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2022 American Legion Baseball – “REACH OUT & FIND OUT”

Play ball! That’s the refrain we are waiting for as spring and baseball season approaches. I am writing today to put the word out to you that playing ball is what a lot of our youth are going to be doing in the near future and a lot of them will be playing on teams under the auspices of the American Legion of Maine.

In 2021 there were 13 Junior League Teams made up of players 13-16 years of age and 16 Senior League Teams made up of players 16 to 19 years of age, playing under the umbrella of American Legion Baseball. Now in saying this I only know of two posts who actually sponsored a team; War Memorial Post 30/Camden and Corey Edwin Garver Post 202 in Topsham. If there were more I am interested in knowing who you are!

Full sponsorship of a Legion Baseball team is a costly endeavor and it is realized a lot of Maine Posts might not be able to fully sponsor a team. However, any post can reach out to their local team and offer support in differing ways. Any financial donation would be greatly appreciated, but, you can also assist them by offering to help with on field preparation work, maybe running a concession stand where proceeds might be split between the team and post or perhaps if your post is so equipped hold a fund raising spaghetti or baked bean dinner as these events are normally well attended for the benefit of youth sporting teams.

Every post in Maine should be looking for ways to be involved and to help. Why? Because assisting the young men and women playing baseball fits squarely into our Fourth Pillar of supporting Children and Youth.

If your post is actively involved with a local team right now, good on ya! If your post is not but feel this is something you can get behind in some manner, reach out to your local baseball community. Some communities draw from surrounding schools within their area to field teams, so most likely a local high school coach would know if there will be a Legion team playing in 2022.

If you are still not sure if your local community has a team associated with American Legion baseball, no problem, call or email me and I will get you in touch with the coach for the local Legion Team.

This is an opportunity that should not go unfulfilled by Maine American Legion posts. It cannot be easier just; REACH OUT locally to your team and FIND OUT what your post can do to help. Work to support our Fourth Pillar!

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