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2024 Midwest Plains 13-16 Regional Tournament

July 25 - 28

**VFW Memorial Stadium
Sikeston, Missouri**

Hosted by Grippin Seams Southern Missouri Revelers



The Sportsmanship Code of **Babe Ruth League, Inc.**

**Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and
soul.**

Develop a strong urge for sportsmanlike conduct.

**Develop understanding of and respect for the
RULES.**

**Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty
in victory.**

Develop control over emotions and speech.

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.

Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

VFW Memorial Stadium

1810 E Malone Ave
Sikeston, MO 63801





VFW Memorial Stadium is home of the SHS Bulldogs during the spring sports season. In the Summer it hosts the Sikeston Legion Baseball program for Home games, other ball teams and Events. VFW Memorial Stadium sits on 7.14 acres just off Malone Ave. at Mitchell St.



Sikeston, Missouri and the Grippin Seams Southern Missouri Revelers invites you to experience the best of Missouri's Bountiful Bootheel where Cotton is King, our rolls are "throwed", and southern hospitality awaits you!

Conveniently located in the heart of the United States, Sikeston sits at the intersection of I-55 and I-57. Just 150 miles from St. Louis and 150 miles from Memphis, making Sikeston a convenient destination from anywhere.

You'll take home great memories from our Historic Downtown District, the Sikeston Depot Museum, Lambert's Cafe and many other attractions. Our diverse shopping venues include the name brand stores, outlet shopping, specialty shops and antique galleries. Enjoy our events and fun family activities. The PRCA sanctioned Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo is held every August or come celebrate King Cotton with us in September. Whatever time of year you visit you will find something fun to do in Sikeston and Southeast Missouri!

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MAYOR IN SIKESTON, MO

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MAYOR IN MINER, MO

LETTER FROM SIKESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS BOARD



2024 Midwest Plains Regional 13-16 Babe Ruth Tournament July 25-28 2024 Hosted by Sikeston, Mo and the Grippin Seams Southern Missouri Revelers. Congratulations on a great season and your advancement to the Regional Tournament. You are one step closer to the World Series. The people of Sikeston, Missouri would like to welcome you to our beautiful small town. We look forward to hosting your team, coaches, players, and families. We hope you enjoy your stay. This tournament information packet will provide you with all the information you need for the tournament. This packet includes required tournament credentials, lodging information, field information, opening ceremonies, coaches meeting, ticket prices, tournament schedule, code of conduct, and more. All participants must read this packet.

Tournament site – The tournament host field is located at 1810 E Malone Ave, Sikeston, MO - VFW Memorial Stadium. All games will take place here.

Pre-Tournament Requested Information – To provide the best experience for all teams involved, we request some additional information prior to your arrival at the tournament. Please email the following items as soon as possible: One team photo for the program with listing of the players and coaches and a team roster with uniform numbers and position. This information is in addition to your official tournament credentials and does not take the place of any required tournament documents. Please email this information by July 16th to gsstaff@grippinseams.com. Please in SUBJECT LINE type:
TEAM NAME - STATE - HOME TOWN

Tournament Host Hotels – We are working on getting the Best Prices for the Teams and Families. We are finalizing a few Hotels. The hotels are within 5 to 10 mins of VFW Memorial Stadium..

Opening Ceremonies – Opening ceremonies will take place on Thursday night July 25th at 7:30pm. All teams will be honored and are expected to be in full uniform. No exceptions. All players and coaches are required to attend.

Kickoff Night Festivities – We will be holding a Kickoff Night on Wednesday July 24th. Festivities are in the works and will be announced soon. We will also have Reveler Mart set up where you can pick up your tournament t-shirt or Reveler merchandise as a keepsake. Tournament t-shirts are \$20.

Pre-Tournament Coaches Meeting – The coaches meeting will take place Wednesday July 24th Time **TBD**. Location **TBD**. We will discuss all ground rules with umpires and make sure everyone is on the same page for the weekend in case of inclement weather.

Coaches/Umpires/Officials Breakfast – There will be a mandatory pre-tournament breakfast for all coaches, umpires, and tournament officials Thursday morning July 25th at 8am location **TBD**. This meeting is to cover all last second questions and make sure everyone is on the same page.

Player Introductions – Player introductions will take place prior to each game of the tournament. We ask that all players and coaches line up as they are announced on their respective foul line. Please put first and last names with jersey # on the lineup card along with coaches names.

Dugouts – the 3rd base dugout will be the designated dugout of the home team. The visitors will be in the 1st base dugout. Home and visitor **will be** listed on the tournament schedule/bracket.

Batting Cages – The batting cages are located down the left field line. Each team will have 25 minutes prior to their game to hit in the cage. Your time will be pre-arranged and you are expected to hit during that time.

Next Level Academy (Home of the Southern Missouri Revelers)- 5 mins from VFW Memorial Stadium - We are going to have our facility open. You can take extra hitting - 2 full size cages - 1 with HITTrax - 2 spots for tee work - We will be posting pricing and the contact info to schedule time if players or team chooses while you are here.

Pre-Game warm-ups – There will be no pre-game infield before games. You will be allowed to take ground balls and fly balls in the outfield before the game.

Post game – We ask that teams please clean and exit the dugouts immediately after the completion of the game and meet with your team outside the field. This will allow our grounds crew the time to prep the field for the next game as well as the incoming teams to get situated.

Miscellaneous Game Info – All games will be played with Official Babe Ruth Rules for 13 - 16 division players. Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher and catcher. You may use an extra player if you wish. You may also use a designated hitter for the pitcher only. Each manager is required to provide a lineup card to the official scorekeeper in the press box at least 30 minutes prior to game start time. Please list first and last names with jersey # of each player on your lineup card. Changes may be made until the official lineup card is handed to the umpire. Each player on the same team shall wear a different number on their uniform. All coaches and managers must wear a full baseball type uniform of the same design and color. Please, READ ALL BABE RUTH REGIONAL RULES AND BY LAWS.

Ticket Information – Ticket prices are set based on the tournament budget to cover the cost of running the tournament.

Ticket prices/Tournament pass prices are as follows:

Daily Adult (Ages 13+) - \$10

Daily Child (Ages 12u) - \$5

Kids 6u - FREE

Adult Weekend Pass - \$35

Child Weekend Pass - \$15

Sr. Citizen Weekend Pass (55+) \$30

Each team will be provided with tournament passes for each rostered player and rostered coach that will allow entry into the tournament. **You must have the pass with you at all times.** If you lose it, you will be required to purchase a ticket.

Tournament Format – The tournament format **TBD**

Check in Times – All teams will check in Time 2pm - 4pm Wednesday night. Teams will briefly meet with tournament officials to get check in packet and make sure everyone is legal. We will have the order when you arrive.

Concessions – We will have a full service concession stand with plenty to eat and drink. VFW will be handling the concessions inside the ballpark. More info coming as we work to get possible Food Trucks to be in the Food Picnic Area.

Team Awards – The Babe Ruth Midwest Plains Regional plaque will be awarded to the championship team and runner-up team. All awards will be presented at the Closing Ceremonies following the championship game.

Conduct – Your conduct must be above reproach on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct could not only cause you disqualification from the tournament, but could also disqualify your team as well.

Schedule – Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, tournament games and special events on time. Be sure to check with your manager and the Tournament Director whenever you want to divert from the listed functions.

Appearance – As champions, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably. At all times, neatness and cleanliness of appearance is required. You are representing your Family, Team, Town, and Babe Ruth Baseball

Uniforms – Each player on the same team shall wear a different number on their uniform. The division appropriate Official Shoulder Emblem must be worn on each team member's left shirt sleeve or on a team hat. (For sleeveless uniforms, the shoulder emblem must be worn on the left front chest.)

Curfew – Curfew time is 12:00 midnight for all players. If an event or game goes beyond 12:00 midnight, all participating team members will return to their lodging facilities following the game.

Flags and Banners – If your league or team has a banner or flag, please arrange to bring it with you. We will request you display it during the opening ceremonies.

Housing – No host housing is provided for this tournament.

Managers/Coaches Uniforms – The manager and coaches must be in complete uniform. This includes a number being on the back of the uniform, a minimum of 6" in size.

Umpires – The umpires provided for this tournament have many years of experience working high level baseball. They will enforce all rules and regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball. They will enjoy being here as much as you. They love the game. Please treat them with respect.

Sportsmanship – Any player, manager, coach or fan acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be removed from the playing field and facility immediately. Such behavior may also result in disqualification from the tournament.

Spending Money – Each player should bring money to potentially purchase a Tournament Program, TShirt, concession items, and other personal items that you need at our Reveler Mart. You will definitely want a keepsake from your time in Sikeston, Missouri.

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday July 24th

- 2pm - 4pm Team Check-in Location: TBD
- 5pm - 6pm (TENTATIVE) Pre-Tourney Coaches Meeting Location: TBD
- Time: TBD - Kickoff Night Festivities Location: TBD

Thursday July 25th

- 8am - Coaches/Umpires/Officials Breakfast
- GAME 1 TBD
- GAME 2 TBD
- GAME 3 TBD
- 7:30pm OPENING CERIMONIES
- GAME 4 TBD

Friday July 26th

Saturday July 27th

Sunday July 28th