

If you're getting this message, we have you down as being interested in serving as either a Stewards of the Game Head Coach or Assistant Coach for our upcoming spring baseball season. If this sounds somewhat foreign to you, be sure and thank your wife (or husband) for signing you up!!!

Please mark your calendars for Mandatory Coaches Meeting and Coaches Clinic below:

MANDATORY COACHES MEETING: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend our Stewards of the Game Spring Baseball Coaches Meeting this coming Saturday, February 21st from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at SouthLake Christian Academy. We will meet in the mezzanine area above the gym. SouthLake is located at 13901 Hager's Ferry Rd. From Exit #25, head west on Sam Furr Rd until it intersects with Highway 73. Veer left and continue west on 73. About a mile beyond where Beatties Ford Rd dead-ends into Highway 73 (on your left), you will see SouthLake on your right. Turn right onto Hager's Ferry Rd and come around the back of the Upper School building.

If you plan on coaching with us this spring, please make every attempt to attend this important session. We will start with introductions and a devotion at 4:00. We will then review the Stewards of the Game coaching philosophy, go over our registration results, plans for Skills Week, Player Drafts, Coaching Tools, Challenge Play, etc. If you have been contacted to serve as a head coach, and for some reason you cannot make this meeting, please let me know. Assistant coaches will be selected by the Head Coaches AFTER Skills Week and once the player drafts are complete. So this is also a good opportunity for assistant coach prospects to meet some of the head coaches before Skills Week begins.

COACHES CLINIC: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Please plan on attending our Coaches Clinic Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 noon at North Meck Park in Huntersville - Field #3 and #4. This field is located on Highway 115 just south of the intersection of Sam Furr Rd. Detailed directions to all fields can be found by accessing the Parent Info tab on our website at www.stewardsofthegame.org.

David Darwin, who pitched for Duke and then played 5 years in the pro's will be leading the clinic to review various pitching, throwing, hitting and fielding techniques. So don't be late!!! For you t-ball coaches with young kids, you will have been up for hours - so should be no problem for you. For you older coaches like me, feel free to come in your jammies.

Please bring your gloves and be ready to move around a bit. We will be reviewing practice routines, demonstrating fundamental baseball skills....and exchanging coaching tips and drills with one another. We all learn a few new things every year. It's absolutely critical that we be on the same page regarding the age-appropriate fundamentals that we want to teach these players from age 5 and up. Coaches, both head and assistants, please make every effort to attend this session. This will be a general coach's clinic covering the basic fundamentals of the game. Based on interest, we will plan to hold additional, more specialized, follow-up clinics during the season to cover other specific elements of the game.

We will also be holding a New Parent Orientation later this same afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30 at the shelter at North Meck Park...next to the playground. It would be great to have as many coaches as we can stick around for that also to meet the new parents. **This is also a good time for our Volunteer Team leads to come and recruit some volunteers; so I am copying you all as well.**

Hope to see you at our Coaches Meeting this Saturday, February 21st and at our Coaches Clinic the following Saturday, February 28th.

Make it a blessed day.

Coach Sharp