



Portland Beavers and Friends of Baseball Youth Baseball/Softball Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards

The Portland Beavers and Friends of Baseball are pleased to announce the second annual Youth Baseball/Softball Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards. Both organizations share the belief that participation in organized sports plays a vital role in the overall well-being of today's youth and that it is important to recognize those that give of themselves so this opportunity is available for our kids. With that thought in mind, the Beavers and Friends of Baseball developed a partnership in 2007 to award and applaud deserving coaches and volunteers for their tireless efforts in assisting youth in their communities. To commemorate their accomplishment and to assist in funding future development of their team/league, the Coach and Volunteer of the Year recipients will each be presented with a \$1000 check from Friends of Baseball and the Portland Beavers.

The Coach and Volunteer of the Year awards serve to recognize those who have demonstrated exemplary efforts in their ability to promote good sportsmanship and fair play, have a favorable basic attitude towards the game and players, all while offering quality instruction and support. Please spread the word, as there are so many deserving individuals to be considered.

Nominee Eligibility Requirements

- Coaches or volunteers with a team located within one of the four surrounding counties of the Portland metro area; Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, or Clark County in SW Washington.
- Team is part of a league or organization that is affiliated with a recognized non-profit, registered as a 501(c)(3) with tax-exempt status from the IRS.
- Have coached or volunteered in either the current or previous year's season.
- Serves in an unpaid role with their team or league.
- Works with kids in any age range of youth baseball/softball.

How to Submit a Nomination

Individuals interested in submitting a nomination for Coach or Volunteer of the Year consideration should send a letter to the addresses below. While we commend all those who give of their time, only those fulfilling the eligibility requirements above will be considered for these particular awards.

Nomination letters should not exceed two pages in length and should include a brief description, accompanied by specific examples, of how the candidate exhibits the following criteria:

- Values of true sportsmanship and a winning attitude are a priority both on and off the field.
- A personal devotion to the youth baseball/softball experience and its impact in the community.

- A desire for success within their own program, but also a willingness to assist other teams in finding their own success.
- Willingness to assist in communities where the need may be great.
- Through example, demonstrates a supporting and nurturing style that extends beyond the game being played.
- Promotes dignity, respect and integrity in all aspects of their preparation and implementation of the game.

Nominations will be accepted beginning February 1, 2008 and should be mailed or emailed to:

Coach/Volunteer of the Year
 1844 SW Morrison St.
 Portland, OR 97205
kstoller@pgepark.com

AND

Friends of Baseball
 1631 NE Broadway, #118
 Portland, OR 97232
info@friendsofbaseball.org

Please include contact information for both the nominee and the nominator for follow-up. Receipt of all letters will be acknowledged and supplemental information may be requested during the review process.

It is understood that these financial awards are to be used by the honorees individual teams and leagues for the benefit of youth baseball and softball in their region.

Selection Process Timeline

February – May	Nomination letters accepted
May – June	Nomination review
May 31 – June 1	Two separate awards presentations at Portland Beavers home baseball games <i>*Nominee must be available for on-field awards presentation at the designated game.</i>

We ask that all teams and leagues within the designated region consider nominations for the extraordinary efforts that so many individuals have made to their teams and communities. Our collective objective is for this to become an annual award for an outstanding group of individuals devoted to youth baseball and softball in our community.

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