

**2017  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JUNIOR SOFTBALL  
STATE  
TOURNAMENT**

**JULY 12-17TH**

**BER-VAUGHN PARK  
BERWICK, PA**

**Berwick Little League and District 13 will be hosting the 2017 PA State Tournament for the Junior Softball Division. The tournament will be scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Ber-Vaughn Park.**

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## **BER-VAUGHN PARK**

**Ber-Vaughn Park is no stranger to hosting the softball state championships, as this tournament will be our 8th at our facility.**

**All games will be played on a grass infield, that will be cut very low and will provide for a fast track. All teams from past tournaments have been very complimentary on how we prepare this field for softball games.**

**At the park, there are several pavilions and picnic areas that provide shade and the ability to have your group cookout together. The tree line on the bank overlooking our field provides a great deal of shade on those hot days. There is also a nice playground for the young ones to burn off some energy!!! Also, the pool at Ber-Vaughn Park will be open and we will provide information on discounted rates at check in.**

## **SECTION WINNERS**

**As soon as you have won your sectional tournament, please contact Larry Clausen @ 570-336-7737 or email [lclausen@verizon.net](mailto:lclausen@verizon.net) and provide the following information ...**

- 1) TEAM NAME .... SECTION NUMBER ... LEAGUE LOCATION**
- 2) NAMES AND CONTACT NUMBERS FOR MANAGER AND COACHES.**
- 3) PROVIDE ROSTER WITH NAMES AND NUMBERS.**

## **STATE TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS**

**Berwick Little League will be have for sale tournament t-shirts. We are asking**

all teams to pre-order shirts, so we can have them for you at your first game. There will be a limited amount of extra shirts available for those who don't pre-order. Cost of the shirts will be \$15.00 for short sleeve and \$20.00 for long sleeve. All adult sizes will be covered. Youth sizes will need to be pro-ordered. If you can send your t-shirt order with your roster, that would help tremendously. We would like to have one order and one payment if possible. Checks should be made out to "BERWICK LITTLE LEAGUE"

## TOURNAMENT GAME PHOTOS

Berwick Little League is currently searching for a company to take game photos of the players and have them available to purchase. If we can reach agreement with a company, information will be passed out at check-in.

## TOURNAMENT CHECK -IN

Check in for the Junior Softball State Tournament will begin at 9:00 AM on 7/12. Location for check in will be the in upper pavillion #1 at Ber-Vaughn Park. You will be notified if the time and location is changed.

At this time the following information will be checked and reviewed.

- \*\* Tournament affidavits that includes proof of residency, medical release, player verification and boundary map.
- \*\* ALL players equipment that will be used will be inspected by D13 umpires. Players do not need to be there but their equipment must be there.
- \*\* *LITTLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS AND BACKGROUND CHECK along with PENNSYLVANIA STATE CLEARANCES for all managers and coaches.*

Once all teams are checked in, there will be a manager and coaches meeting involving the tournament director, district administrator, and the head of the umpires.

The Little League Softball Rules Book will be used. Tournament ground rules and expectations will be discussed. All questions on the field and schedule will be addressed at this time.

## **FACILITY RULES**

Ber-Vaughn is a public park, however Berwick Little League has a strict no tobacco rule around the playing field and spectator area. This includes chewing tobacco, cigarettes/cigars, and electronic cigarettes.

## **DRESS CODE**

The tournament will have the following dress code for all managers and coaches for games ... **NO JEAN SHORTS / NO GYM SHORTS ....** Shorts must be khaki type. **NO CUT OF SHIRTS OR TANK TOPS ...** Shirts must be collared or matching team uniform. Questions regarding the dress code will be answered at check-in.

## **GAME RULES**

All rules will be in conjunction with the Little League Softball rule book. We will take the proper steps, as mandated by Little League, if a protest of an umpires decision is made.

Any unsportsmanlike behavior towards game umpires or tournament officials could be grounds for ejection from the game and the tournament site.

## **RADIO / TV BROADCASTING**

Any station wishing to broadcast a game during the tournament will be charged a \$100 fee for radio and \$250 fee for TV. Payment information will be given at the time of the request.

## **CONCESSION STAND**

Berwick Little League will be operating a concession stand for the duration of the tournament. All players and coaches will be fed after each game.

## **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

The tournament will be a double elimination format. The schedule will be

added to the packet and forwarded, once we finalize the tournament field. Based on a 8 team format, the State District Administrators have established the first round of the tournament. Once we get the final number of teams, the bracket will be created and forwarded.

All game times listed are subject to change pending weather and field conditons.

If you are the top of a bracket ---- 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout

If you are on the bottom of braceket ---- 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout

Prior to each game, coin toss will be done to determine home team, except for the final game. Tournament team that is undefeated will be home team. If we need to go to a final game, team that won will be the home team.

We will have practice field and batting cage available prior to each game. Time and how we do it will be discussed at the managers meeting.

If you are staying in the area and want to practice, please speak with the tournament director to see what fields are available and locations.

### ACCOMODATIONS

It is up to each team to secure their own hotel reservations for the tournament. Berwick LL has requested that each hotel provide a special rate for our tournament guests. We were unable to get blocks at the hotels listed, but many of our teams have stayed at these facilities with very positive remarks.

The hotels are listed in an order of location and conveniences around them. Estimated mileage from Ber-Vaughn is listed.

#### Fairfield Inn & Suites (Bloomsburg) 570-416-2777

Brand new hotel located at Exit 236 off of I-80. This hotel is 10-15 minutes from the Ber-Vaughn complex. Also, this hotel is 10 minutes from all restaurants listed for the Holiday Inn Express below.

#### Holiday Inn Express (Bloomsburg) 570-387-6702

Located approximately 15-20 minutes from Ber-Vaughn Park. Hotel is conveniently located off I-80 at the Buckhorn exit. Very close to a WalMart Plaza. Restaurants nearby include Panera Bread, Olive Garden, Carini's, and Ruby Tuesday.

#### Comfort Inn Suites (Bloomsburg) 570-387-9100

Located in the WalMart Plaza referenced above.

**Hampton Inn (Bloomsburg) 570-380-1020**

Located off of I-80 at the Bloomsburg exit, the hotel is approximately 10-15 minutes east from Ber-Vaughn and 5-10 minutes from the WalMart Plaza referenced above.

The following hotels are a 5-10 minute drive from Ber-Vaughn and have hosted teams in the past.

Comfort Inn (Mifflinville) 570-752-2100

Budget Host – Patriot Inn 570-387-9100

Super 8 Motel 570-759-6778

I would strongly suggest making your reservations at your earliest convenience. If you run into any trouble securing rooms at the hotels listed, please contact the tournament director for othe hotels.

**WHAT TO DO IN THE AREA**

Berwick is conveniently located in North-Central PA and as several things to do if you have a day off or want to take your players somewhere to relax.

Movie Theatre complex on Rt 11 in Bloomsburg.

Wyoming Valley Mall and Lycoming Mall are both within a 40 minute drive.

Knoebels Grove Amusement Park (about 30 minutes away) is a great family place to go and I strongly suggest it !!

Camelbeach Water Park and the Pocono Outlets are approximately 45 minutes from your hotel.

For the “older kids”, the Mohegan Sun Casino and Horse Racing is located in Wilkes-Barre ... 30-45 minutes from your hotel.

The AAA team of the New York Yankees, the Scranton/WB Rail Riders is approximately 60 minutes from your hotel. You will have to check their schedule for game times.

There are also several golf courses in the area. Please speak with the the tournament director for locations.

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

Geisinger Medical and Trauma Center is located in Danville, PA.  
Berwick and Bloomsburg both have hospital facilities if needed.

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Berwick Little League and District 13 promote good sportsmanship at all times. Throughout the tournament, any conduct meant to demean or incite opposing teams, spectators, or umpires will not be tolerated. Any offenders will be removed from the complex for the remainder of the tournament. If a coach or player gets ejected, Little League rules will be followed.

Finally, the Berwick Little League would like to wish all teams the best of luck on your quest for a state championship. As we all know, there will be one state champion, but everyone in the tournament is a winner !!!!!

Safe travel to all teams and their supporters !!!!!