

# Diamond News

*Diamond Youth Baseball & Softball Newsletter*



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## Child Abuse Prevention Month

*courtesy of [www.foreverychild.org](http://www.foreverychild.org) & [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)*

April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time for our communities to come together to celebrate the small actions each of us can take that make a big impact on the well being of our children.

Thousands of cases of child abuse are reported every year. But the good news is...CHILD ABUSE is 100% preventable.

Preventing child abuse and helping to build strong, safe and healthy children will benefit all of our communities - setting up future generations to succeed.

Unfortunately, the U.S. trails nearly all other advanced countries in helping children reach their full potential over the past 30 years. Across the nation, 1 in every 7 children experiences shockingly high rates of hunger, school dropouts and teen pregnancy.

Nurturing and educating our children gives them the necessary tools to be safe and happy.

**Be a part of the solution!**

## 2024 Team Rosters -

**REMINDER** – Regular season baseball and softball team rosters, including all players, manger and coaches must be filed via our on-line rostering system on or before **MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**. More information can be found on our websites at ***dybusa.org*** & ***dysusa.org***



## ***Diamond Youth Softball***

DYB, Inc., the premier community youth baseball program in the southeast, is pleased to announce that in response to numerous requests from our leagues for a softball option for their girls ages 6-18, we have launched Diamond Youth Softball (DYS) for the 2024 season. The addition of DYS will allow communities to franchise their girls and boys programs through a single organization for all of their softball and baseball needs.

DYS hopes to teach girls respect for others, how to concentrate under stress, set and achieve goals, and to accept responsibility and failure. Like DYB, DYS emphasizes fair play, honesty, sportsmanship and patriotism. Through congenial fellowship and positive adult role models the goal of DYS is to help the participants further their development both physically and emotionally.

Diamond Youth Baseball and Diamond Youth Softball are all-volunteer organizations. All national, state and district directors are volunteers that are elected by the leagues they serve. This 'labor of love' is what sets us apart from our competitors.

## **DYB Online Store**

***visit us at [dybstore.org](http://dybstore.org)***

***For all of your DYB/DYS gear.***

***Caps, t-shirts, pins, patches and more.***

## **AROUND THE DIAMOND...**



The 2024 NC DYB Scholarship practice games for the Majors and AAA All-Star teams will be held in Lumberton, NC on June 7-9. The games will be played at Pennington Athletic Complex at 500 Hornets Road in Lumberton.



The games will be played under tournament rules, although this is not a tournament. Each team will be scheduled two games. There will be an admission charge for fans of \$5 each per day (ages 13 & over).

The admission price pays for the umpires, baseballs and to raise funds for the DYB scholarship fund. Additionally, these games are designed for practice and fun for the players.

Contact Roy West, NC State Director, for more information (910) 734-6961.

### **DYB Spotlight - Nick Senter**



Nick Senter was a member of the DYB National Board of Directors from 1960-1976. Mr. Senter attended the Lookout Mountain School, served on the City Council from 1955-1961 and as the Mayor of the Town of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee 1961-1974.

Nick was known as the father of DYB, starting in 1959. He brought the DYB World Series to Lookout Mountain in 1961. In 1966 he began a 10 year run as the Commissioner of DYB. Subsequently, Nick was elected as the Executive Director of Dixie, Inc. from 1977 through 1995.

Mr. Senter was a member of the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame and the Lookout Mountain Hall of Fame.

He passed away at his home on August 2, 2006 at the age of 86.



DYB is proud to be a National Member Organization of USA Baseball, the national governing body of youth baseball in the United States.



One of the many advantages of our association with USA Baseball is the many educational opportunities that are available to our leagues. These educational resources emphasize a culture of development, safety and fun within the sport.

From skill-specific and culture based courses to online courses and clinics for coaches, parents and umpires, to baseball manuals to develop a positive culture...it can all be found on the USA Baseball website at [usadevelops.com](http://usadevelops.com).



**The 2024 DHS World Series for girls ages 18U, 15U, 12U, 10U, 8U and 6U will be hosted by Fairview Tennessee, beginning on July 18th.**

**Tioga, Louisiana will be bidding to host the 2025 DHS World Series for girls ages 18U, 15U, 12U, 10U, 8U and 6U.**

**"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."**

— Proverbs 22:6

