



Youth Little League Baseball & Softball

Since 1960

We're All About Kids!

2012 SMITHVILLE DIAMONDS BAT-A-THON

The Smithville Diamonds Bat-a-Thon is our primary fundraiser this season. Did you know that the cost of running the season is far greater than the registration fee for each player? Smithville Diamonds, Inc. (SDI) keeps the registration costs low so that every child within our league boundaries can enjoy the experience of Little League baseball/softball. The SDI Bat-a-Thon is our way of raising the much needed revenue to field our teams, pay for our uniforms, fields, umpire expenses, and scholarships to families in need. *Note: Last year's Bat-a-Thon revenue helped construct a fence on Field 3.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is a Bat-A-Thon?

A. The Bat-A-Thon is Smithville Diamond's primary fundraiser to raise funds necessary to support continual improvements in Smithville Diamond's overall experience. Members of the league solicit donations from family, friends, neighbors, and the greater community. Top performers will be awarded gift certificates from Dick's Sporting Goods along with Top Performing Team receiving a Bryan Park Pool Party.

Q. What does this have to do with baseball/softball?

A. Everything! Our league cannot improve without it. Registration fees cover the majority of the basic expenses of the league. Bat-A-Thon pays for new fences, lights, improved uniforms, and better equipment.

Q. How does the Bat-A-Thon raise money?

A. Players receive Bat-A-Thon materials at registration to solicit pledges and donations from their friends, family, neighbors and the greater community. Some donors may sponsor a pledge "per foot" payable after the team participates in the Bat-A-Thon day. The league also strongly encourages donations of a flat amount to be paid at the time of solicitation. The team Bat-A-Thon will be held at a specific time on Jamboree Day April 14th, 2012. Each player gets 5 pitches in order to get 2 hits and field coordinators will measure to record the longest hit. Once a player knows the distance of his/her longest hit, the player contacts those who sponsored a per foot pledge to collect the donation. For all age groups the measured distance will be the roll of the ball.

Players turn their donations and forms into any SDI Bat-a-Thon Committee Board Member (Barry Goff, Kim Tierney, Shannon Roberts, Kevin Todd or Mike Baran). Donation collections will start the week of April 30th, 2012, unless contributions are made on the day of the Bat-a-Thon (April 14th, 2012).

Q. Who do we make checks out to and can we turn in cash?

A. Make all checks payable to SMITHVILLE DIAMONDS and yes to cash.

Q. Does the coach have to be there during his/her team's Bat-A-Thon?

A. Yes, it is recommended each team's coach pitch, and coach appoint two (2) team representatives to help coordinate the boys and girls and measure distance and also the teams scorebook coach should act as team announcer. Coaches should appoint Bat-A-Thon coordinators and announcer before the Jamboree.

Q. Is it mandatory for each player to participate?

A. No, but it is highly recommended as the funds will go directly back to the children.

Q. When do I collect the money?

A. If a pledge gives you a flat amount then collect it at that time. If a pledge commits to a "per foot" amount then you contact that person after the Bat-A-Thon and collect their donation.

Q. What is the deadline for donations to be turned in?

A. All donations and forms must be turned in by May 15th to be eligible for prizes. Donations can be turned in after that date to any SDI Bat-a-Thon Committee Board Member (listed above). ***Donations turned in after this date will not be eligible for prizes.***

Q. Is this tax deductible?

A. YES, we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Q. If I have more questions, who do I contact?

A. e-mail: bgoff@goffent.com or ktodd@finelight.com

Q. What time does my team take part in the Bat-A-Thon?

A. All times will be posted on the Smithville Diamonds web site, [www. Smithville Diamonds.com](http://www.SmithvilleDiamonds.com) or contact your coach or league manager.



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2012 Bat-A-Thon

Saturday April 14th

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Sponsors can offer their support in two ways: (1) By offering a fixed participation amount, for instance, \$20 regardless of the distance a player hits the ball or (2) By challenging the player with a pledge per foot for the distance a player can hit the ball. Typical distances are (100-200 feet). If a pledge of \$.20 per foot was made and the player hit the ball 100 feet, the sponsor would donate \$20.00. Maximum hit distance is 200 feet.

DIVISION: _____ **PLAYER:** _____ **TEAM:** _____ **TEAM COORDINATOR** _____

	SPONSOR NAME	PHONE NUMBER	FIXED FLAT PLEDGE i.e. \$10/\$20/\$25 etc.	PER FOOT PLEDGE i.e. .10/.25/.50 cents	TOTAL PER FOOT PLEDGE (per ft. pledge x distance hit)	TOTAL OWED
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Longest Distance Hit: _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:** _____
 Make checks payable to **Smithville Diamonds** and return this form and pledge money to your **SDI Bat-a-Thon Board Member** on or before **May 15th, 2012**