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BASEBALL

Our Mission Statement: *To develop the Lakeshore community's youth in the areas of character, discipline, teamwork, athletic fundamentals. and academic achievement in an effort to improve their future athletic and school endeavors."*

Coach pitch: The baseball season is really getting cranked up. LYAA has four coach pitch teams for our 7-8 year olds. The teams will play in the Stumpy Creek Baseball League against teams from South Iredell Athletic Association. The teams practice and play at Lakeshore Elementary School, Lakeshore Middle School, Shepherd, and Stumpy Creek. For information call Ray Wallace 704-799-0932 coach pitch director.

Baseball Our seven, 9-10 and 11-12 year old teams play in two leagues. Each age group has a select team playing in the Cal Ripken League at the Babe Ruth Baseball Complex north of Statesville. The Cal Ripken teams are based on the team's high school district, and they practice at Lake Norman High School and Lakeshore Middle School. These teams play against other high school area select teams, not the regular recreation teams. The other three 9-10 teams and two 11-12 teams will play in the Stumpy Creek Baseball League against teams from Troutman and SIAA. These teams practice and play at LMS and Stumpy Creek. For information on the Stumpy Creek League, give Mark Morton a call at 704-663-7263.

Cal Ripkin For information on the 9-10 Cal Ripken team, call Tim Marshall at 704-528-4644. For the 11-12 Cal Ripken team, call Scott Chamberlain at 704-660-0519.

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Baseball – Martin Page 704-528-6223
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Softball We are off to a great start! We have 4 girls softball teams, 2 coach pitch, 1-9/10 & 1-11-12. They are practicing very hard and learning the skills to play the game. We are going to have a great time playing softball. I would like to thank the people who have volunteered to coach the softball teams; Kaylynne Murn, Greg Rickard, Mike Nanney, Jake Nanney, William Catacalos, Gerald Nance, Cherri Spangler, Joe Combs & Rabbit. We couldn't do it without you!

T-Ball We have 6 teams and over 72 kids in our first year of T-Ball. We are playing on the newly installed Lakeshore T-Ball Memorial Field located beside the Elementary playground. The first two weeks were combines. Combines were eleven stations that focused on key fundamentals. The players rotated through each station. This worked very well and helped the coaches get a jump-start. All are invited to a unique game on May 15. In this game a parent will play with his/her child for the entire game. One will catch and one will throw. They will hit together and run together. Should be a lot of fun. Awards night for T-Ball will be Thursday 5/27 at 6:30 weather permitting at T-Ball Memorial Field. Looking forward to a great year!

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CHEERLEADING

It's sign – up time! The camp information is as follows. There will be two camps August 14th and 21st. Camp times are: 3rd and 4th graders 9am- 12pm; 5th and 6th graders 1pm – 4pmThe cost per session is \$30. The girls will learn 20 cheers and receive a camp T-shirt. We would like the girls to attend both of the camps to learn the cheers we will be doing this season. I am still looking for the best price on uniforms. I am still looking for volunteers to coach the squads and moms to help out with organization and communication.

Director: Jane Catacalos 704-662-3296
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

➤ **7/5/04 – 7/8/04**

LYAA/Lake Norman

Football Camp

➤ **7/17/04**

LYAA Speed/Skills Clinic & Flag

Football Tournament – all ages.

➤ **August**

Football Season Begins!

Cheerleading camps!

REGISTRATION

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FOOTBALL

Everyone is getting anxious about football. Even though it is baseball season, you can hear the announcer, the cheerleaders screaming, and the pads popping. Camps are planned and dates are set for the summer.

New for 2004: K-2 Flag Football. You will be notified in the future about Flag registration.

Those who played last year should have received a pre-registration form in the mail. Registration forms can be downloaded and mailed in from LYAASPORTS.org. We look forward to a great turn out this year.

Football Dates:

- **July 5th - July 8th** - First Annual LYAA/Lake Norman High School Football Camp, Register through Mooresville Rec. Dept.
- **July 17th** - First Annual LYAA Speed/Skills Clinic and Flag Football Tournament for all ages.
- **August** - Open House (Last Sign up)
- **August** - Football season begins

We hope to have an even better turn out this year!

Director: Mike Nanney (704)-662-9534 –H, 704-458-6922-M

WRESTLING

We wrapped up the wrestling season with a tournament on Valentine's Day at Mooresville High School. The tournament brought wrestlers from 8 different recreation programs. All in all, there were approximately 300 wrestlers participating.

Lakeshore took 19 wrestlers to this tournament and we walked away with 5 medals. Quite impressive for a first year program! Karter Baltich took home the bronze medal, Matthew Stamm the silver and Dexter Santoro, Harrison Honeycutt and Zane Gibby all brought home gold medals. Congratulations to all our wrestlers for the hard work and dedication it took this year.

We had wrestlers that learned quite a bit this year. LYAA also learned a lot about how this program can get better next year, and I have no doubt we will be involved in some changes for next year. Special thanks to Chris Schiemer, Larry Stamm and Sam Burgard for their dedication and patience with the wrestlers this year. Without these coaches, we could not have done this.

Fundraisers

Thank you to all the women who donated the delicious sweets for our bake sale and to all who purchased them. You all helped to make our 1st. LYAA bake sale a success! I would also like to thank TDM Enterprises for the donation of a DVD player, which we raffled off at the basketball awards.

We still have room on our fences for more signs. This is a good way to advertise your business. The prices are as follows:
3'x8' vinyl sign for \$500 - for 2 yrs.
4'x8' aluminum sign \$1,000 - for 5 yrs.

We are also offering "First Mates". This is a minimum cost of \$100. You will receive a "First Mate" tee shirt and your name will go on a sign that will hang on the field. We are hoping to get the support of parents, grandparents and friends who would like to support their children playing on the field.

PAGE'S PAGE by Martin Page

Is this heaven? No, is this Iowa? No, this is Lakeshore. If you are like me and a big fan of Kevin Costner's Field of Dreams, you understand this. If you have not seen the movie, you should. For the 200 + kids at Lakeshore, their Fields of Dreams are taking shape. Just last Sunday afternoon I stood on the hill overlooking what once was a rocky, hilly, muddy field and saw a group of middle school boys playing baseball on one field while a large group of boys, girls, and parents were playing a pickup game on the softball field. The sights and sounds of America's love affair with baseball filled the air that day. It was then that I realized all the hard work we have done and still have to do, and all the money we have spent and still need to spend was worth it.

What a great help the Iredell County Recreation Department (ICRD) has been! As with many government agencies, the public does not see all the behind the scenes work that they do. If not for June Tutterrow, Robert Woody, and the rest of the ICRD staff, our youth would never hear "Play ball" this year. Please thank any of the ICRD staff when you get a chance. I also want to thank The Cove Church for buying the rock for our new parking area and Iredell-Statesville Schools for the parking area gates.

While I am thanking people, let's not forget the Iredell-Statesville School System. Kenny Miller and all the maintenance staff, Rob Jackson, and David Rothwell of the central office have all gone way above the call of duty to help us. A big thanks also must go to principal Jim Gaghan and athletic director Sherri Cash of Lakeshore Middle, principal Dr. Melanie Mackenzie of Lakeshore Elementary, and principal Mary Ann Wilson of Shepherd Elementary for all of their help. I would love to name all the LYAA officers, directors and volunteers who have helped, but that would take two more pages! Thanks to you all - you know who you are! Most importantly I want to thank all the kids for making all the work worthwhile. Remember, making a difference in a kid's life makes a difference in all of our futures!

Building these fields is one of life's chances that comes along every now and then, a chance to make a difference to some little boy or girl who will get their first hit, catch their first pop fly, or even get their black eye. Your help will make a difference. Join us! Be a part of Lakeshore's Fields of Dreams. Come out and help us work. We also need money, lots of money. We have several outfield sign deals from \$100 to \$1,000. Please, please help us sell some more signs. If each team would just sell one \$1000 sign, we could finish our fences. For more information on how you can help. Contact Martin Page at 704-528-6223 (H), 704-876-9372 (M) mpage@iss.k12.nc.us, Mike Nanney at 704-662-9524 or Jane Catacalos at 704-662-3296. Make a difference!