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Orland Park Recreation Department Offers Spring Sports Classes for Preschoolers

Baseball, Basketball, Hockey and Soccer Fill Spring Line Up

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department is offering a number of preschool sports programs, tailored to teach youngsters the fundamentals of a variety of sports.

“Orland Park is well known for its many sports opportunities for youngsters of all ages,” said Orland Park Village Trustee Brad O’Halloran, chair of the village’s Recreation and Parks Committee. “The Recreation Department is pleased to be able to offer the early fundamental programs, creating the sports foundation on which young people continue to build as they grow up in Orland Park,” O’Halloran added.

“The Recreation Department has a number of programs in its spring line up that introduce preschoolers to baseball, basketball, soccer and more,” said Orland Park Athletic Supervisor Quincy Bejster. “This is a great way to help preschoolers become involved in sports, keeping them healthy and physically active,” Bejster added.

T-Ball is the best way to introduce boys and girls to the game of baseball. The Recreation Department is offering multiple ball programs for children first learning the sport.

“Our t-ball programs are a great way to introduce primary grade students to the game of baseball. We’ve had hundreds of children go through the village’s programs to learn the basics and then go onto join the local boys’ and girls’ baseball organizations in town,” Bejster said.

Led by adult volunteer coaches, Spring Outdoor T-Ball includes two weeks of practices and three weeks of games. Spring T-Ball is offered in the evening from April 6 to May 6 outdoors at the John Humphrey Sports Complex and at Cachey Park.

Summer T-Ball, also held outdoors, is offered at Cachey and Eagle Ridge I Parks, June 8 to July 18. Fundamentals are taught during the week with games played at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

Little Swingers T-Ball teaches base running, hitting, catching, throwing and the overall concept of how baseball is played. A number of age specific sessions are available from March 30 to May 20. Classes are held in the soccer arena of the village's Sportsplex and the cost is \$44.00 for residents, \$66 for non-residents and \$39 for Sportsplex members.

Mini-Dribblers Basketball is available during a number of sessions for those age three through six. Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of basketball during week day sessions held on Mondays from March 30 through May 18. Village residents pay \$44.00 and non-residents pay \$66.00. Sportsplex members pay \$39.00.

Pee Wee Floor Hockey, offered at different times for those ages three to five, will be held on Fridays from April 3 to May 22. This fundamental program covers correct stick handling, shooting, passing and stopping the puck. Village residents pay \$44.00 and non-residents pay \$66.00. Sportsplex members pay \$39.00.

Pip Squeak Soccer addresses basic soccer skills for those ages three to six. This program is offered at the village's Sportsplex on Tuesday or Thursday, March 31 to May 21. Village residents pay \$44.00 and non-residents pay \$66.00. Sportsplex members pay \$39.00.

For those who can't choose just one sport, the Orland Park Recreation Department offers Super Sport Preschool Games. This program presents a different sport each week, including t-ball, soccer, basketball, kickball and floor hockey. Super Sport Preschool is offered on Fridays, April 3 to May 22, and is open to those ages three to six. Village residents pay \$44.00 and non-residents pay \$66.00. Sportsplex members pay \$39.00.

Registration for Orland Park recreation programs is available at the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. For more information, call the department at 708/403-7275.