



#### **GWBA Highlights**

- 2006 GWBA formed from Woodstock Little League
- 2006 GWBA Cubs are Nippersink PONY League Champs
- 2006 GWBA Sox make Elite 8
- 2007 GWBA fields 4 teams
- 2007 GWBA Cubs and VFW teams make Playoffs

### **Dear Parents and Players,**

Welcome to "MLB's October" and planning for the 2008 Woodstock youth baseball season!

We are happy to report that for the 2008 season, your player will have been offered three baseball options—a *first in Woodstock history*.

The Woodstock Lightning, the Woodstock Little League's Junior / Metro and the GWBA Pony league, provide your player with quality baseball programs to pursue. Everyone involved with planning for the 2008 season wants your player to experience the best baseball in preparation for playing in high school and beyond.

#### **GWBA FORMATION**

The GWBA is very pleased that Woodstock Little League will again be offering a junior baseball program for 13 and 14 year-old players. The GWBA was formed to support this age group two years ago, when the Woodstock Little league decided to focus only on the Little League program.

Since our inception, we have enjoyed a solid relationship with Woodstock Little League and we look forward to this continuing for years to come. Moreover, with almost 30,000 PONY teams nationwide, the program offers an excellent transition from Little League to the next level of play.

#### **2008 GWBA SEASON**

In 2008, we expect to field at least one team of 13 and 14 year-old players in the Nippersink PONY Baseball league. The GWBA will provide discounted fees and financial assistance to all players. Also, the GWBA may support more teams if demand requires. To understand the field and rules

differences between PONY and the Junior league, please visit our site [www.gwba.org](http://www.gwba.org)

#### **NIPPERSINK PONY LEAGUE**

Serving the McHenry County area for many years and previously supported by Woodstock Little League, the GWBA continues to participate in this quality 30 – 40 team league.

The Nippersink PONY league offers a balanced level of play with two divisions, designed to address team skill level. Ironically, it was after the 2006 GWBA Cubs team played a near perfect 30 game season and won the Nippersink Pony Championship, when the Nippersink Board concluded two divisions were needed.

Next, the Nippersink PONY league provides for six All Star teams, comprised of two players from each team, to face off in late May in a great setting for the best players to display their skills.

After 26 games and in the last week of June, qualifying teams are seeded in a Sweet 16 Play-off format, leading to the Championship game between the American and National Division Champs.

This past 2007 season, the Championship game found both teams representing the American and National Divisions, tied at zero after four innings of play, before the American League Champs from Genoa City pulled away!

The season starts around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April and wraps up July 01 concluding with the Championship game.

#### **TOURNAMENTS**

Finally, the GWBA supports players / teams in additional tournaments that are available for players wanting to play into mid July. Please visit these sites for more information and if your player desires to participate in the GWBA PONY league, let us know and get ready to play ball!

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[www.gwba.org](http://www.gwba.org)  
**Woodstock Little League / Junior league**  
[www.woodstocklittleleague.com](http://www.woodstocklittleleague.com)  
**Nippersink Pony League**  
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