February 3, 2009

Dear Woodland Little League Coach:

Welcome back or welcome for the first time if that is the case! I am looking forward to a fun and successful year of baseball and softball with all of you. The requests for gym use have been astounding. It speaks volumes about the need for additional fields and a new high school gymnasium to accommodate the growth we are experiencing in Woodland.

In an effort to accommodate as many kids as possible we are scheduling a maximum of two one hour practices per week in the gymnasiums. It will require a great deal of cooperation from everyone. At times we will have two teams in the gyms at once, similar to the way we practice youth basketball. Please remember to be kind to your neighbor! The use of aluminum bats, softballs, baseballs, shin guards etc. is strictly prohibited in the gymnasiums. Wiffle balls, wiffle bats and soft core balls are appropriate equipment in the gym. Playing catch should be one of the main activities. Please help us keep our schools in good shape. It takes a concerted effort on everyone's part and the schools belong to all of us.

When the weather cooperates and you begin to practice outdoors, use the same care and concern for the fields. Please <u>DO NOT</u> practice on the varsity baseball or softball field because it is very difficult to keep them game ready during wet weather. School use of the fields and gyms always takes precedence over any activity and you may be required to relinquish your practice time and location if a school event is rescheduled for weather or other unrelated events. We would appreciate your full cooperation if this becomes a necessity.

I look forward to a mutually satisfactory year for Woodland School District and Lewis River Little League. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 225-9510 X211or griffink@woodlandschools.org.

Sincerely,

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