

Dear Parents.

Challenger is a division of Little League Baseball for children ages 4-18 who have physical or developmental conditions that prevent safe participation in other baseball programs. Rules are modified in the Challenger program and the focus is always on having fun while learning the game of baseball. No score is kept, each player bats every inning, and everyone plays the entire game. Each player is assigned a buddy who works to ensure safety and success. A soft baseball is used for all games and practices.

Bridgewater's Challenger season begins in mid-April and continues through June 19 (a schedule is available at <a href="https://www.bridgewaterchallenger.com">www.bridgewaterchallenger.com</a>). Games are played on Wednesday evenings at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater and last 60-75 minutes.

If you have questions or would like registration information for Bridgewater's Challenger Program, contact Philip and Sue Hutchinson (820-3501) or Jack and Becky Martin (820-2381) to discuss whether this division is the proper placement for your child. The registration fee is \$10, payable to *Bridgewater Community Little League*. Registration forms and payment may be submitted to league registration officials or mailed to Philip & Sue Hutchinson, 209 Dinkel Avenue, Bridgewater, VA 22812. New players must be registered by February 20.

There are now three Challenger programs in our area—in Grottoes (560-5249), Harrisonburg (280-1976), and Bridgewater. We work cooperatively to provide opportunities for all eligible children to play Challenger. Families may register with a league that serves players who live <u>or</u> attend school within its geographic boundaries.

We look forward to talking with you about the opportunities Challenger may offer your child. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Visit our website at www.bridgewaterchallenger.com

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