



🏆 KML NEWS! 🏆

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We're going to play ball in June!



The Kiwanis Miracle League is pleased to announce that we will play ball beginning in June with the following modifications to a "normal" season. The modifications are in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and are our attempts to make playing as safe as possible during 2021. We will begin with a modified schedule to test the waters and work out the issues.

2021 SEASON MODIFICATION – READ MORE:

<https://kiwanismiracleleague.org/2867-2/covid-modifications-spring-2021/>

It's time to register!

Yes, the time has come to register all players! Even if you are not sure you will play in 2021, YOU MUST REGISTER. This is our way of communicating with you. Without a 2021 registration, you won't be hearing from us! As previously, all registration is online. The link to SportsEngine.com will be on our web site, or click the Register button below.

2021 SEASON – REGISTER HERE:

<https://kiwanismiracleleague.sportngin.com/register/form/376790125>

NEW! Pop-up Games...

Once registered in SportsEngine, you can then sign up to play in one of our "pop up" games scheduled for June 5, 12, 19, and 26. Signing up is easy on www.signup.com. You can either go to our web site to click on the link or click the Sign-up button below.

**NOTE: We will NOT make this link available on our web site until 2019 players have a chance to sign up. DON'T DELAY! Space is limited.*

POP-UP GAMES – SIGN UP NOW:

<https://signup.com/go/NMGXKbs>

KML Website

While not officially playing, a lot has been going on behind the scenes to keep our KML website updated and current. We have moved our web site to a new host, AND all is now available in Spanish. Do check it out!

KML WEBSITE:

<https://kiwanismiracleleague.org/>

Something new awaits you at the ballpark!

During these many months of the COVID pandemic, we have been overseeing a significant improvement to our ballpark. Yes, the long-awaited bleacher covers have been installed. Made of steel, the covers match the existing dugout roof lines and look really sharp. Spectators won't have to bring their umbrellas on especially sunny days!



Two special events in 2020

Even though we couldn't play organized league ball in 2020, we did manage to host two special events.

- **May 9, "DRIVE THROUGH"**: Thanks to volunteers and coaches, we hosted a drive through in our KML parking lot. Players had a chance to greet their coaches, say "hi" to Cubby Bear, and get special greetings from the Des Moines Police and Fire Departments. And each took home a lasting gift—a KML bandanna which can even be folded into a suitable face mask. Fun for all!
- **October 24, KML HALLOWEEN "TRUNK OR TREAT"**: 20+ vehicles opened their trunks to our KML players and families for an evening of fun and "treats". Great costumes, lots of candy, and even more special with our candy "chutes". All to keep everyone safe.



Coaches & Assistant Coaches

It's time for each of you to register on SportsEngine as well. Even if you're not sure about volunteering in 2021, you need to register with us. Your contact information will allow us to remain in touch with you in the coming weeks. Here are the links to register AND to volunteer in various positions for our "pop up" games:

SPORTSENGINE:

<https://kiwanismiracleleague.sportnqin.com/register/form/961067334>

SIGNUP.COM:

<https://signup.com/go/EyNPPXa>

Become a 2021 Team Sponsor

Ever wanted to own your own baseball team? Now you can! How? By becoming a KML Team Sponsor for 2021! While we didn't get to play in 2020, we had two special events—our May 9th "Drive Through" and October 24th Halloween Trunk or Treat. And now we're planning on special "pop up games" for play in June. As the pandemic lessens and more people get vaccinated, we're hoping for some sort of "normal" schedule this fall.

In the meantime, we need your financial support. Our need for team sponsors is

great. Our goal continues to be that this experience is fun for each child and is at NO cost to the child or family. In a normal year, that means personalized uniforms, treat tickets after each game, special events, and some sort of end of season event. Behind the scenes, we have insurance costs, facility maintenance, a concession stand, periodic improvements, and general upkeep to keep our facility in tiptop shape.

You can help! By becoming a team sponsor, you or your organization will have a banner on our dug outs, and we will list you in various places such as our web site and brochures. **Simply click on the link below, download and complete the form, then mail it with a \$500 check payable to the Kiwanis Miracle League.**

<http://kiwanismiracleleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2021TeamSponsorBrochure022821.pdf>

MANY thanks for our 2020 Team Sponsors:

Kiwanis Clubs of...

Des Moines Golden K (triple)
Northwest Des Moines

Corporate/Individuals

Bill & Barbara Keck
Chris Verlengia/Wellmark Blues Care
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #15
Iowa State Bank
Knights of Columbus #13159 (double)
Marcia Munger, Realtor/Keller Williams
Mary Langdon
Ray & Jolene Ward, Kearney Golden K Kiwanis
Rob & Bonnie Baldus/Cynget Leadership Solutions

Our In-Kind Sponsors

Eychaner Properties (parking)
Hamilton's on Westown Parkway (meeting space)
The Iowa Cubs (general maintenance)
WinCommunications (social media & web site)

Our "Angel" Board of Directors

Yes, much goes on behind the scenes, making sure that we plan for the future, pay the bills, and of course, organize KML play. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of these "Angel" directors. Thanks to this great group of volunteers:

Jan Burch, president

Bob Mitchell, immediate past president and treasurer

Tom Pflanz, vice president

Joyce Byrne, vice president

Carol Towner, secretary

Mike Schneider, board member, coach, parent

Rob Baldus, board member, coach, parent

Mike Musich, board member

Ron Peterson, board member

Deb Buse, board member

Danielle Shelton, board member

Will Sales, board member, coach, parent

Bill Keck, board member

Kerry Walter-Ashby, board member

Thom Wierenga, board member

Janet Hromatko, ex officio, Kiwanis Division 13 Lt. Gov.

Calendar of events

March 20 - KML Board of Directors Meeting

May 1 - Ball park clean up (tentative)

May 8 - Ball park clean up (tentative)

April 13 - KML Board of Directors Meeting

June 5 - First Saturday of KML "Pop up" games

June 12 - "Pop up" games

June 19 - "Pop up" games

June 26 - "Pop up" games

Sept 3 - Annual Vision Financial Golf Tourney benefiting KML and Ankeny and Urbandale ML's

Nov 5-7 - Miracle League Association All Star Games, Houston, TX (tentative)

Special holiday thanks

Many thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Des Moines (Downtown) for spearheading the effort to send Christmas cards to all of our players and coaches. We received many "thank you's" from players/families.



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