

2023 BABE RUTH

MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

13-Year Old




July 26 - 30, 2023

Player & Team Information

Harley Park - Twillman Field
BOONVILLE, MISSOURI

PLAYER - HOST GUIDE



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BABE RUTH BASEBALL

Sportsmanship Code

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.
Demonstrate a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct.
Build an understanding of and respect for the RULES.
Display courage in defeat, tolerance, and modesty in victory.
Exhibit control over emotions and speech.
Establish a spirit of cooperation and team play.
And you will grow into real, true CITIZENS.



WELCOME LETTER

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March 1, 2023

To our Baseball Visitors:

Welcome to Boonville, Missouri and to our wonderful community. We are excited to share our facilities, hotels, and our shared love of all kids' sports, especially baseball. As we raised our kids, and you do as well, we also share the marvels of meeting new, enthusiastic peoples from other great communities that share the same passion to teach their kids of the hopes, dreams, realities, good sportsmanship, and good faithful values.

It is our special pleasure to share Boonville with you. We have solid history. We have beautiful facilities. Our Parks and Recreation Department takes personal pride in Harley Park.

We suggest you visit our tourism website to find our "sites to see" and "places to play", such as our first-class aquatic center. <https://goboonville.com/> Please enjoy your visit in Boonville, Missouri remembering that we - like you! — are dedicated and enthused to help our children become great citizens!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Beach".

Ned Beach,
Mayor

WELCOME LETTER



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Welcome to all our Baseball Visitors;

The Board of Directors of the Boonville Area Chamber of Commerce and its member businesses would like to Welcome you to Boonville.

We are excited that Boonville was selected to host this Baseball Tournament in 2023. We are very proud of our historic community and hope that you will enjoy your stay. The Boonville Chamber of Commerce is located on First Street in the old KATY Depot. The building is a historic landmark and there is an old KATY Railroad Caboose in front of our building. North of the building is the KATY Railroad bridge crossing the Missouri River. The Visitor's Center and Rails and Trails Museum are located to your south at 100 Spring Street.

We look forward to meeting you and wish you luck on your games. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Hummel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mary Hummel

Boonville Area Chamber of Commerce

WELCOME LETTER

Dear State Champions,

Congratulations! You have successfully completed another step towards advancing in the Babe Ruth Tournament trail to the Midwest Regional Tournament for 2023. You can justly be proud of your accomplishment. There are thousands of teams that wish they were in your place.

The purpose of this booklet is to inform you of what you can expect and what is expected of you during your stay in Boonville. Please read every page of this booklet so that there will be no surprises during the tournament.

While this may be your first-ever Regional Tournament of its kind, you must know that no matter what the result, you are still a CHAMPION! During your stay here, you are expected to conduct yourself accordingly by abiding by the rules and regulations set forward. Exhibiting good sportsmanship on and off the field, showing respect for your opponents, your teammates and coaches, the umpires, the fans, and your tournament hosts is a pre-request of your stay here. Many long lasting relationships are formed each year as a result of the Babe Ruth Tournament Trail; and many memories created that are cherished for years.

The people of Boonville have been making plans for this tournament for over a year, and it is their desire that your experience here will be a pleasant and enjoyable one. They have graciously opened their homes to you and we ask that you show your gratitude by helping in any way you can, abiding by the rules, following your schedule for games and practices, and communicating with them regarding your needs or requirements at all times.

Sportsmanship cannot be stressed enough. There will be several younger children at all of the scheduled events, and they will be watching you closely because in their eyes, you are “Big League” players. Please acknowledge this respect by demonstrating good sportsmanship on and off the field.

Good luck during the 2023 Midwest Plains Regional Tournament!!!

2023 Tournament Committee
Babe Ruth Midwest Plains Regional Tournament
Boonville Babe Ruth Baseball

BOONVILLE, MISSOURI

Boonville is the oldest town in Central Missouri and is located in the very heart of the historic Boone's Lick Country. It was settled in February of 1812 by the Hannah Cole family, whose relatives still reside in town. This family was the first settlers to locate on the south side of the Missouri river west of St. Louis. Boonville, named for Daniel Boone, became the center of the Boone's Lick Country, an area where the soil was reputed to be the most fertile in the United States Territory. Because of the presence of salt in the water, animals often licked the ground nearby where salt had risen to the surface. Thus, the area was called a "salt lick," later to be named Boone's Lick after Boone's two sons who settled and opened a salt works there. It was also near the intersection of ancient Indian Trails whose unchanging importance to centuries of travelers – from the Boone's Lick Trail to the later Santa Fe Trail – has been preserved by the modern interstate highways of today. Using these highways today, you can easily reach the city of Columbia (25 miles east), where the University of Missouri is located. The State Capital of Jefferson City is only (1) hour away. Kansas City is (100) miles to the west and St. Louis is (150) miles to the east. With many historic sites in Boonville, and Central Missouri, there are also many new and exciting places to visit. We also claim the only Gaming Boat on the Missouri river to exist in Central Missouri.



On behalf of the Boonville Tourism Commission, congratulations for qualifying for the Midwest Plains 13-Year Old Regional Tournament, and **WELCOME TO BOONVILLE!** Thanks for making the trip!

Boonville is a historic river town that offers lots of fun things to do. The staff of the Boonville Visitor Center in the Katy Depot is here to help you plan your visit - in between games, of course! The Visitor Center is open from 9 - 4pm, seven days a week, and is located at *320 First Street*.

When it comes to dining and shopping, you'll see a lot of familiar names mixed in with local favorites that can only be found in Boonville. We have historic walking and driving tours, as well as a fun scavenger hunt that's great for the whole family. You can tour the caboose, take a walk or a bike ride on the world-famous Katy Trail, or just hang out by the Big Muddy.

Good luck in the tournament!! We hope you enjoy your stay and that you'll come back soon.

Katie Gibson, Tourism Director

TEAM CHECK-IN

Immediately after winning your State Tournament, a representative **MUST** contact the Tournament Director** listed at the bottom. You will be requested to email a team photo which includes; 1) All members and identification, and 2) A team roster with all team members identified with a uniform #. Team check-in will take place on **Wednesday, July 26th**, at the Boonville High School Commons. All team players and coaches **MUST BE** in attendance, **AS A GROUP**, at your respective check-in time. In addition to welcoming your players and coaches, Babe Ruth officials will be verifying team credentials at this time. We request and welcome parental attendance at check-in, as this will improve the efficiency of information dissemination.

Team Check-in
Wednesday, July 26th
at
BHS Commons, 1 Pirate Way, Boonville

10:00 AM	Cal Division
11:00 AM	Babe Division
12:00 PM	Ruth Division
1:00 PM	Ripken Division

Each team must have with them the following credentials when checking in as noted. Missing or incomplete documentation will delay your check-in. These documents will remain in the possession of the tournament Director until teams are eliminated or move on to further championship play.

- 1) ~~State Commissioner's Letter of League Eligibility.~~ (not required)
- 2) ~~Tournament team roster signed by League President.~~ (not required)
- 3) ~~State Tournament Champions Letter of Eligibility.~~ (not required)
- 4) ~~Birth documents or Babe Ruth ID cards as per rule 0.04-1.~~ (not required)
- 5) ~~Copy of League playing schedule.~~ (not required)
- 6) **Copy of liability and accident insurance policies with claim forms signed by League Official for accident insurance.**
- 7) **Consent for treatment forms signed by parent or guardian.**
- 8) ~~One (1) 5 x 7 color or black & white team pictures with all team members identified.~~ (not required)
- 9) ~~Copy of League rosters as filed with Babe Ruth Headquarters and State Commissioners.~~ (not required)
- 10) **Copy of any waiver from Babe Ruth Headquarters.**
- 11) **Coaches background check validation.**
- 12) **Coaches certification forms.**
- 13) **All team members, managers and coaches, must be in complete uniform, with the Babe Ruth emblem on the left shoulder or a Babe Ruth approved cap with the emblem. No shorts are allowed.**

Check-in times have been determined by the various States' geographic proximity to Boonville. Actual travel differences may vary slightly. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We do not have the discretion of waiving the required check-in procedures. Exceptions and/or waivers in reference to 100% attendance should be addressed with the appropriate Babe Ruth officials prior to your arrival at check-in.

** Tournament Director— Michael Watts, (660) 537-4769 or rmpe4769@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2021 Cal Ripken 11-70's
Midwest Regionals
Regional Tournament
July 16-20 at Booneville, Missouri



Babe Division	
1	Missouri Champion
2	Minnesota Champion
3	Colorado W.C.

Ruth Division	
4	Nebraska Champion
5	Kansas Champion
6	North Dakota W.C.

Cal Ripken Division	
7	Cal Ripken Champion
8	Missouri W.C.
9	Boonville W.C.

Ripken Division	
10	North Dakota Champion
11	Minnesota W.C.
12	Missouri W.C. # 3

Team Check-in: Friday, July 16 at BHS Commons; 1 Pirate Way
(10 AM = Cal Division, 11 AM = Babe Division,
12 Noon = Ruth Division & 1 PM = Ripken Division)

Coaches/Officials Meeting : Friday, July 16 at 3:00 PM at the Booneville Community Center #3 in Harley Park (200 Parkway Dr)
Player, Coaches, Officials Picnic: Friday, July 16 at 4:00 PM at the Booneville Community Center #2 in Harley Park (200 Parkway Dr)
Team Event: Friday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. at COCOBA Field in Harley Park (200 Parkway Dr)

OPENING CEREMONIES - FRIDAY, July 16th - 5:30 PM at COCOBA Field in Harley Park (200 Parkway Drive, Booneville, MO)

POOL PLAY

Game#	Date	Visitor	Home	FD	Time
1	7.17	4	6	1	9:00 a.m.
2	7.17	10	12	2	9:00 a.m.
3	7.17	5	4	1	11:00 p.m.
4	7.17	11	10	2	11:00 a.m.
5	7.17	6	5	1	1:00 p.m.
6	7.17	12	11	2	1:00 p.m.

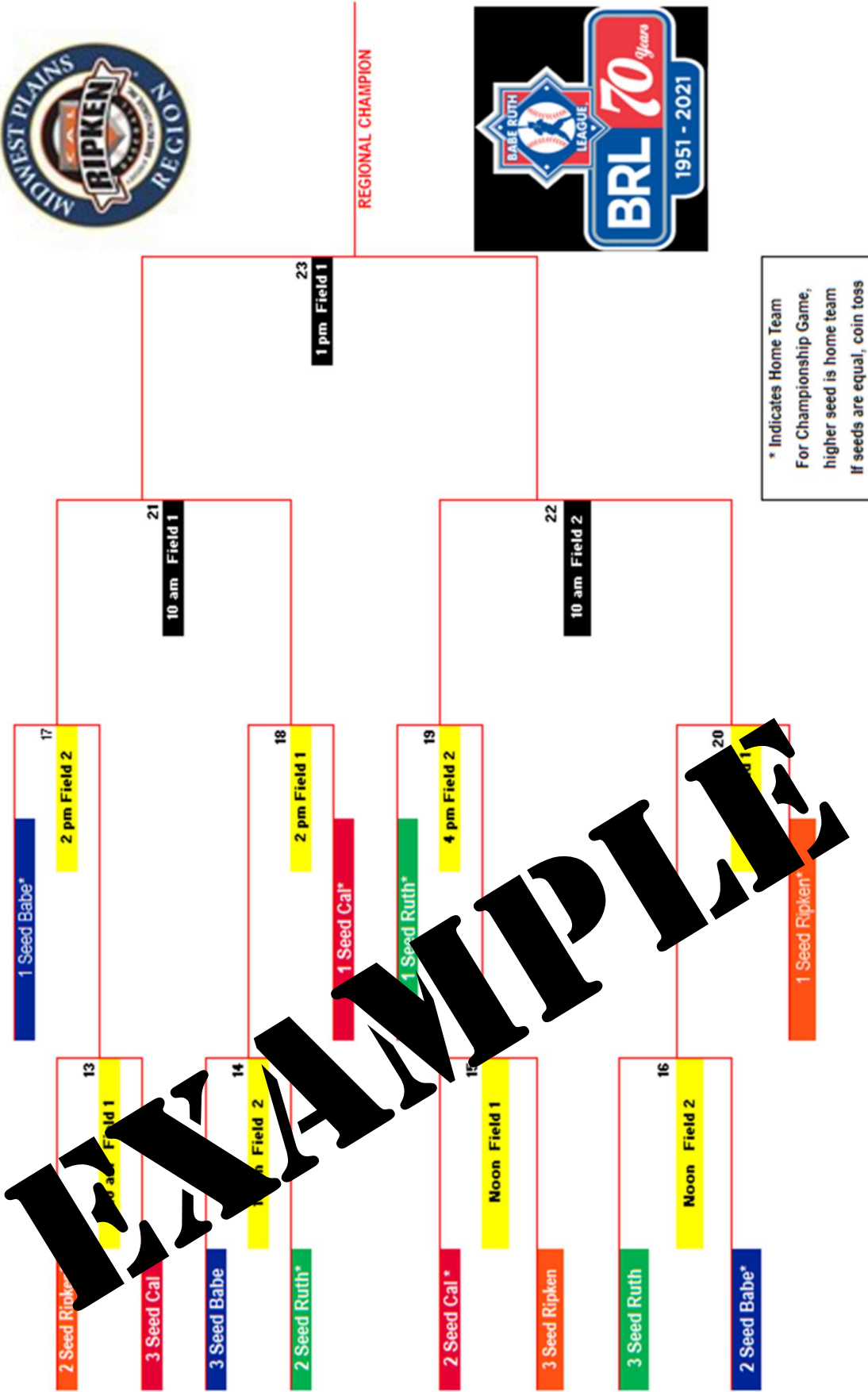
Game#	Date	Visitor	Home	FD	Time
7	7.17	7	9	1	3:00 p.m.
8	7.17	1	3	2	3:00 p.m.
9	7.17	8	7	1	5:00 p.m.
10	7.17	2	1	2	5:00 p.m.
11	7.17	9	8	1	7:00 p.m.
12	7.17	3	2	2	7:00 p.m.

BRACKET

Single Elimination Bracket - Sunday and Monday, July 18-19

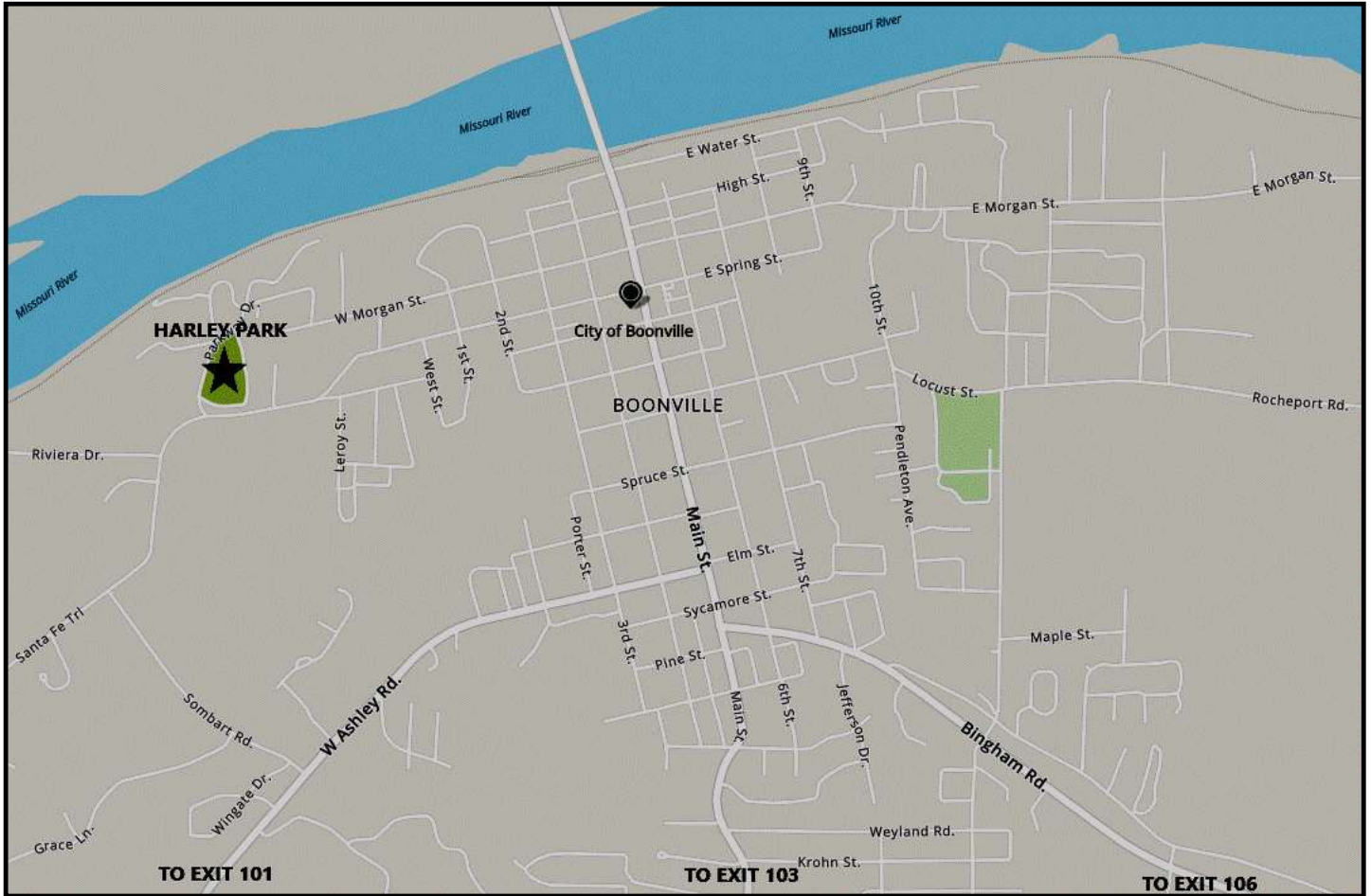
Sunday, 7-18

Monday, 7-19



EXAMPLE

BOONVILLE CITY MAP



DRIVING DISTANCES

If you choose to travel by automobile to Boonville, the distances listed below from the following cities are approximate.

Bismarck, ND	890 miles
Denver, CO	706 miles
Des Moines, IA	289 miles
Kansas City, MO	102 miles
Lawrence, KS	141 miles
Minneapolis, MN	535 miles
Omaha, NE	286 miles
Rapid City, SD	807 miles
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1075 miles

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

For this tournament there will not be a particular hotel listed as the Tournament Headquarters. Instead, Twillman field will be considered the Headquarters site and all team managers will be required to furnish their appropriate contact information to the Tournament Director upon check-in. The purpose of this requirement is to facilitate quick and accurate communication but with the advent of cell phones, as long as adequate cell phone numbers have been provided to the Tournament Officials, the team managers will not be required to all stay at one hotel. Tournament contacts are listed on page 24.

PLAYER HOUSING / HOST FAMILIES

Not applicable for this tournament.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Rooms and payment of rooms, are the responsibility of each individual team. Unfortunately we were not able to secure a working agreement compatible with our needs.

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

All tournament games will be played at either TWILLMAN Field in Harley Park or at the Boonville HS turf field. There will be ample parking for everyone. **No alcoholic beverages** are allowed in any ball field areas. Everyone should be aware that public consumption, transportation, open containers and similar laws and ordinances will be strictly enforced within the city limits of Boonville. **Absolutely NO sun flower seeds will be allowed in the dugout or playing field at the BHS turf field!**

TOURNAMENT PICNIC - REQUIRED EVENT

A banquet will be held for all players, coaches, officials and families free of charge at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1515 Radio Hill Road, Boonville, 65233. The meal will begin at 4pm.

All team members will be required to wear their team jerseys in order to promote team unity and representation. This is a sponsored event provided by the Boonville Babe Ruth League and there will be no charge as long as you have an affiliation with one of the teams participating.

Families are welcome to attend free, courtesy of our league.

COACHES/OFFICIALS RULES MEETING (REQUIRED EVENT)

All managers, umpires and officials are required to be at a **Rules Meeting** to be held after the meal at the Knights of Columbus at approximately 5pm. **This meeting is mandatory for all teams and a representative from each team must be present.** All coaches are more than welcome to be present. The tournament's chain of events along with rules clarifications, etc. will be discussed at this time.

TOURNAMENT PHOTOS

There will be a photographer present during all tournament games for your preferred requests. Please contact Diana Gerke at (660) 537-0282 for your specific needs.

OPENING CEREMONIES (REQUIRED EVENT)

The opening ceremonies for the 2023 Babe Ruth 13-year old Midwest Plains Regional Invitational Tournament will begin on Thursday, July 26, at approximately 6pm, at Twillman Field, Harley Park.

It is **mandatory** that all players, managers and coaches be present for the Opening Ceremony. All team members are required to be in full uniform. Each member should assemble with his/her team by 6pm at Twillman Field. The Opening Ceremony will be discussed in greater detail at check-in.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ADMISSION TO GAMES

All players, coaches, parents and fans attending the Regional Tournament should be familiar with the Babe Ruth policy regarding admission charges into all tournament games. Admittance other than by paying the admission charge will be provided only to those players, coaches or tournament officials by the Boonville Babe Ruth League or the Tournament Committee.

INDIVIDUAL	
Daily Pass.....	\$7.00
Daily Pass (6-12).....	\$5.00

INDIVIDUAL	
Tournament Pass.....	\$30.00
Tournament Pass (6-12).....	\$20.00

All children 5 years and under will be admitted free

BAT BOY'S / GIRLS

If you do not have a bat boy/girl for your team and would like one, you may request one through the Tournament Director. All bat boys/girls will be required to wear a protective helmet at all times and remain in the dugout until time is called. There will be no exception to this rule.

OFFICIAL'S HEADQUARTERS

There will be a tournament office/tent located at the ball field for officials, dignitaries, etc. to assist with any questions or problems as they may arise.

TEAM/FAMILY FUN DAY

Still to be determined whether time will permit this event to be possible.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL POLICIES

Babe Ruth rules and regulations will be adhered to during the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament at all times. This includes pitching limitations, the ten-run rule and substitutions for an injured player. (unless noted elsewhere)

Unsportsmanlike behavior **will not** be tolerated and could jeopardize the opportunity for a player or team to proceed in the tournament. A protest committee shall be in force during each game of the tournament.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The tournament will be covered by our local media. All approved media officials will be allowed to set up in designated areas on the ball field. Our local coverage consists of:

Boonville Daily News------(660) 882-5335-----www.boonvilledailynew.com

KWRT Radio (1370-AM)------(660) 882-6686-----www.sports@kwrt.com

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Local training personnel will be on hand throughout the tournament. They will be available for any pre-game medical needs, as well as care and treatment of all injuries as they occur.

TOURNAMENT CONTACT

Please direct all questions to the Tournament Director, Chad Stonecipher at (660)888-6575 or email astonecipher@gmail.com or the Assist. Tournament Director, Michael Watts at (660)537-4769 or email rmpe4769@yahoo.com

Updates and additional information can also be found on our Facebook page **[Boonville Babe Ruth Baseball](#)**

PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

Officials of Babe Ruth Baseball and the hardworking hosts of the Boonville Babe Ruth League have made extensive efforts to make certain that your tournament stay will be a pleasant and rewarding one. Therefore, we expect you to cooperate with the following regulations pertaining to your actions during the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament.

APPEARANCE

As representatives of your state, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably. We expect press coverage during the entire tournament, therefore, you are a true representative of your community and dress neatly at all times.

ASSISTANCE

We want every participant to thoroughly enjoy the entire tournament. If you need any information or assistance, contact your Team Manager or coach immediately. He in turn, may rely upon the aid of the Babe Ruth officials, when necessary.

AWARDS

First and second finishers in the Regional Tournament will receive individual awards along with team trophies for their accomplishments. A Sportsmanship Award will be presented to the team that best exemplifies the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Code. Each participant in the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will receive a Certificate of Participation. The first place team of the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will advance to the Babe Ruth World Series in Glen Allen, VA on August 12-19.

BOONVILLE

Boonville is the county seat of Cooper County, which is located in central Missouri on I-70 just 25 miles west of Columbia.

The Boonville Babe Ruth League consists of 6 teams in the Jr. Babe Ruth Division. All of the local teams have been involved in the participation and preparation of this tournament, and have gone to great lengths to make this a fun and memorable experience for all involved.

CONCESSIONS / SOUVENIRS

A concession stand will be in operation throughout the tournament with many food, candy and beverage items available for you. **NO FOOD OR DRINK WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE FAN AREA AT ANY TIME.** Water coolers will be provided in each team's dugout.

T-shirts and other souvenirs will be available throughout the tournament.

CONDUCT

Your conduct must be above desirable both on and off the field during your stay here. Any misbehavior or misconduct not only could cause your disqualification from the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament, but may also disqualify your team.

CONTACT / EMERGENCIES

For all questions and/or inquiries feel free to contact the Tournament Director at any time. Please involve your team manager in all discussions as he is the first line of contact on your team. Tournament Director— Chad Stonecipher (660) 888-6575 or email astonecipher@gmail.com or Assistant Tournament Director Michael Watts at (660) 537-4769 or rmpe4769@yahoo.com

CURFEW

This will be at the individual team, manager and/or parent's discretion for this tournament as the Babe Ruth Hosting program is not in affect.

HEADQUARTERS

The Tournament Headquarters will be located at Twillman Field and is off limits to all players.

PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

HOST TEAM

Members of the host team are to be treated and subject to the same regulations as all the other state champion teams participating in the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

We have additional ball fields available for usage as your team requires. These fields will be available on a first come, first served basis; taking into consideration the designated times of each team's scheduled games. Several of these fields have batting cages available also. All practices MUST be scheduled through the Tournament Director. BHS Field and batting cage will not be available throughout the tournament for practice sessions as it is for game use and park maintenance at all times.

SCHEDULES

Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, Regional Tournament games and other events on time. Be sure to check with your team manager and the Tournament Director whenever you may have to deviate from the listed functions.

SEATING AT TWILLMAN & BOONVILLE HS FIELDS

TWILLMAN Field has bleacher-type seating with a natural coverage over parts of the seating area, whereas Boonville HS has open bleachers. Spectators might consider bringing stadium seats or lawn chairs for comfort. Fans are expected to remain in the seating area and away from the playing field and dugouts during the games.

TEAM CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

All teams are required to arrive / meet at the Boonville High School commons area according to the schedule in this booklet. Boonville High School is located just off of I-70 at Highway 5/ Ashley Road, Exit 101. The school is on the East side of Ashley Road less than ½ mile North of the interstate. Teams will check in between TBD. YOU MUST ARRIVE AND CHECK IN AS A TEAM. Babe Ruth officials along with local officials will be present to check in all of the teams and help you to get acclimated to the Tournament's events. Consent to be absent from this requirement can come only from the Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner.

TOURNAMENT PASS

A Babe Ruth pass will be taken for all players and coaches at the time of your check-in. This is your key to admission to all tournament events. If you lose it, you will be required to purchase a ticket to all events. Keep your pass in a safe place and don't forget to bring it with you to all tournament functions.

UMPIRES

The umpires for the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament have had many years of experience umpiring high school, collegiate and/or Babe Ruth baseball games. They are here to make this tournament the best possible experience for all; so we expect all players, coaches and fans to treat them accordingly. Two umpires will be assigned to all tournament games.



Yankees Babe Ruth Authentic Signed Harridge 1948-50 Oal Baseball
\$94,999.99

GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

1. Babe Ruth Baseball rules and regulations will be adhered to during the Midwest Plains Regional tournament at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated, and could jeopardize the opportunity for a player or team to proceed in the tournament.
2. Sportsmanship will be stressed at all times. Judgment calls by the umpires will not be questioned. If there is a question concerning a rule, it will be discussed in a courteous manner. Protests will be handled as prescribed in the Babe Ruth Rule Book. Players, managers, coaches and fans will not be allowed to talk to the Protest Committee during protest deliberation unless so asked by the committee.
3. Smoking, chewing of tobacco or drinking of alcoholic beverages by any player, manager, coach or fan will not be allowed on the field, in the dugouts or in the seating areas. Nor will sun flower seeds at Boonville HS field! Teams that allow players to drink beverages or eat food in the dugouts are responsible for cleaning up any debris from such activities immediately after each game. Please be aware that by city ordinance no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed in Harley Park unless authorized by permit. Everyone should be aware that public consumption, transportation of open containers and similar ordinances are strictly enforced within the City of Boonville.
4. The players, a manager, three coaches and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the dugout area during a game. Any other necessary personnel to be in the dugout will only be allowed with the permission of the Tournament Director. The area between the dugout and the gate to the field or bullpen is considered a part of the dugout.
5. Managers, coaches and players are to remain in the dugout at all times except when participating in the game or time is called. Player-coaches are to wear helmets if required to be on the field.
6. Teams are not to verbally, or in any way, harass opposing pitchers, hitters or defensive players. Encourage your own players and do not make remarks to the opposition. Players should be advised not to argue with the umpires. Your manager will handle all disputes with the umpire.
ENCOURAGE POSITIVE PLAY AT ALL TIMES!
7. Catchers are required to wear masks and helmets during warm-ups both before and during the game. All catchers are to wear protective cups as required. Only players or coaches may warm up the pitchers. A back-up catcher is to be ready to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready after the end of an inning. Pitchers will be allowed eight (8) pitches between innings and teams have one and one half minutes to be ready to play between innings. An additional player, with a helmet on, should be assigned to protect any pitcher warming up while play is going on.
8. No equipment is to be left laying on the field while the game is in progress. It must be in the dugout area.
9. The Home team will be assigned to the third base dugout. No team is to occupy a dugout until the home and visiting teams have been determined by the flip of a coin (after first round games). First round home teams have already been determined. See tournament pairings. If pool play is used the home team will be pre-determined ahead of time and available at the time of the tournament.
10. In the case of an injury, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible time. Do not come on to the field until time is out and the umpire signals you to do so.
11. Make sure your team knows how to appeal plays.
12. Teams will be given seven and one half minutes of infield practice prior to each game with the home team taking infield first. Infield practice will begin immediately after the ground crew is finished preparing the field for the game. You may not take infield until told to do so by the public address announcer. If you are late in starting, you will lose the time. Your players may warm up in the outfield during field preparations, but they must warm up perpendicular to the foul lines so as not to throw the ball toward the ground crew working on the field.
13. Make sure players, along with the managers and coaches, shake hands following each contest.

GAME CONDUCT *

1. Umpires will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the Official Baseball Rules and the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations. The umpires for the Regional tournament have had many years of umpiring experience. They are here to make this tournament the best possible experience for all. Players, coaches, and fans are expected to treat them accordingly. Three umpires will be used for each game.
2. The game(s) will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences will be allowed.
3. ANYONE – Players, managers or coaches acting in an un-sportsmanlike manner – shall be removed from the playing field and facilities immediately. Fans may also be asked to leave the premises should an umpire or tournament official deem necessary.
4. ONLY THE MANAGER (no coaches or players) shall discuss any plays of a controversial nature. The Umpire in Chief shall be fully informed of the identity of each team manager.
5. Managers, coaches and players shall wear uniforms consistent with Babe Ruth All-Star or League Champions teams. No coaching shorts or player's shorts, no ragged shirt tails, etc. will be permitted. Shirt tails must be tucked in at all times. The Regional Commissioner or his designee will have final approval of all uniforms worn by the players, coaches or managers. All players, coaches and manager's uniforms must have the Babe Ruth patch on the left shoulder and at least a six (6) inch number on the back of each shirt. No number may be duplicated. Absolutely no player, coach or manager will be allowed on the playing field who is not in proper uniform without a Babe Ruth patch and a number on their uniform. Babe Ruth approved caps with the designated patch will be allowed for this tournament in lieu of the patches on the shirts.
6. Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases at all times. A mask and throat protector must be worn by any player warming up a pitcher. Protective headgear must be worn by any batboy / batgirl or ball retriever. Bat boys/girls shall be prompt in delivering the discarded bats to their proper places at all times.
7. Equipment – hats, gloves, balls, etc. – shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times.
8. Discarding bats and protective headgear in such a way as to cause possible injury to another player or spectator shall be deemed unsportsmanlike.
9. Only players, coaches, team managers and bat persons shall be allowed in the dugout. **NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED!**
10. Only Babe Ruth approved bats will be allowed for tournament play. If your bat DOES NOT have the USA label on it, it will NOT be allowed for use.
11. It is expected that every player, coach, manager and spectator will conduct him / herself in an exemplary manner while representing their team, community and the Babe Ruth Baseball program. In doing this, we agree to abide by the:
 - Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball
 - Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball
 - The Official Baseball Rules as published by the National Baseball Congress

Inappropriate behavior, as defined by these resources, reflects poorly upon the entire program and is unacceptable. It is our belief that good sportsmanship is developed at the local league level.

As a result of concern over and discussion of this issue at the 10/27/2003 Fall Meeting of the Midwest Plains Regional Board of Directors, the following policy was developed in order to assist Leagues and Tournament Committees to foster and monitor the spirit of Babe Ruth Baseball:

“During tournament play, if an individual is ejected the manager of that team may also be ejected and neither may be eligible to participate in any capacity for the next contest as well. If ejected for a second time, he / she may be sent home at once and not allowed to participate at the next tournament level should the team win the championship. If problems of any form continue, the team will be declared out of the tournament.”

* These decisions are not subject to discussion or to appeal

TEAM INFORMATION

1. All games shall be seven innings, unless the home team is leading at the end of four and one half innings of play. In the event a game is called before completion, the game will be resumed from the point of discontinuance. All decisions in regard to re-scheduling will be made by the Regional Commissioner and the Tournament Director.
2. All players, except the Host Team, shall be bound according to the Host Family Plan of Babe Ruth Baseball. (Not applicable for this tournament.)
3. Host families will provide lodging, three meals per day, transportation when necessary and launder the player's uniforms as needed. (Not applicable for this tournament.)
4. Managers and coaches will not have their room and board provided. These expenses are absorbed by their local leagues. However, assistance in securing reservations are available through the Tournament Director, Chad Stonecipher (660) 888-6575 or email astonecipher@gmail.com or Assistant Tournament Director, Michael Watts (660) 537-4769 or email rmpe4769@yahoo.com.
5. Each player, coach and manager on the same team shall wear a different number on their uniform. The regular Babe Ruth shoulder emblem shall be worn on the left sleeve. The shoulder emblem and uniform number are mandatory. The approved Babe Ruth cap with the emblem on it is allowed in place of the shoulder emblem.
6. Upon elimination from the 2023 Midwest Plains Regional Tournament, arrangements for the team check-out will be established between the Regional Commissioner and the team manager. This departure time shall remove all liabilities associated with this tournament from the Midwest Plains Commissioner, the Host Families and the Tournament Committee.
7. The Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner or designee, shall have the authority to remove any player, coach, manager or fan for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth Baseball. Any misbehavior or misconduct on or off the field could cause the disqualification of a manager, coach, player or the entire team from the tournament. Refer to the rules pertaining to conduct during tournament play on page 18 of this booklet.
8. The tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner, or their designated representative and the Tournament Director. The Tournament Protest Committee shall have final authority in all protest and matters not covered by the Official Baseball Rules and Regulations.
9. At least one manager or coach from each team will be required in attendance at all meetings called by the Tournament Director or the Regional Commissioner. Preferably, the entire staff should be in attendance whenever possible to avoid confusion or discrepancies.
10. All teams are to arrive as a complete group and will depart as a complete group. There will be no exceptions, unless there has been prior approval given by the Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner or designee. All requests must be completely documented and with sound judgment having been used for such request and submitted through the respective State Commissioner.
11. The Midwest Plains Regional Tournament is a celebration of the State Champions representing the eight states which make up our region. Since every team is a representative of their home state, we plan to incorporate a state flag into the tournament ceremonies. During the tournament and possibly during other activities, these flags will be displayed.

BABE RUTH

Babe Ruth put up monumental statistics during his playing career. But the Bambino was more than numbers – especially to those who knew him, like former teammate Joe Dugan, who once said: “To understand him you had to understand this: He wasn’t human.”

Sports writer Tommy Holmes, winner of the 1979 BBWAA Career Excellence Award, was more succinct: “Some 20 years ago, I stopped talking about the Babe for the simple reason that I realized that those who had never seen him didn’t believe me.”

Ruth has been called an American original, undoubtedly the game’s first great slugger and the most celebrated athlete of his time. Soon after honing his skills at St. Mary’s Industrial School for Boys in Baltimore, he came to the big leagues as a lefty hurler with the Red Sox, where he won 89 games in six years while setting the World Series record for consecutive scoreless innings.

But the Red Sox recognized Ruth’s ability at the plate and began transitioning him to the outfield. In 1918, the Red Sox won their fourth World Series title in seven seasons – Ruth was there for three of them – as Ruth led the American League with 11 home runs while also going 13-7 on the mound. Then in 1919, Ruth set a new single-season record with 29 home runs while recording 113 RBI. He went 9-5 on the mound in his last year with more than two appearances as a pitcher.

In what is likely the most famous transaction in baseball history, Red Sox owner Harry Frazee sold Ruth to the Yankees for \$100,000 following the 1919 season. The next season, Ruth hit 54 home runs with 158 runs scored and 135 RBI, setting the baseball world ablaze with his talent. He would top those numbers in 1921 with 59 home runs, 177 runs scored and 457 total bases. The last two numbers still stand as modern era (post 1900) records.

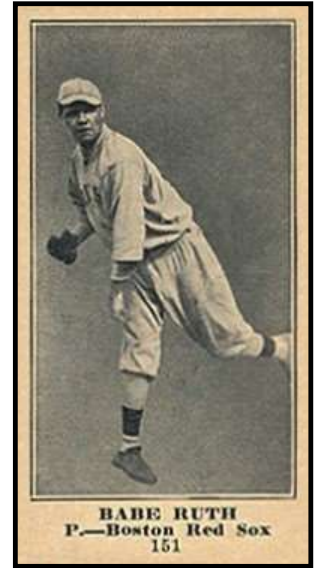
The Sultan of Swat would lead a powerful and renowned New York squad to seven American League pennants and four World Series titles during his 15 years in New York. He led the AL in home runs 12 times, including his record-setting 60 in 1927 – a mark that stood for 34 years.

Ruth retired in 1935 after a partial season with the Boston Braves, ending his 22-year big league career with 714 home runs. His lifetime statistics also include 2,873 hits, 506 doubles, 2,174 runs, 2,214 RBI, a .342 batting average, a .474 on-base percentage and a .690 slugging percentage.

“It wasn’t that he hit more home runs than anybody else,” said 1976 Spink Award winner Red Smith, “he hit them better, higher, farther, with more theatrical timing and a more flamboyant flourish.”

Among Ruth’s other remarkable offensive achievements include leading the league in slugging percentage 13 times, bases on balls 11 times, on-base percentage 10 times, runs scored eight times and runs batted in five times. One of the first five electees to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Ruth once said, “The fans would rather see me hit one homer to right than three doubles to left.”

Ruth passed away on Aug. 16, 1948.



1914 Baltimore News
“PRE-ROOKIE” CARD OF Ruth
Even in low grade condition, a PSA
4 is expected to bring in roughly
\$900,000.

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