

FIELD RENOVATION

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What began as 18 upgraded playing surfaces in Cincinnati grew to more than 60 throughout Reds Country during the latter portion of 2006. Empowered by ownership to expand this initiative, the Reds Community Fund was able to invest in the future of youth in Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, Dayton, Louisville and Sarasota.

In the coming months 75 fields will be adopted in Indianapolis, Columbus, Lexington, Cincinnati, Louisville, Dayton, Covington and Bridgetown. More than \$500,000 will be spent on this project in 2007.



Before



After



THE REDS ROOKIE SUCCESS LEAGUE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING:

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WINTER 2007 NEWSLETTER

2007 RRSL IMPORTANT DATES (Dates subject to change)

- JUNE 9** Reds Rookie Coaches Clinic
9 a.m.-12 p.m. – Reds Hall of Fame
- JUNE 19** Reds Rookie Success League Session One begins (Tuesday / Thursday)
- JUNE 19** Reds Rookie Success League Butler County begins
- JUNE 26** Session one (8-9 year olds) field trip to Champions Baseball Academy
- JUNE 27** Reds Rookie Success League session two begins (Wednesday / Friday)
- JUNE 28** Session One (10-11 year olds) field trip to Champions Baseball Academy
- JULY 2** Reds Rookie Competitive League begins
- JULY 4** Independence Day – No Reds Rookie
- JULY 8** Reds Rookie Day at GABP
- JULY 26** Session one RRSL concludes
- JULY 26** Butler County RRSL concludes
- AUG. 3** Session Two RRSL concludes
- AUG. 6** Reds Rookie Competitive League concludes
- AUG. 16** RRSL Partner / Volunteer Banquet

SIGN UP NOW



NEW FOR 2007

WEBSITE:

The Reds Community Fund and the Reds Rookie Success League will have a new online home this February when www.redsyouthbaseball.org makes its debut. This new web site will allow Reds Rookie players and coaches to fill out applications online, view pictures from past seasons and learn more about the baseball themed outreach of the Reds Community Fund.

CINCINNATI DENTAL SOCIETY:

The Reds Community Fund will partner with the Cincinnati Dental Society to provide free dental screenings to all Reds Rookie participants in 2007. Those who require additional dental attention will be treated at the Children's Dental Clinic in Roselawn, free of charge.



NEW HOURS OF OPERATION:

The Reds Rookie Success League will adopt a new operational schedule this summer as it moves from the original two-session model to a more streamlined 10 a.m.-1 p.m. format. Each day will feature practice, an organized game and a character based review session for a larger, single group of RRSL players and coaches.



BUTLER COUNTY RRSL:

In cooperation with the Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund, the Reds Community Fund will form the first satellite program of the Reds Rookie Success League in Butler County. Reds Rookie Butler County will feature its own unique blend of positive leadership and baseball instruction while utilizing the character-building curriculum of its parent organization. For more information contact Rodney Hubbard at (513) 300-6221 or mr0717@fuse.net.



CLUBHOUSE CORNER

OFFSEASON PRACTICE TIPS

There are many different exercises that you can practice during the winter months that can help improve your baseball skills. Most of these exercises can be performed with little or no equipment and in your home, garage, basement or even bedroom.

Try this batting exercise with a buddy or parent in a large open space. This drill will help improve your eye hand coordination in hitting.

1. Find some Wiffle® balls or tennis balls and a partner.
2. Assume your batting stance (without a bat in your hands) and have your partner stand in front of you.
3. Have your partner pitch the ball to you underhand.
4. Swing your hands towards the ball as if you were holding a bat and catch the ball with both hands.
5. Repeat 3-5 times.
6. Once you can catch the ball with both hands, try catching with your bottom hand only.
7. Repeat using only your top hand.

Concentrate on keeping your eye on the ball and catching the ball every time and your batting coordination will improve over time.

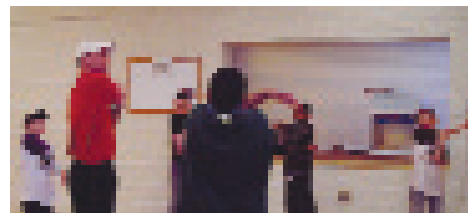
RRSL REUNION RECAP

The Reds Community Fund hosted its fourth reunion event of the off season Saturday, Jan. 23, at Westwood Town Hall. Players went through a series of baseball and agility drills that concluded with a home run contest.

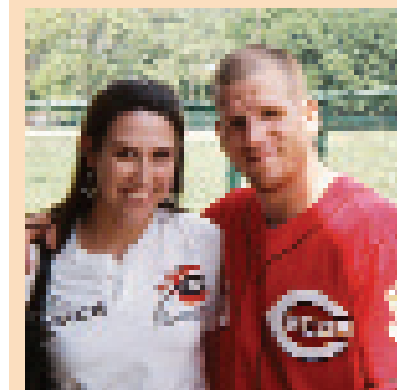
The Reunion tour has made trips to Champions Baseball Academy in Sharonville, where former major leaguers provided the kids with multiple baseball drills that could be used to improve their skills during the off season. Our second stop was the Madisonville Recreation Center, where special guest speaker Dr. Odell Owens gave an inspirational speech, imploring the kids to make positive choices. Our third stop was at the Duke Energy Center for Redsfest; the kids

enjoyed the official fan festival of the Cincinnati Reds. Kids were given the opportunity to hit Wiffle balls and play games on the Buddy's Carpet Field of Dreams.

The Reunion tour will move across the Ohio River in February and March with stops at Boys & Girls Clubs in Covington and Newport, KY.



COACH S PROFILE



Allison Clarke

TEAM: Orange Crush

OCCUPATION: Sport Management and English major at the University of Tennessee

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: UT football and basketball, photography, and reading

MAJOR GOAL IN LIFE: Work in professional sports

HERO: My parents, Chip and Robin Clarke

FAVORITE CHARACTER TRAIT: Integrity

FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball

FAVORITE REDS: Adam Dunn and Ryan Freel

FAVORITE FOOD: Chicken enchiladas

FAVORITE 2006 RRSL MOMENT: Watching the kids interact with Reds players and coaches

RBI BASEBALL RETURNS

The Reds Community Fund is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati to bring back Major League Baseball's "Reviving Baseball in the Inner-City" (RBI) program in Cincinnati. Eight to twelve Junior High teams from Cincinnati Public Schools and Covington Public Schools will be gearing up for spring baseball for the very first time this year. Each team will play a ten game schedule with a season-ending city tournament to crown a city champ.

During the summer, All-Star teams will be formed from local Knothole districts to represent the city of Cincinnati regionally and nationally at annual RBI tournaments. This

program will serve to bridge the gap between youth Knothole baseball and organized High School participation.



COACHES AND KIDS: SIGN UP NOW FOR 2007 RRSL!

Contact Adam Shaffer at (513) 765-7020 or ashaffer@redscmunityfund.com.

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