



Little League Softball

Western Regional Tournament

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Tournament Director: Mike Ray

To: Little League Girls Softball State and Division Hosts

Dear **District Administrator**,

As you know Vancouver, Washington is the site of this years Little League Softball Western Regional Tournament. We at Washington District Four are excited to host this tournament. The volunteers of Washington District Four, Fort Vancouver Little League and Northwest Umpires Association have been working hard to bring this tournament to Vancouver, Washington. We are sure that the players and their families will have a great time in Historic Vancouver, Washington.

*Housing will not be available for this tournament. This Packet contains information on hotels that we have negotiated with to get a discount rate for the teams. Please forward on the hotel information to your final four teams. **Having teams use these hotels is critical to the financial success of this tournament.***

We will need your team roster by July 22nd 2010 in order to have it placed in the program. Please contact Dave Wallis at: (360) 696-2994 or Awallis@comcast.net .

You and your representative are invited to a Picnic on July 30th 2010 at 6:00 PM. This will take place at the Fort Vancouver Little League Fields, which is also the tournament site. You are also invited to participate in the managers and coaches meeting which will take place on July 30th 2010 following the picnic. The Meeting will take place at the P.U.D. Building. The Address is 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. Opening Ceremonies will be July 31th 2010 at 12:00 PM. All players should be in uniform for this event.

Once again we look forward to seeing you in Vancouver, Washington. If you feel that you still have questions after reviewing the information packet please feel free to contact me at: (360) 695-6573 or district4@comcast.net .

Sincerely,

Mike Ray

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Tournament Director*



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To: Little League Softball Western Region State and Divisional Champions

Subject: 2010 Little League Girls Softball Western Region Tournament

Fort Vancouver Little League and Washington District 4 are your hosts for the 2010 Little League Girls Softball Western Region Tournament in Vancouver, Washington.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the teams that are participating in this year's tournament. We look forward to meeting all of you and hope that your stay with us is a safe and enjoyable one.

Please review all materials enclosed in this packet prior to your arrival in Vancouver, Washington.

During your visit we hope you will take some time to enjoy the many sights and sounds of Southwest Washington and the Vancouver area. It has something to offer everyone: Historical Sites, Entertainment, and superb dining.

Housing will not be available for this tournament. We have, however negotiated special rates at two area hotels that are close to the tournament facility. These are the two hotels to be used by the teams. The use of these hotels is critical to the financial success of the tournament. This packet contains information on these hotels. Whichever hotel your team chooses please follow their instructions on how to reserve rooms for your team as this will save you time and money.

We will need your team roster by July 22nd 2010 in order to have it placed in the program. Please contact Dave Wallis at: (360) 696-2994 or 4wallis@comcast.net.

We have found in the past that some teams or parents like to sing the national anthem. If you, a parent or team member would like to sing the national anthem at one of the games please contact Dave Wallis.

On July 30th 2010 6:00 PM there will be a picnic hosted by Fort Vancouver Little League for your team, coaching staff and parents. Fort Vancouver Little League is also the regional tournament facility. Please be prepared to turn over your Affidavit Packets prior to the Picnic. It is strongly recommended that you have your medical releases notarized prior to arriving in Vancouver, as the hospitals in the area may not treat patients unless notarized.

Following the picnic on July 30th, there will be a mandatory meeting for all managers and coaches. This meeting will take place at the P.U.D. Building, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. At this meeting we will conduct the coin flip for the first games.

At 12:00 PM on July 31th we will have the opening ceremonies. All players must be in uniform and attend.

Please check with your tournament director to see if your roster has been sent to us for the tournament program. Once again we look forward to your participation in the Regional Tournament, if you find you still have question please contact me at: (360) 695-6573, 909-6573 or district4@comcast.net

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Important Information for Managers

Prior to Leaving Home

1. **Make sure that your hotel reservations are made at one of the two hotels listed.**
2. *Inspect all playing equipment and repair or replace items as necessary. Remember that Rule 1.16 has a note regarding batting helmets that have been painted or have had decals attached to them. And Rule 1.17 requires the NOCSAE stamp on catcher's helmets. Ensure that your team's equipment is in strict compliance with these rules. This also applies to personal equipment that will be used during the tournament.*
3. *Have Medical Releases notarized. Local hospitals may delay treatment without parent or guardian authorization or notarized medical release.*
4. *Bring team affidavits, Medical Releases, residency documents, and all other pertinent information to the tournament. **(This is a must in order to play)***
5. *Bring Pins for trading with other teams.*
6. *Bring balls to use in pitching machines at practice fields.*

Arrival in Vancouver

1. *Plan your arrival in Vancouver in time to attend, with your team, a hosted picnic at 6:00 pm on July 30th at the Fort Vancouver Little League fields (tournament site). At this time you will turn over your Verification Packet.*
2. *Attend manager/coach/umpire meeting following the picnic at the P.U.D. Building 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. Coffee and Pastries will be provided.*
3. *Attend, with your team in uniform, the opening ceremonies at the site at 12:00 pm on July 31th.*

At Game Time

1. *Managers shall report to the Tournament Director 45 minutes prior to game time for coin flip and to submit starting lineups. Lineups are required early to compare to affidavits and to review pitcher eligibility. Starting lineups are not official until the umpires' pre-game meeting at the plate. Changes may be made up to that time, if necessary.*
2. *Home Team shall occupy the third base dugout.*
3. *Visiting team shall take infield 30 minutes prior to game time and the home team 20 minutes prior to game time. At 10 minutes before game time, players will be introduced and the National Anthem will be played. Then the umpires will conduct their pre-game meeting.*
4. *Catchers must wear an approved catcher's helmet and mask in accordance with Little League rules. Dangling style throat protectors are required on all catchers masks.*
5. *If your catcher is not ready at the end of a half inning, have another player ready who is properly equipped to warm up the pitcher. Base coaches and batters shall remain at their dugout until called to their positions by the plate umpire.*
6. *Each team shall clean their dugout after each game.*
7. *All press photographers shall be cleared through the tournament director before being allowed on the playing field. The game's umpire-in-chief has the final approval.*
8. *All game participants and spectators are expected to display **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** while at the tournament site and elsewhere. **ALL SPECTATORS WHO ARE EJECTED FROM THE SITE MAY NOT RETURN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT.** Please inform your team and its supporters of this policy.*

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Dress code for 2010 Softball Tournaments

- A. Little League (Major) Tournament:**
Managers and Coaches will be required to wear a collared shirt, team jersey or league tee shirt. It will be tucked in. Long pants or shorts with hems (no sweat or warm-up pants).
- B. Team Hats or Visors:** The wearing of hats or visors is optional for each player while on defense. All managers and coaches will wear a team hat or visor.
- C. No open toe shoes or sandals will be allowed on the field.**



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Tournament Fun Facts

1. Where is Vancouver, Washington? *Contrary to what you may think Vancouver, Washington is not located near Canada. In fact we are located at the opposite end of the State, across the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon.*
2. How do we get there? *By car: I-5 is the major artery for the North-South traveler on the west coast and goes directly through our area. By Air: Portland International Airport is 15 minutes from downtown Vancouver, Washington. So as you can see we are not isolated.*
3. How close are we to the World Series Site? *From Vancouver it takes anywhere from 30 – 45 minutes by car (depending on traffic).*
4. What will the weather be like? *The average temperature for Vancouver in July and August is a high of 80 degrees and a low of 57 degrees. The record temperature for August is 107 degrees, so it can get hot here. Average rainfall for July and August is .97 inches. So, we do not expect much rain.*
5. Has this area ever hosted a Tournament of this magnitude before? *Yes, Washington District Four has hosted eight other Regional Tournaments. They were: Junior Baseball and Junior Softball, both at the same time in 2001; and Junior Softball in 2002; and Major Softball in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.*
6. Will we have a good time? *We will try very hard to make your stay and play an enjoyable experience. We have been preparing for this tournament since last year's tournament ended. If you find anything lacking please contact one of the Tournament Committee members.*



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This Tournament will be played on grass infields. Why you ask? The World Series is played on grass. By playing this tournament on grass the West Team will be better prepared.





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100 Columbia Street
Vancouver WA 98660

We are pleased to offer a discounted rate which includes the new Roaring Start Breakfast Buffet for the **Western Region Little League Softball Tournament 2010**.

Not just a typical hotel breakfast buffet, the Roaring Start Breakfast Buffet features egg items, breakfast meats, and a state-of-the-art pancake machine that makes your pancakes fresh in less than 60 seconds. In addition, you'll find healthy selections such as cold cereals, yogurts, breakfast pastries and bagels plus all the accompaniments.

Each guestroom is equipped with a microwave and refrigerator, and coffee makers. Our plush, pillow top "Stay Comfortable" beds feature triple sheeting and extra pillows. Helping to make the stay more convenient are the double vanities, complimentary high speed Internet access and free local phone calls. We have on-site coin-op laundry facilities for your convenience. The Quay Restaurant and Bar is a local hotspot with live music on the weekends and a daily happy hour.

Rates being offered are:

Single Queen Bed: \$79.95

Double Queen Beds or Single King: \$79.95

Riverview Upgrade: \$20.00

You can make reservations by calling 1-800-redlion, the Front Desk Manager Cindy Keller at 360-694-8341 or fill out & return the attached reservation sheet. Please have your guests ask for the "Western Region Little League Softball group".

Rooms are based on availability and require a credit card to guarantee. Our Hotel cancellation policy is 4pm, 24hours prior to arrival.

View our Hotel at:

www.redlion.com/vancouver

I hope you enjoy your stay.

