



Dear Parents,

Let's play ball!! Through a partnership with the local police departments and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation we are excited to announce that the **Badges for Baseball** program will be coming again to Neenah and Menasha this summer. The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's **Badges for Baseball** program offers opportunities for middle school aged boys and girls to participate in baseball/softball activities while learning life lessons, such as teamwork, leadership, and communication that apply to life both on and off a baseball field through the character development portion of the program, *Healthy Choices, Healthy Children*. We at Youth Go are excited to be a part of this great partnership and to help bring this program to the youth of this community for the 15th year!

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, created **Badges for Baseball** as a crime prevention program designed to bring law enforcement professionals together with young people to play and learn in a safe, fun, and engaging program. The program uses baseball and softball themed activities to help build character and teach critical life lessons to all youth. Founded in 2001 by members of the Ripken family in memory of their patriarch Cal, Sr., the Foundation works to create programs that positively impact youth through active community partnerships with America's most successful youth service organizations.

This program will be offered in both Neenah and Menasha at no-cost. Parents should complete the attached registration and photography release forms and return it to Youth Go by May 31st. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Timothy Chappa at Youth Go at (920) 722-1435.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy Chappa", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Timothy Chappa
Associate Director

"The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation is thrilled to have the opportunity to team with the fine people of Wisconsin's Fox Valley to provide this innovative mentoring opportunity to help youth find a path to positive, productive citizenship. It's through cooperative partnerships like this that can help show youth a world of possibilities and help to prevent the troubles associated with juvenile delinquency." -Steve Salem, Executive Director of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation

Badges for Baseball Quick Facts

Who can participate?

The ***Badges for Baseball*** Program is for **girls and boys** in 4th-8th grade ('23-'24 school year) in the Fox Valley.

What is Badges for Baseball?

Badges for Baseball is a non-competitive, fun, and educational program offered at no-cost. No experience is needed and all equipment will be provided – you just need a pair of athletic shoes and a positive attitude. Coaches will consist of staff from Youth Go, local police officers, and high school assistants. Youth will meet to play baseball/softball, learn life lessons from their coaches and have fun!

Where and When will it take place?

The program will begin June 11th in Menasha and June 5th in Neenah, and continue each week in your designated city until August 25th. Youth will meet either at **Koslo Park (Geneva Rd)** on Tuesdays from 1:00pm-2:30pm if you sign up for **Menasha**, or at **Memorial Park (Diamond #2, take park entrance on Apple Blossom Dr)** on Wednesdays from 1:00pm-2:30pm if you sign up for **Neenah**.

**There will be no practice July 2nd & 3rd and August 6th & 7th **

Why should I participate?

To learn more about baseball, to be part of a team, to have something new and exciting to do during your summer **at no cost to you!**

Call Youth Go an hour before practice to find out if it's canceled due to bad weather

Contact Timothy at Youth Go at 722-1435 with any questions!

Badges for Baseball Registration Form

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone #: _____

School: _____

Date of Birth*: _____

Race*: _____

Gender*: _____

**This is for demographic purposes only, this information is not shared with anyone*

I'd like to participate in (circle one) – Neenah or Menasha

T-Shirt size (adult sizes) _____

I give permission for _____ to participate in the Badges for Baseball program and receive transportation through Youth Go. I will not hold the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Youth Go, Inc., staff members or any of its volunteers liable for any accident, injury, or Covid-19 related illness. I understand that if my son/daughter violates any of the rules, I will be informed and expected to make any arrangements necessary for his/her immediate return home.

Special Health Problems: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy #'s: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

If parent cannot be reached, who else is authorized to make decisions about medical treatment:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I hereby authorize the treatment, administration of anesthesia, and surgical treatment(s) for my minor child, _____, (name of child) in the event of a medical situation occurring during my absence or when the hospital or physician(s) are unable to contact me. This authorization extends to any hospital and both physician and nursing personnel within the hospital as well as any physician where treatment is rendered in the physician's office. I understand that any bills as a result of medical treatment are the responsibility of my family and/or my insurance company.

signature of parent or guardian

print name (parent's name)

date

home phone number

work phone number

cell phone number

email address

Please return to Youth Go by Friday, May 31



PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM AND RELEASE

I, (print name) _____, parent or official guardian of (child's name) _____ hereby grant permission to Youth Go and it's representatives, to take and use: video, photographs, and/or digital images of **my child** for use in:

- News and press releases
- Youth Go's Social Media pages
- Youth Go's website
- Educational Materials
- Printed and Electronic Publications
- Printed Material at the Center

I agree that my child's name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints, digital reproductions and shall be the property Youth Go.

(Date)

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

_____ I give consent to use my child's image

_____ I wish to decline any use of my child's image in all of the above mediums.

_____ I give consent to use my child's image, but wish to decline the use of my child's image in the mediums listed below:
