



Marion Indians Youth Baseball Organization Tryouts for the 2018 Season

Prospective Players and Parents:

The Marion Indians Youth Baseball Organization is looking forward to our 19th season in 2018. We will be conducting tryouts for the 2018 season Tuesday, July 18 thru Thursday, July 20 at the Marion High School back diamond on the south side of the school, behind the administration building. In case of rain during the week, any rained out evening will be rescheduled to the following week, so please visit us at: www.marionindiansyouthbaseball.com to verify tryout times and dates if rain occurs.

The tryouts will be held by age groups: 7 and Under, 8 and Under, 9 and Under, etc. Our national association and league rules state that the date to determine a player's age is May 1st. For example, a player whose 9th birthday is April 20th would be eligible to play on the 9U team. A player whose 9th birthday is May 2nd would be eligible to play on the 8U team or the 9U team. We try to keep players on a team with their grade level, typically the 7U team are those kids that will attend K or 1st grade in the fall, while the 9U team are those kids that attend 3rd grade in the fall, and so forth.

Please attend the tryout for "your" age group based upon your son's age on May 1, 2018, based on the example above, even if you are a returning player from another team. The tryouts are open to all players who are enrolled in the Marion Independent School District, as well as players from outside the Marion Independent School District.

We ask for a \$50 deposit payable to Marion Indians Youth Baseball when you register and sign-in at the tryout event. All players who are invited to join one of our teams, if the family chooses to accept the invitation to join our organization, their \$50 deposit check will be cashed on or about August 1st. Those players that do not receive an invitation, their deposit checks will be returned. After an invitation is offered, player and family will have 3 days to accept a roster spot.

The coaches for each team evaluate the scores and comments made for each player that attends the tryouts process. The coaches of that age level make the final decisions on roster selections. The Marion Indians Youth Baseball board simply assists in scheduling, coordinating, and communication. The board itself does not participate in the roster selection process.

Involvement with this program does not ensure or guarantee success when players reach the high school level. It does give serious players an opportunity to learn the game under supervision of the Marion Indians Youth Baseball Organization program, which works in conjunction with the Marion High School baseball program. Participation in this program will involve a serious commitment by each player and family as explained below. Attendance at practices and games is required. **The teams developed are competitive teams and not recreational; equal playing time is not guaranteed nor do the players always get to play where they want. This is competitive baseball, the coach will put players in the best position where they can contribute to the team.**

The player fee to participate in the 2018 season is yet to be determined. The cost for the most recent season was a player fee of about \$250 per player on the 8U team, and about \$275 per player on all older teams PLUS uniform which is about \$140, PLUS gates fees for tournaments. The player fees cover the costs for game field rentals, team equipment, umpire fees, league expenses, team insurance, and three tournament entry fees. The tournament gate fees can run anywhere from \$30-\$80 extra depending on the number of tournaments your team participates in. Player fees payment installments to be paid in

November, January and March with the gate fee payment collected in June, after many of the tournaments have been played. We start collecting player fees in November, because most teams begin registering season tournaments in late December and early January.

Players selected on these teams will begin indoor practice in January, practicing once or twice per week. Games and tournaments generally begin in late April and last until mid- July for most teams. The months of May and June are usually very busy, often including 2 practices, 2 games during the week and a weekend tournament on both Saturday and Sunday. Please make sure you are willing to accept this level of commitment for your son. Attendance at all organized practices and games is expected. Some weekend tournaments may require travel up to 100 – 150 miles with overnight stays in hotels.

All tryouts will be held at the Marion High School back diamond on the south side of the school, behind the administration building. We will have stations for hitting, fielding, base running, and pitching. Please arrive at the diamond 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time for registration.

Please bring page 3 of this letter, completely filled out, to registration or use the online link provided in email to register online.

DATES and TIMES
Tuesday, July 18 - 5:30 pm – Age 14 – 8th grade
Tuesday, July 18 - 7:00 pm – Age 13 – 7th grade
Wednesday, July 19 - 5:30 pm – Age 12 – 6th grade
Wednesday, July 19 - 7:00 pm – Age 11 – 5th grade
Thursday, July 20 - 5:30 pm – Age 9 & 10 – 3rd/4th
Thursday, July 20 - 7:00 pm – Age 8 & under, K thru 2nd grades

Rain date is will be announced as needed, with rainout schedules being posted by 3:00pm on Saturday, July 22nd at www.marionindiansyouthbaseball.com

E-Mail or Call For More Information or Tryout Schedule Conflicts

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tryouts@marionindiansyouthbaseball.com

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(PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRELY AND BRING TO TRYOUTS)

Player's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone#: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age on May 1, 2018: _____

School Attending 2017-18: _____ Grade: _____

Throws: R / L Bats: R / L Pitching experience: Y / N

Parent / Guardian #1 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Cell#: _____

Email Address 1: _____

Email Address 2: _____

Parent / Guardian #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Cell#: _____

Email Address 1: _____

Email Address 2: _____

**WHAT TO BRING: WATER, GLOVE, BAT (OPTIONAL) AND A DESIRE TO PLAY
BASEBALL!!!!!!!**

PARENTS:

Our organization is run entirely by volunteers with all skill levels, if you are able to help in anyway, please indicate below:

Are you able to:

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|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| • Coach | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| • Assistant Coach | Yes _____ | No _____ |
| • Volunteer at Practices | Yes _____ | No _____ |

If YES, please list any previous coaching or baseball experience you have:

