

PENNSYLVANIA
2023
LITTLE LEAGUE
JUNIOR SOFTBALL
STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP
JULY 12TH-16TH

BER-VAUGHN PARK
BERWICK, PA

Berwick Little League and District 13 will be hosting the 2023 PA State Championship for the Junior Softball Division. The tournament will be scheduled for July 12th-July 16th 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 championship, as this tournament will be our 14th 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 area 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 Geary Gearing at 570-854-7494 or email me at gearygearing@yahoo.com 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 CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS

State Championship T-shirts will be sold by the Berwick Little League. Cost \$15.00..Adults(short sleeve) \$20 (long sleeve).

We are asking teams to pre-order as many shirts as they can. Please email Geary Gearing at gearygearing@yahoo.com with the quantity and sizes that will be needed.

Berwick LL will have a limited number of shirts for sale during the tournament.

All checks get made out to BERWICK LITTLE LEAGUE

TOURNAMENT CHECK- IN

Ber-Vaughn Park has two entrances that can be used. Please use the following addresses for the entrances.

Upper- Right next to Tri-County Hardware on Route 11
2339 West Front Street

LOWER- 6084 Park Road

Check in for the Junior State Tournament will begin at time to be determined once we see how many teams will be playing in tournament. Location for check in will be the Upper Pavilion #1 in the park. Teams will not be assigned times.

You will be notified if the time and location is changed.

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

- ** Tournament affidavits , proof of residency and boundary map.
- ** Diamond Leader training certificate must be in folder
- ** All players' equipment that will be used will be inspected by D13 umpires. Players don't need to be there but their equipment must be there.
- **PENNSYLVANIA STATE CLEARANCES for all managers.

Once teams are all checked in, there will be a mandatory meeting that will include the manager/coaches of each team, tournament director, head of umpires and the district administrator. All questions pertaining

to the field, tournament schedule and any ground rules will be discussed at this time.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament will use a double elimination format. The bracket will be created once we have determined the number of teams that will be playing. The pairings for the first game for each team have already been pre-determined at the state level. This is if all sections are represented. Sect 1 vs Sect 7, Sect 4 vs Sect 6, Sect 2 vs Sect 8, Sect 3 vs Sect 5. "In the event that one or more sections are not represented, the bracket will be completed as a random draw." All teams will be playing on Day 1.

All games and times listed are subject to change pending weather and field conditions. Tournament officials could shorten the tournament if necessary to complete within time frame given.

Since the game field is a neutral site, a coin toss will be held prior to each game to determine home and visitors. The team with the asterisk on the bracket will call the coin toss. Your dugout assignments are as follows...

1st BASE DUGOUT--- TOP OF BRACKET

3RD BASE DUGOUT--- BOTTOM OF BRACKET

We have an adjacent field that can be used for warming up prior to your game. There is also a batting cage behind the concession stand for your convenience.

Each team for the tournament game will be given time to warm up on the game field. As the tournament moves forward this may be changed

if we fall way behind schedule for the day. All teams will be notified if changes are made.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Berwick Little League and District 13 promote good sportsmanship at all times. Throughout the tournament, any act or conduct meant to demean or incite imposing teams, spectators or umpires will not be tolerated. Anyone violating this policy will be asked to leave the field area and could be gone for the duration of the tournament. If a player or coach gets ejected, Little League rules will be followed.

FACILITY RULES

Even though Ber-Vaughn is a public park. Berwick Little League has a strict NO TOBACCO POLICY or ALCOHOL around our fields and spectator areas. This policy includes no chewing tobacco, cigarettes (including electronic) and cigars. If you have any questions please ask.

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 OFF SHIRTS OR TANK TOPS. Shirts must be collared or matching team uniform. Questions regarding the dress code will be answered at check-in.

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.

TOURNAMENT GAME PHOTOS

Berwick Little League will be having Tom Brooks Photography taking game photos during the tournament. These photos will be available to purchase from his website. Information will be passed out at check-in.

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.

ACCOMODATIONS

It is up to each team to secure their own hotel reservation for the tournament. Berwick LL has requested that each hotel provide a special rate for our tournament guests. Hotels listed have been used by several teams from past tournaments.

The hotels are listed in an order of location and conveniences around them.

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 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 of 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 570-387-1220

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 hotel, please let me know.

WHAT TO DO IN THE AREA

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

Movie Theater complex on Route 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!!!

Camel Beach 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 tournament director for locations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE COLUMBIA-MONTOUR VISITORS BUREAU WEBSITE

www.itourcolumbiamontour.com

MEDICAL FACILITIES

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

Finally, the Berwick LL would like to wish all the 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.

We can't wait to meet the teams and their supporters.

Safe travels to everyone.