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Recreation Director's Message:

It is hard to believe it is already December and I have been Rec. Director for a little over 6 months. It has definitely been a challenging, educational and rewarding summer and fall. I'd like to thank the Recreation Board for their assistance getting the spring, summer and fall sports running and for their continuing help and support. I'd also like to thank the parents and participants for their patience as I learn the ins and outs of the position. I appreciate the honest feedback I have received on my work so far. Please keep it coming. Winter is traditionally a "slow" time for Lafayette Recreation. I plan to use it to plan and prepare for upcoming seasons and projects. The biggest project involves a DNR grant for a new recreation building, walking/hiking trail system and other improvements. See page 2 for more information on the Grant. Another task is planning for the spring seasons. This will be my first spring organizing the softball, soccer and baseball activities. I need your help to understand what worked well and what didn't work so well last year. I'd like to learn from our past and make the future easier for everyone. Finally, this winter I'm recruiting potential coaches. We need coaches and volunteers to continue to be successful in Lafayette. The more coaches we have for the programs the more playing time we can offer our youth. There are a lot of reasons why potential coaches do not volunteer. I've heard a lot of them say they do not have the skills or training to coach. One goal I have for the next year is to change that. I'd like to start a mentor coach program where new coaches can team up with an experienced coach for advice and ideas. If you are interested in being either a mentor or mentee please let me know. I will also be working to gather materials for new coaches. If you have any materials or resources that you have found useful please pass them on to me, Ryan Zimmerman. lafayetterecdirect@gmail.com.

Help Wanted:

There are a ton of areas at Lafayette that can use some TLC. We need everyone's help to get them accomplished. Here is a list of the projects we have identified that need volunteers to head them up or participate. If you have materials, knowledge or time you are willing to donate please let Ryan know. The projects: sand and seal our bleachers at the ball fields, dugout renovations (fix French drains, roofing, painting, build bat and helmet racks, etc), base boxes to store bases, coordinate litter patrols after games, rebuild baseball mounds. Anyone who would like to either head up a project or be involved please let me know.

www.LafayetteTownship.org Updated!

The township and recreation websites have both been updated. Please visit often to find out what is happening in recreation and our Township. The recreation link is on the main township page. I plan to keep the recreation pages updated with events and news. If you would like to receive emails on events and activities please stop by the website and fill out the form for email updates.



DNR Grant

Last spring the Recreation Board applied for and received a DNR matching funds grant. The grant includes a trail system, multi-purpose recreation building and skating rink. The recreation building will include bathrooms, a meeting space, warming house, concession stand and storage. The trail system will include two loops through the woods, some benches, picnic areas and a canoe/kayak landing on Paint Creek. We will also look at adding a skating rink, snow

shoe and cross country ski trails for winter activities. The DNR grant was for approximately \$170,000. In order to complete the projects we need to raise and additional \$210,000 in donated materials, labor and of course money. We have approximately 2 years to complete the project. Currently the detailed planning and fund raising are in process and the goal is to break ground this spring. If you would like to be an instrumental part of improving the Lafayette Rec-

reation community and facilities please contact Ryan Zimmerman. Financial donations are being accepted at the Town Hall. If you have any materials or labor donations please contact the Recreation Director. Check the Township website for more details on the project and its progress.



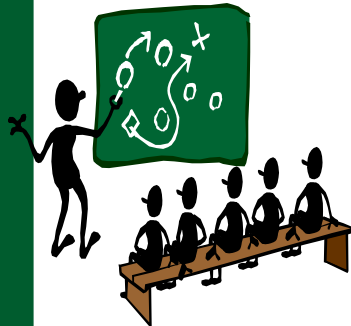
Spring Sport Registration:

Keep watching the website for spring registrations. They should be available February. Sign up early in order to help us get uniforms and teams formed.

Other Programs/ Winter Activities

- Watch for Chi-Hi youth softball clinics.
- Adult Volleyball—Contact Sue Lane 723-6257
- 3rd Annual Wisconsin Winter Classic for UCP February 2010.

Coaches Needed!



Coaches at Lafayette are volunteers. At Lafayette we have the philosophy that everyone plays and everyone learns. One of the ways we accomplish this is to make sure team sizes are appropriate for maximum player participation. This generally translates into a need for more coaches. Please volunteer to coach. We will do our best to provide you with the resources you need to succeed.

Recreation Board

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Umpires and Referees

Umpires and Referees are always needed in the youth sports programs. If you are interested in being an umpire or referee please contact the recreation director for more information.



Recycle Unused Equipment

Do you have a slightly used bat, glove or cleats that are collecting dust in the corner? How about a soccer ball that needs a new home? If you have equipment that needs to find a new place to be stored please consider donating it to the Recreation programs. We will either reuse it in our programs or find a charity to donate them to. Please contact Ryan with your donations.

Sponsors:

If you are interested in sponsoring a team, event or the programs in general please contact the Recreation Director.