

## **Marengo Competitive Travel Softball (Summer of 2012 Information)**

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### **What???**

Travel ball is for anyone that is interested in the opportunity to improve their softball skills in a competitive environment. Teams will be developed based upon the number of participants (if possible, teams will have 10 – 12 members). Each team will participate in weeknight games, tournaments and practices.

### **When & Where???**

Teams will begin practices and competition in late August, early September. Teams will participate in two or three tournaments this fall. 12U & 14U teams will begin to participate in games late April for the 12U and late May for the 14U. The 16U & 18U teams will start participating in practices and games in June after the high school season is finished. This is approximately a 4 – 6 days a week commitment in months of June and July. Tournament schedules will be released around January or February. Most if not all tournaments will be within 1.5 hours of driving time. We plan on getting into the Stateline League once again and will play games once a week. The league travels from places such as Davis Junction to Wasco to Roscoe and we will have opportunities to host games.

### **Commitment???**

Summer is a busy time for all athletes as they are playing other sports, going on vacations, attending camps, and have other hobbies. We understand it may be difficult to make all practices, games and tournaments and we will do our best to work around these conflicts. 12U will participate in approximately 1 tournament in April, 2 in May, 3 in June, and 3 in July. 14U will participate in approximately 1 tournament in May, 3 in June, and 3 in July. 16U & 18U will participate in approximately 2 or 3 tournaments in June, and 3 in July. Along with tournaments, each team will practice at least one day a week and have a league game each week. We will not have a tournament over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and the season will be finalized by July 31, 2012.

### **Cost???**

The cost to participate is \$425. This fee includes fall and next summer. This cost covers all tournament entry fees and association fees, league fees, umpires, insurance and other related items. Uniforms are not included in this price. Payment will be expected to be paid in full 1 week after tryouts. However, if there needs to be a payment plan set up, it is possible. There may be a need to do some fundraising. There will be no refunds.

### **Uniforms???**

We will wear our summer travel uniforms from 2010/2011. You may wear your same uniform as last year. For those that return, you may purchase another uniform if needed, but it is not a requirement. Do not worry about the numbers as we will work out any conflict. If you are new to the program, you will need to purchase a new uniform. The cost of a new uniform is \$75. This includes the jersey and shorts. Visors and socks are optional and will be offered in the spring.

### **Tryouts???**

There will be tryouts for all levels on Monday, July 25 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, July 26 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) at Indian Oaks Park. You only need to be at one of the dates; however, you can show up to both for more practice. If for some reason you are unable to attend tryouts, please contact me. For tryouts, you will need to bring your glove, cleats, sliding gear, bat, and batting helmet.

### **Coaches???**

Coaches will not be determined until teams are formed.

### **Questions???**

For questions, please contact Dwain Nance at (217) 778 – 9603 or fisherman0916@yahoo.com.