

CHALLENGER NEWS

2009 Season

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WELCOME TO NEW CHALLENGER ATHLETES & FAMILIES!

We are thrilled to welcome these new athletes and their families to the 2009 season!

Jenna Turner	Patrick Mowbray
Josephine Gay	Sabrina Henderson
James Lewis	Garrett Lloyd
Becka O'Roark	Logan Ragsdale
Hannah Smallwood	Roy Smith
Brandon Stees	Nathan Weese
Garrett Weese	
Felipe Campusano-Sanchez	

Challenger games are family events, so please bring your lawn chairs or join the crowd on the bleachers to cheer for all our athletes.

MINOR LEAGUE TEAMS RETURN TO BRIDGEWATER CHALLENGER!



Again this season we will be using official Minor League Baseball team names. The Junior Division teams (younger players) will be the **Bees** and the **Grasshoppers**. The Senior teams will be the **Express** and the **Owlz**. We

hope the players will enjoy the logos on their hats and uniforms; they will be fun AND different! Parents and fans...get busy thinking of special ways to cheer for these new and exciting teams! Links to the minor league team sites are on the Bridgewater Challenger website at coe.jmu.edu/hutchisl



SEASON KICKOFF EVENT

Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 pm

Mountain View Elementary School Cafeteria



All family members are invited to this special season kickoff event. We will make ice cream sundaes, introduce the 2009 teams, and hand out uniforms. Directions to Mountain View Elementary are enclosed.

PRACTICE WEEK

Owlz & Express- MON, APRIL 6

Grasshoppers & Bees - WED, APRIL 8
6:30-7:45 PM



Each team will practice once before the season begins. Plan to meet at Field 2 at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater. If it is too cold to be outside, we will practice indoors (MON-Pence Middle School gym, WED-Bridgewater College gym). If your child's buddy is not available on this day, you may be needed to assist during practice.

OPENING NIGHT & TEAM PICTURES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15!

Junior Division Pictures at 5:30

Senior Division Pictures at 6:30



Opening Night is Wednesday, April 15!

Christa Gitchell will take team and individual pictures before each game. There will also be a brief opening ceremony before play begins. Order forms and a picture schedule will be available at the Season Kickoff (April 1). It will be a busy evening; please plan to arrive on time so we can stay on schedule. **If the game is rained out, we will meet at the Bridgewater College Gym for pictures and a short game.**

GAME TIMES

All games are scheduled for Wednesday evenings. The Grasshoppers and Bees will play at 6:00 every Wednesday and the Owlz and Express will play as soon as possible following the first game (approximately 7:00). Introductions will begin at the scheduled game time and play will follow immediately. Please try to have your child at the ballpark 10 minutes early so we can follow the schedule and complete the second game at a reasonable hour.



GAMES AT JMU

Wednesday, May 6, 6:00 & 7:00

Games will be played at the JMU baseball stadium with the Dukes as special buddies for the senior division game! Directions are on the enclosed sheet.



CHALLENGER BUDDIES

Challenger players have a buddy during each game to assist in whatever way is needed. Our buddies range in age from 16 to adult and are volunteers from within the League or community. In a few cases, buddies are assigned in pairs. Please feel free to share information that will help the buddies and coaches meet your child's needs. Most of our buddies have busy schedules, but make a special effort to be present as often as they can. If your child is going to miss a game, we ask that you notify his or her buddy or coach as soon as possible.



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that a parent or adult authorized to make medical decisions must be present for each player during all games and practices.