



Lake Norman Little League
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August 13, 2015

Mr. Michael Jaycocks, Director
Mr. Steven Roberson, Facilities & Tournament Supervisor
Town of Huntersville
Parks and Recreation Department
105 Gilead Road
Huntersville, NC 28078

Dear Mr. Jaycocks and Mr. Roberson;

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and Jeff Sheets recently and hearing about the phenomenal growth we have experienced with youth baseball. Lake Norman Little League was established in 2011 and has grown every year since. With our focus on keeping our league about the kids having a fun environment to learn the game of baseball and providing the opportunity to live out their dreams of competing for the Little League World Series, we anticipate this growth pace will continue.

Our board recognizes that to accommodate the continued growth, we need to work with our local communities to gain additional field space. We are reaching out to you due to the significant number of Huntersville residents that participate within our league. For the Fall 2015 season, more than 50% of our registered players are Huntersville residents and yet we currently do not utilize any Huntersville ball fields. We want to be your partner, and ask that you seriously consider the attached application for co-sponsorship.

Thank you in advance for reviewing this application. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime at 704-771-9590. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Jones".

Glenn Jones
President
704-771-9590

CC: - Jeff Sheets, Vice President – Baseball Operations
- Dan Kelly, Vice President – Softball Operations
- Lake Norman Little League Board of Directors

HUNTERSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION FOR CO-SPONSOR STATUS
Allow four months for processing all applications

Date of Application: 8/13/2015 Name of Organization: LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE

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Contact Person: GLENN JONES

Position in Organization: PRESIDENT

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See page 2 for additional information.

For Office Use Only:	Date Received: <u>August 17, 20105</u>
PRC Recommendation: <u>November 4, 2015</u>	Town Board Approval: _____

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ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION:

Please answer the following and attach to this application:

1. Has your organization read and understand the co-sponsorship policy currently in place? If yes, is this a policy by which your organization can abide?

Yes, Lake Norman Little League has read, understands, and can abide by the co-sponsorship policy.

2. Is this a non-profit organization serving youth? If no, please describe what population you are currently serving.

Yes

3. Is this a volunteer organization with a volunteer board of directors? If no, please describe your organizational structure. Are there any paid staff members in your organization? If so, which ones—coaches, director, admin assistants?

Yes, Lake Norman Little League is a 100% volunteer organization. There are no paid staff members.

4. Is this an athletic organization? If no, please describe the activities you currently offer.

Yes

5. For which sports and/or seasons are you applying for co-sponsorship status?

Youth baseball and softball; Spring and Fall seasons

6. What type of field or facility space and how much time on the fields or in the facilities do you think your organization would need from the Town of Huntersville? What other fields or facilities is your group currently using and do you plan to continue to use that space?

Baseball/softball fields; 75-100 hours/week (Spring); 50-75 hours/week (Fall); Current fields that we will continue using include: Westmoreland Athletic Complex, Bailey Road Park, Smithville Park, Torrence Chapel Park, Legion Park, Cornelius Elementary Park

7. Which geographic area do you mostly serve? Is at least 50% of your group made up of Huntersville residents?

Lake Norman Little League serves the southeastern Lake Norman area including Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson, and northeastern Charlotte. Our boundary extends north to the Iredell county line, east to I-85 and the Concord Mills area, south to W W T. Harris Blvd., and as far southwest as the Rural Hill area. Our complete boundary map can be found at https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zbrQprkT1vfY.kNkPOo8CYC_8.

For the Fall 2015 season, 53% of our registered players are Huntersville residents.

8. Please state or attach your mission statement to this application.

See attached mission statement.

9. The relationship of the co-sponsor group and the Town is one of mutual benefits. Please describe any service/improvement your group will/could provide to our parks and/or our community.

Lake Norman Little League would gladly work with the Town to provide clinics for players and for coaches in the community. We would also seek opportunities to host Little League NC District 3 Tournament of Champions and District All-Star tournaments played in June of each year. Each of these tournaments draw Little League teams, parents, and friends from the greater Charlotte area each day for up to a week. Lake Norman Little League hosted two District All-Star tournaments at Bailey Road Park following our Spring 2015 season at the 6/7 and 7/8 age levels. We believe a better home for future tournaments could be North Meck Park, Huntersville Athletic Park, or Bradford Park.

10. Please attach your most current list of participants/rosters with participant's physical addresses.

Attached is a listing of our Fall 2015 player registration listing with physical addresses.

11. Please attach to this application any other information you think would be helpful to the Parks and Recreation Commission in making a decision on your organization's co-sponsorship status.

Attached is a presentation illustrating the growth of Lake Norman Little League over the past 4 years. We expect this growth to continue in 2016 and are seeking opportunities to expand to offer baseball to older age levels. In addition, we will launch girls' softball in Spring 2016 by bringing the Cornelius Softball group into Little League. Partnering with the Town of Huntersville will allow our league, made up predominantly of Huntersville residents, the opportunity to continue offering a fundamentally sound recreational baseball and softball program for the children and families of the Lake Norman area.

Town of Huntersville Parks and Recreation
PO Box 2879, Huntersville NC 28070-2879; Phone 704.766.2220; Fax: 704.992.5528
Website: huntersville.org

Co-Sponsorship Agreement
Signature page

I have reviewed, on behalf of the organization named below, the Co-Sponsorship Policy of the Town of Huntersville Parks and Recreation Department.

In signing this agreement, I signify that our organization will comply with all procedures and requirements stated in the policy and that I am authorized to sign on behalf of this group.

I also understand that our organization's submitted rosters and reports, as required within the Co-Sponsorship Policy, will be reviewed at least once annually to determine if our organization continues to meet the objectives and criteria of the Policy. I further understand that non-compliance with the Co-Sponsorship Policy is grounds for termination of co-sponsorship status.

LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE

Name of Organization



Authorized Representative – GLENN JONES, PRESIDENT

8/13/2015

Date

Parks and Recreation Director

Date


**Background Certifications for Coaches
of Co-sponsor Groups**

In accordance with the Town of Huntersville Parks and Recreation Department's Co-sponsorship Policy under section B. No.7 effective Spring Season of 2003, co-sponsored Athletic organizations must have background checks performed on all coaches.

By signing this agreement, I hereby certify that the Co-sponsor group (named below) has conducted background checks on all coaches who are assisting during the season indicated below. I further certify that checks on all coaches associated with this Co-sponsor group during the season indicated below were satisfactory resulting in those coaches participating in our leagues.

LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE

Co-sponsor Group

 / PRESIDENT
Co-sponsor Representative Signature / (Title)

8/13/2015
Date

Season/sport for which background check was conducted:

☒ Spring Baseball/Softball

☐ Fall Soccer

☐ Spring Soccer

☒ Fall Baseball/Softball

☐ Lacrosse

☐ Basketball

☐ Tennis

☐ Football



LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

Lake Norman Little League was formed in the Fall of 2011 to offer children and families of the Lake Norman area a safe, fundamentally sound option for children to learn the game of baseball.

Lake Norman Little League is an official chartered league affiliated with Little League Baseball International Headquartered in Williamsport , PA. Little League Baseball is the largest youth sports organization in the world with more than 7,500 leagues in over 100 countries. As members of Little League International, Lake Norman LL is governed by the rules and guidelines established by our governing body. Our league is a member of Little League District 3 of NC consisting of Coul Oak, Mint Hill, Pineville, Steele Creek, Weddington (2 charters), Dilworth, and Myers Park. Lake Norman Little League through its membership with District 3 will be eligible to play in all Little League sanctioned tournaments as well as post season Tournament of Champions and All Star play culminating with the Little League World Series each August in Williamsport PA.

Little League offers a variety of playing levels through various age groups. Options include a tee ball division, machine / coach pitch , AAA, and Majors. Little League does offer the flexibility within age bands to play with players of the same skill level. As an example, a less experienced 11 year old player would not be forced to play with the Majors division; the player would have the option to play AAA where the level of play may be more suitable. Conversely a talented experienced 10 year old who may need a greater challenge would be eligible to play in the Majors. Little League offers great flexibility in making sure that kids can play age AND skill level appropriate baseball. Little League also has a 50/70 “ trail program “ which began last year which adds even a further level of challenge and competition to the most accomplished players. Lake Norman Little League’s goal is to provide the most comprehensive offering of baseball skills training and game play.

Lake Norman Little League recognizes the need for safety and training for your children. Through Little League International, all coaches are subject to a background check before they can coach a team. Further, coaches and umpires are offered additional training through Little League baseball. We will strictly enforce pitch counts and days of rest for our pitchers as mandated by Dr James Andrews and Little League rules. District 3 also offers us terrific resources to speak with families and players about appropriate training, diet and exercise for maximum performance. Architect Physical Therapy and Dr Paul Perlik serve on the District 3 LL board of directors.

For more information please visit www.lakenormanlittleleague.org

LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE- “FUN”- DAMENTAL BASEBALL



Lake Norman Little League



Fall 2015 Update

Board of Directors



Role	Name	Phone	Email
President	Glenn Jones	704-771-9590	gjones1173@yahoo.com
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Board of Directors



Role	Name	Phone	Email
Fields Commissioner	Ryan Baxter	704-819-7499	ryan@gojhe.com
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Cactus Division Commissioner	Andrew Kline	828-719-8151	AndrewKline24@Hotmail.com
Grapefruit Division Commissioner	Jeff Sheets	704-274-0224	ecu3b@roadrunner.com
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Majors Division Commissioner	Doug Schroeder	704-231-1937	dschroed@bellsouth.net
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Director at Large – Baseball	Will Weathers	704-728-4779	wpwsuz@hotmail.com
Director at Large – Softball	Lisa Kelly	704-787-9549	lisa.l.kelly@bankofamerica.com





Current Divisions of Play

➤ Tee-Ball

- Ages 4-6
- 1 game each week
- 1 practice each week

➤ Cactus

- Beginning Machine Pitch
- Ages 6-7
- 2 games each week
- 1 practice each week

➤ Grapefruit

- Advanced Machine Pitch
- Ages 7-8
- 2 games each week
- 1 practice each week

➤ AAA

- Beginning Player Pitch
- Ages 9-10
- 2 games each week
- 1 practice each week

➤ Majors

- Advanced Player Pitch
- Ages 11-12
- 2 games each week
- 1 practice each week

- Challenge ball offered at all levels above Tee-ball for advanced competition opportunities





Current Fields Utilized

➤ **Bailey Road Park**

- 2 baseball fields
- Used for practices and games
- Shared with Bailey Middle School baseball and softball teams

➤ **Cornelius Elementary**

- 2 Tee-ball fields
- Used for practices only
- Will not be available Spring 2016
- New 4-field Tee-ball complex to be ready Fall 2016

➤ **Legion Park**

- 1 field
- Used primarily for practices / games if necessary

➤ **Smithville Park**

- 2 fields
- Used for practices and games
- Not available in Fall seasons due to football and lacrosse

➤ **Torrence Chapel Park**

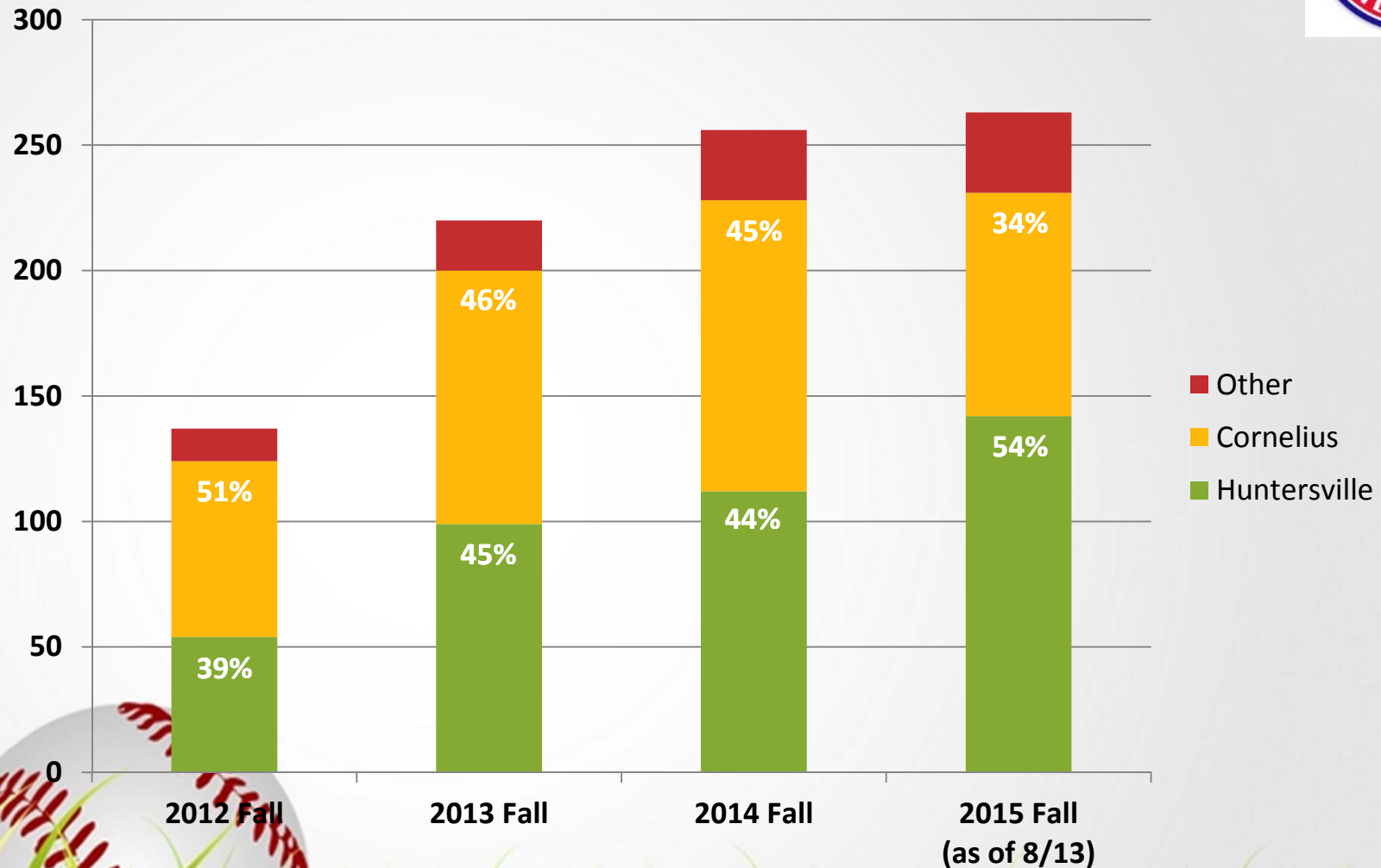
- 2 fields
- Primarily used for softball / some baseball practices

➤ **Westmoreland Athletic Complex**

- 4 fields
- Used for practices and games during the week
- Not available 48 out of 52 weekends each year due to Town of Cornelius travel ball tournament contracts

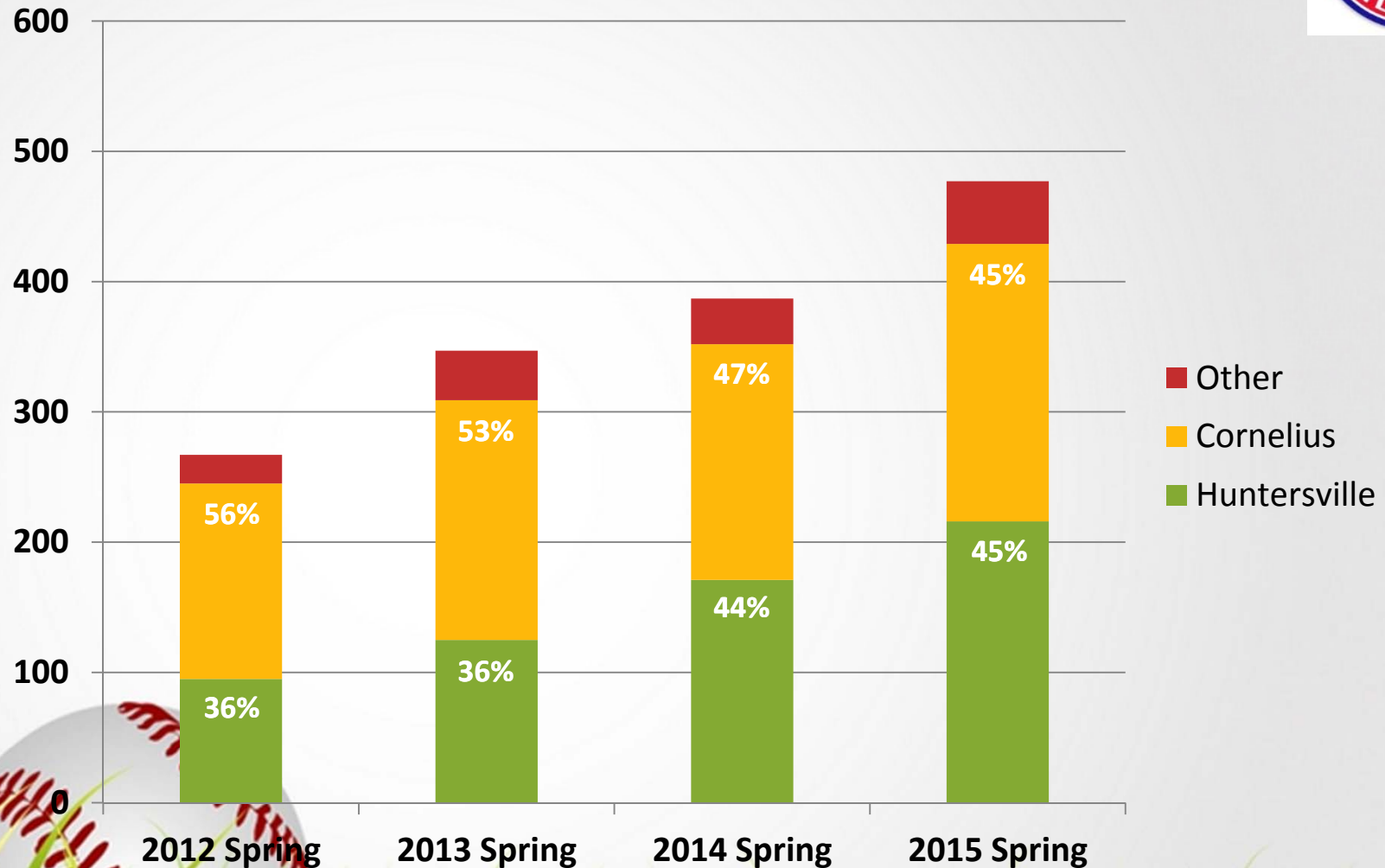


Fall Registrations History



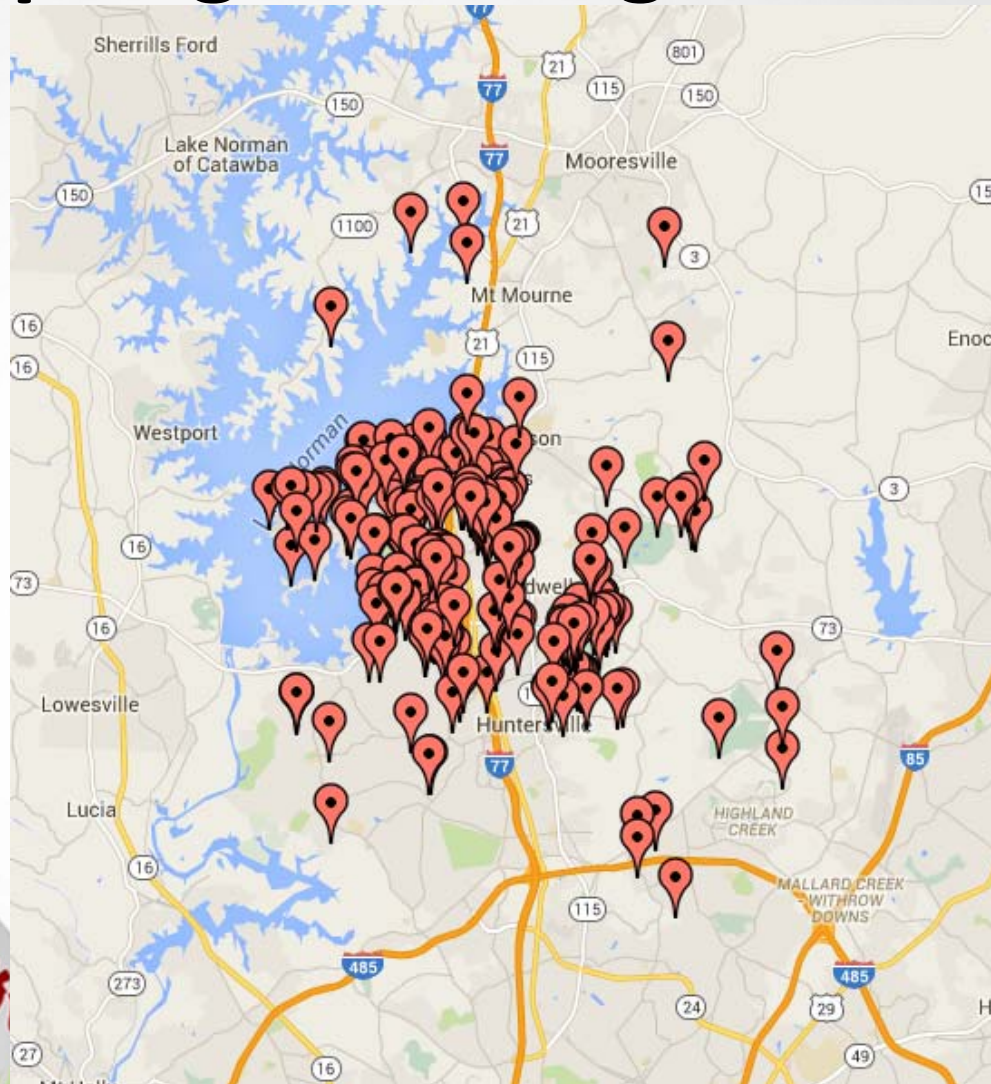
Huntersville Registrants > 50%

Spring Registrations History

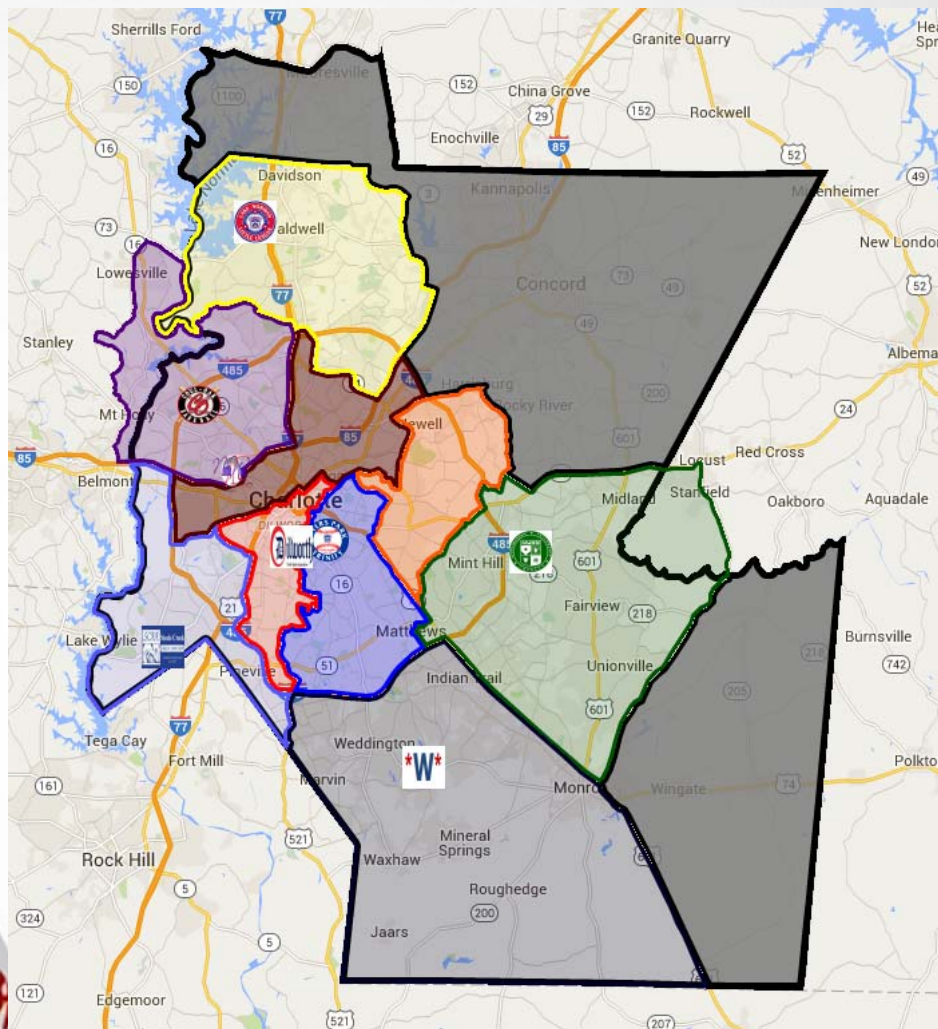


39 Teams in Spring 2015!!

Spring 2015 Registrations



Little League - NC District 3





Where are we headed?

- **Offer Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division up to league age 13**
 - Forming 50/70 challenge baseball team for Fall 2015
- **Formalize Challenge baseball program**
 - Standardizing procedures and launching program Fall 2015
 - Offering advanced tournament play to encourage advanced players to remain in rec ball and provide a lower cost alternative to travel ball
 - Seeking opportunities to host tournaments at one of our local facilities
- **Investigate demand for middle school-aged kids**
 - With additional fields availability, possibility to expand baseball offerings to teenagers
- **Integrate Cornelius Softball into Little League**
 - Dan & Lisa Kelly on Board now and will help launch LL Softball in Spring 2016
- **Obtain permanent solution to field space limitations**
 - Board to investigate all reasonable avenues including grant opportunities

Thank you!!

