosive offensive game for the Hornets and Locusts were Demetrio Araujo (3 goals), Alexis Hipolito (1 goal), Ben Plumley (1 goal), Paolo Rodriguez (2 goals), Brian Shen (4 goals), and Rene Martinez (2 goals).

For the last game of the season the Bulls and Cougars took on their parents in an epic battle. The parents were not ready for the boys, as Danny Kamatovic, Jared Staniszewski, Coleman Williams, and Adrian Iniestra came out firing and did not stop till each one had a goal. The kids' defense slipped enough to allow the parents get back in the game with three goals. Frankie Geiser was not going to allow the boys one point lead get any smaller, and blew the game wide open with three goals of his own. The kids were setting a pace to break the all time record for most points in a floor hockey game, previously set by the Hornets and Locusts in the game before. The record was 13 goals and the boys were only 6 goals away from tying it. Stevan Kamatovic, Danny Kamatovic, Aviel Acevedo, Alex Sepulveda, Jared Staniszewski, Martin Herrera, and Coleman Williams stick handled around the defense and slapped the puck past the goalie, which resulted in 7 goals that were added to the boys lead. Frankie Geiser was not finished and chalked up two more points for his goal column. The whistles indicated the end of the game and another kids victory. A special CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the Bulls and Cougars for setting the new record for most points scored in a floor hockey game with 16. Ending the season with a terrific game for the Bulls and Cougars were Stevan Kamatovic (1 goal), Danny Kamatovic (2 goals), Aviel Acevedo (1 goal), Alex Sepulveda (1 goal), Adrian Iniestra (1 goal), Jared Staniszewski (2 goals), Martin Herrera (1 goal), Coleman Williams (2 goals), and Frankie Geiser (5 goals).

I would like to thank everyone for making this season a very successful one. I would especially like to thank the coaches for helping out at the practices and games. If any boys missed the final game, medals were handed out to everyone, so feel free to stop by and pick yours up. I look forward to seeing everyone on the baseball diamonds for the spring season. Any parents, who are interested in coaching, PLEASE let Kathi Jensen or myself know as soon as possible

## FALL FOOTBALL, SOCCER, CHEER AND DANCE REGISTRATION

April 16th - 30th

Monday - Friday 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

!! DISCOUNT !!

Register in April and get \$20 off each player!

Verification of Age and Address are required at Registration  
Fall Season August - Thanksgiving  
Cost Includes Full Uniform

Uniform Fitting Dates

Mon. Aug. 3rd - Fri. Aug. 7th 4:00-6:00 pm

Uniform Pick Up & Practices Start  
Monday August 17th

Weekday Practices & Games on Saturdays!  
AT NBGC EVERYBODY PLAYS!  
Payment Plans Available, just contact Bonnie

BOYS TACKLE FOOTBALL \$100.00

2nd & 3rd grade Cadet League

4th & 5th grade Prep League

6th - 8th grade Tribe League

(Please use the school grade your son will be in this Fall)

BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL \$60.00

K - 2nd grade Discovery League

(Please use the school grade your son will be in this Fall)

GIRLS SOCCER \$60.00

K - 2nd grade Discovery League

2nd & 3rd grade Pebble League

4th & 5th grade Junior League

6th - 8th grade Senior League

(Please use the school grade your daughter will be in this Fall)

GIRLS CHEER & DANCE

\$60.00

K - 4th grade Cheerleading

5th - 8th Grade Dance

(Please use the school grade your daughter will be in this Fall)

For more information please contact Phil Jensen, NBGC Athletic Director, 773.463.1848 ext 11, [phil@nbgc.org](mailto:phil@nbgc.org)

