



Welcome to the
2014 Southwest Regional
15 Year Old
Baseball Tournament

Hosted by:

Siloam Springs Youth Baseball



Siloam Springs, AR

July 24-29, 2014

Dear Coaches and Parents,

On behalf of Siloam Springs Youth Baseball, we want to welcome you to Siloam Springs, AR for the 15 Yr. Old Southwest Regional 2014 baseball tournament. We are looking forward to hosting the tournament and meeting each of you. We ask that coaches and parents exhibit good sportsmanship and positive attitudes throughout the tournament as we are leading by example and players look to each of us as role models. It is our desire that each player has a wonderful experience and leaves with some great memories!

Siloam Springs is less than 30 minutes away from Arvest Ballpark, home to the Northwest Arkansas Naturals (AA-Kansas City Royals) minor league baseball team. Siloam Springs Youth Baseball will be treating the coaches and players to a night with the Naturals as they face the Springfield Cardinals on Thursday, July 24th. Parents and siblings may purchase their own tickets in advance for \$15 which includes a \$9 gift card for food and merchandise (See attached order form).

During your stay with us, we hope you not only get to enjoy some exciting baseball games but also have the opportunity to visit the many attractions in Northwest Arkansas.

Please send a clear, high resolution, color team photo by email as soon as possible to jerri.bolstad@gmail.com for inclusion in the tournament program. Photo should include all players and coaches and should identify individuals from front row to back row, from left to right.

Any questions in regards to this tournament should be directed to:

Jim Tate, Regional Tournament Director
(479) 466-8024
jltate@uark.edu

Best of luck to all the teams,

Jerri Bolstad, SSYB Secretary

Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 24th

Team Check-In: 10:00 – 3:00 (see schedule below)

Check-in Location: Harvard Avenue Baptist Church
760 S. Lincoln St.
Siloam Springs, AR

State Winner from North Arkansas 10:00-10:30

State Winner from Oklahoma 10:30-11:00

State Winner from South Arkansas 11:00-11:30

State Winner from Mississippi 11:30-12:00

State Winner from Louisiana 12:00-12:30

State Winner from West Texas 12:30-1:00

State Winner from East Texas 1:00-1:30

State Winner from South Texas 1:30-2:00

State Winner from New Mexico 2:00-2:30

State Winner from Host Team-Siloam Springs 2:30-3:00

Remember: * You must arrive as a team. (Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents)

****Bring credentials binder and state flag***

****One team cooler will be allowed in dug-out***

Banquet: Arvest Ballpark (Springdale, AR)- NWA Naturals game
5:30 p.m. arrival

6:00 p.m. Guest Speaker, Vance Wilson (MLB veteran & Naturals Mgr)

7:05 p.m. First Pitch

Banquet (additional info): Parents & siblings may purchase tickets in advance for \$15 (includes \$9 gift card for snacks or merchandise). Please purchase at least **one week** in advance to ensure availability and seating near our group. **(See attached order form)**

Coaches and Players tickets have already been reserved and purchased by Siloam Springs Youth Baseball.

Players dress for banquet will be team jersey & casual pants or shorts.

Friday, July 25th

Commissioners/Coaches Breakfast: Arvest Ballpark-NWA Naturals
8:00-9:00 a.m.
For Umpires, Managers, Coaches and
Tournament Personnel

Games: All games will be played at Siloam Springs Youth Baseball Fields (James Butts Sports Complex) located at 1284 S. Lincoln St.

Play will begin as early as **12:00 p.m.** on July 25th.

**Admission – Adult \$10 / Child (7-12 yrs) \$5, 6 & under FREE
NO OUTSIDE COOLERS/ICE CHESTS ALLOWED.**

Opening Ceremonies: Siloam Springs Youth Baseball Fields
~5:00 p.m.
All players and coaches must be in full uniform.
Teams will be lined up on field for introduction.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Southwest Regional Tournament Headquarters

Hotel: Cherokee Casino & Hotel
2416 Hwy 412
West Siloam Springs, OK 74338
800-754-4111
Contact person: Jim Tate, Tournament Director
(479) 466-8024

Southwest Regional Tournament Site (Ballpark)

Operations/Field: Siloam Springs Youth Baseball
James Butts Sports Complex
1284 Lincoln St. (physical address)
P.O. Box 924 (mailing address)
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
Mike Williamson, SSYB Pres. – (479) 215-9102

Tournament Director

Jim Tate
(479) 466-8024
jltate@uark.edu

In Case of Emergency or Unauthorized Absence, Call:

Jim Tate
(479) 466-8024

In Case of Illness, Contact:

Team Manager
Babe Ruth Headquarters
Tournament Director
Tournament Site

Things to do in Northwest Arkansas

Siloam Springs Aquatic Center

Siloam Springs 6 Cinema

Natural Falls State Park (Colcord, OK) (Just west of Siloam Springs)

Rogers Aquatic Center (Rogers, AR)

Gentry Wild Wilderness Drive-Through Safari (Gentry, AR)

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (Bentonville, AR)

Fast Lanes Entertainment (Rogers, AR)

University Of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)

Area Hotels

Cherokee Casino & Hotel

2416 Hwy. 412

West Siloam Springs, OK 74338

(800) 754-4111

Best Western

273 U.S. Hwy 59

Watts, OK 74964

(918) 422-4444

Hampton Inn

2171 Ravenwood Plaza

Siloam Springs, AR 72761

(479) 215-1000

Holiday Inn

1500 S. 48th St.

Springdale, AR 72762

(479) 751-8300

Quality Inn

1300 Hwy. 412 West

Siloam Springs, AR 72761

(479) 524-8080

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL 15 YEAR-OLD BABE RUTH TOURNAMENT NIGHT



PRE-GAME DISCUSSION w/ VANCE WILSON

MLB VETERAN & NATURALS MANAGER

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH, 2014

5:55PM

Vance Wilson Pre-Game Talk
from your seats inside
Arvest Ballpark

7:05PM

First Pitch



vs.



(AA - Kansas City Royals)

(AA - St. Louis Cardinals)

PLUS IT'S **\$1BUCKNIGHT**

DISCOUNTED PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Free for Players and Coaches

(Can be applied for all family & friends)

- Reserved Ticket to the Naturals vs. Cardinals game
- **\$9 Gift Card** for Food, Drink & Official Merchandise
- Participation in **Pre-Game Discussion** with Major League veteran & current Naturals Manager Vance Wilson

ALL FOR JUST \$15

To ensure group seating and discounted package, teams are encouraged to place one group order at least 24 hours in advance.

\$1BUCKNIGHT

\$1 Items include: Sm. Fountain Drinks,
Farm Rich® Mozzarella Sticks,
Peanuts & Chips



Team Contact: _____ Team: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Tickets (Includes \$9 Gift Card): _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: ____ / ____ CID # _____

Please call Brad Ziegler with any questions at 479-927-4069 or e-mail brad@nwanaturals.com. To make your reservations please fax this completed form to 479-756-8088, call 479-927-4069 or mail to: Northwest Arkansas Naturals, 3000 S. 56th Street, Springdale, AR 72762.

Game Conduct and Special Instructions

1. All games will be played under rules and regulations covered in the Professional Baseball Rule Book, Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball. Some Invitational Tournaments have other special rules.
2. Brackets for Regional Tournaments with World Series following are preset at the Regional meeting each year. Pool play schedule will be prepared by Babe Ruth /Local Tournament Directors.
3. Bottom of the bracket will be Home Team.
4. The on deck circle closest to your dugout will be one used by your team.
5. Games will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences, etc, will be permitted. Have a back up catcher to warm up pitcher between innings if your catcher is not ready.
6. Anyone, players, managers, or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be removed from the playing field or ballpark immediately and disqualified from tournament. If a player is ejected from the game he must leave the ballpark accompanied by an adult. If his parents are not present his manager or coach will accompany him (no host parent will be allowed to accompany a player).
7. Managers, coaches, and players shall wear full uniforms according to Baseball Rules (these uniforms do not have to match). While in uniform, neatness is a must. When at the ballpark your shirt tail must be tucked in and your cap worn properly. When taking the field for your game no warm up or hitting shirts allowed. Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases. Equipment (bats, gloves, helmets, etc) shall be neatly stacked in their proper places at all times (inside the dugout).
8. Only players, coaches, the manager, and the batboy shall be allowed in the dugouts. Players and coaches must stay inside the dugouts. (two coaches in coaches boxes Offensively)
9. Masks with throat protector will be required at all times when warming up the pitchers whether on the field or in the bullpen. Players protecting bullpen must wear protective headgear.
10. No team will be allowed to kneel or stand along baseline and watch other teams warm up.
11. Players must be in uniform and at the field (1) hour before their scheduled game time. All players will be required to attend the Opening Ceremony in uniform.

12 .Each team will be allowed (10) minutes of fielding practice. The home team will start thirty (30) minutes prior to game time. The visiting team shall practice next for ten (10) minutes. The last ten (10) minutes prior to the game will for the introduction of players, umpires and introduce any special guest.

15. Jewelry is prohibited, players shall not wear jewelry. Medical alert and religious bracelets are not considered jewelry. If worn they must be taped to the body so as to remain visible.

16. The tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Southwest Regional Commissioner and the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director in accord shall appoint the Protest Committee with the Assistant Regional Commissioner. The Protest Committee shall have final authority in all protest (right or wrong). A rule violation is the only thing that can be protested (judgment calls are not to be protested).

17. No tobacco products will be permitted on the Playing Field, Dugout, or Restroom by managers, coaches, or players of a team.

PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

Officials of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and the hard working host city volunteers have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay will be pleasant and rewarding. Therefore, we shall expect that you absolutely cooperate with the following regulations pertaining to your actions during the Regional Tournament.

1. ASSISTANCE

We want all participants to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the Regional Tournament. If you need assistance, contact your team manager immediately. The manager, in turn may rely upon the aid of the Assistant Regional Commissioner or Host Family Chairperson.

2. CONDUCT

Your conduct must be above reproach on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct could not only cause disqualification from the Regional Tournament but could also disqualify your team.

3. SCHEDULE

Follow your teams schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, Regional Tournament games and special events on time. Be sure to check with your manager and Host Family whenever you want to divert from the listed functions.

4. APPEARANCE

As champions from your state, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course dress informally and comfortably. At all times, neatness and cleanliness of appearance is required.

Regional Banquet: Each player must wear his teams uniform jersey or team travel shirt with a pair of slacks and shoes.

Ball Park: When teams enter the field for the game they will be in a baseball uniform, no warm-ups or hitting shirts will be allowed. When in uniform at the ballpark, your shirt will be tucked in and your cap will be worn properly. Metal cleats are to be worn at the ballpark only.

5. CURFEW

All players are to be in their Host Family's home after the day's last scheduled activity or Regional Tournament game. If an event goes beyond 12:00 midnight all non-participating team members will return to their Host Family's home. There will not be (1) hour grace period,

EACH DAYS CORRECT ORDER OF EVENTS FOR TOURNAMENTS

FIRST GAME EACH DAY:

1. Introduce Teams
2. Introduce Umpires
3. Invocation
4. Babe Ruth Code
5. National Anthem
6. Announce Protest Committee – PLAY BALL

OTHER THAN THE FIRST GAME:

1. Introduce Teams
2. Introduce Umpires
3. Announce Protest Committee – PLAY BALL

WHEN INTRODUCING THE TEAMS BEFORE A GAME, TRY TO USE THE LINEUP SHEET FROM THE SCOREKEEPER TO ANNOUNCE THE STARTING LINEUP WITH POSITIONS. THEN ANNOUNCE THE REST OF THE TEAM WITHOUT POSITIONS. YOU MAY HAVE TO GET THE MANAGER AND COACHES FROM A ROSTER.

BABE RUTH CODE:

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body mind and soul.

Develop a strong urge for sportsmanlike conduct.

Develop understanding of and respect for the rules.

Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.

Develop control over emotions and speech.

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.

Develop into real, true citizens