



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI CHALLENGER BASEBALL

B A S E B A L L

For Kids and Adults With Physical and/or Mental Disabilities

Kids and adults that have physical and/or mental disabilities can play baseball on a team in the Southeast Missouri Challenger Baseball League.

skill levels of the children playing. (For instance, players can be pitched to by a coach, or they can hit from a batting tee.)

Challenger Baseball also

will receive trophies at the end-of-the-season picnic. Parents that have children playing Challenger Baseball have noticed marked improvement in their children's self-esteem, confidence, attention span, learning ability and physical skills.

Our first game is on Saturday, April 11th at the Sikeston Sports Complex, N. Ingram Road, Sikeston, Missouri. Games are always on Saturdays and start at 9:00 am. See the website for the schedule.

The Southeast Missouri Challenger Baseball League is open to any player from age 5 on up who has a developmental disability.

Challenger players will play on the same fields, use the same equipment and wear the same uniforms (including jerseys, pants, socks and hats) as traditional teams.

The most fundamental goal of Challenger Baseball is to **make friends**. As our players make friends, we also play some baseball. Each player will bat every inning, and each player will play in the field. No score is kept and nobody is ever out. Beyond following basic safety rules, Challenger will adjust certain rules to the

provides for a "buddy" system (buddies are the main reason our players have fun!). Our buddies are young volunteers, between the ages of 10 and 20, who don't have a disability. The main goal for our buddies is to make friends as they assist our players on the field. For instance, buddies can push players who use a wheelchairs around the bases after a hit, or help a player get a ball that gets past him or her. If you know someone who might want to be a buddy for Challenger Baseball, we could really use them at any game (or games!).

Challenger Baseball participants learn how it feels to pull together as a team and to be cheered. All Challenger players

For more information on Southeast Missouri Challenger Baseball, you can email derrick@semochallenger.org. You can also call 573-683-1242, or register at www.semochallenger.org.



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R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

Player's Name(s) E-MAIL ADDRESS

Parents/Guardians Player's Birthday

Address Registration Fee (\$25)

City State ZIP Phone number

(circle one) Jersey Size **YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL** | (circle one) Pant Size **YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL**

I understand that photos and/or video of the above player, myself or my family, taken as we participate in St. Louis Challenger Baseball or related activities, may be used for publicity purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date