

# Recreation Guide

City of Coopersville

## Coopersville Recreation Department

In 1995, the City of Coopersville envisioned a variety of recreational programs for youth and adults residing in the Coopersville Area Public School district. Since the formation of the Coopersville Recreation Department new programs have been offered each year to meet recreational and leisure time needs.

Over the years, thousands of individuals who have participated in recreational programs have helped confirm the belief that teaching our youth a passion for sports helps keep them from spending time on destructive behavior. Participants gain increased cognitive and psychomotor skills and whole families can benefit from the involvement; some as cheerleaders, coaches, assistant coaches or game officials.

The following Recreation Guide has been designed to familiarize you and your family with the exceptional programming made available through the City's Recreational Department. The City feels that in order to achieve the most benefit from the programs offered it is essential to understand the procedures as well as some of the policies of the Recreation Department. It is the goal of the City's Recreation Department to provide and maximize the recreational and leisure needs of the community by offering a variety of programs that enhance the community's quality of life. As you read through this guide, please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.



*Keeping Our Community Active*

### Special points of interest:

- *Archery, baseball, soccer, in-line hockey, and youth softball are played in the City Sports Complex behind Veterans Park, 254 W. Randall Street.*
- *Men's basketball, youth basketball, tae kwon do and volleyball are played in the various Coopersville Area Public School Gyms.*

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## Bantam League Baseball



**Cost:**  
**City Residents**  
**\$35.00 per player**  
**\$95.00 family maximum**

**Non-City Residents**  
**\$50.00 per player**  
**\$140.00 family maximum**

The Bantam Baseball League is offered for both boys and girls 6 through 12 years of age. The league age is the age of your child on April 30 of the current school year. Older children are not allowed to participate with younger age groups.

Parents must provide all players with a glove, white baseball pants and athletic shoes.

With the exception of the 6 and 7 year olds, your child WILL be scheduled to play at least one game during the week starting at 7:10 P.M. and ending about 8:45 P.M.

Sign-ups are held in January. Team drafts are held mid March. Requests may or may not be granted. Since the program can average as many as 600 families for spring sports, it is impossible to satisfy every request. Coaches generally start practicing the first week in April. Coaches will be calling their drafted team members to provide practice time information.

Most teams will practice twice a week until the season begins. Uniform shirts will be distributed during practices. The season starts towards the end of April and continues through the end of the school year.

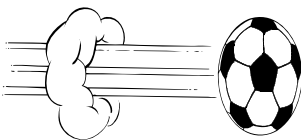
Each coach will have a copy of the rules. Please ask your child's coach if you have questions regarding the rules. Our rules are modified to maximize learning the fundamentals of the game, and minimize the frustration of learning difficult hand-eye coordination skills.

There is no emphasis on winning or losing. The only reason the umpires keep score in the younger age groups is to determine when to end an inning.

Six and seven year olds play tee ball and use a soft *Incrediball*. Due to overwhelming program growth, tee ball teams will practice and play some games at a location other than the Sports Complex. The 8 and 9 year olds will use the pitching machine and the reduced injury factor (RIF) ball. Usually there are 6 - 10, 11 and 12-year-old teams that play each other; plus this age bracket will play games against the Walker Pioneer Baseball League.

***Sign-up forms, game schedules and parent information can be found on the City's web site [www.cityofcoopersville.com](http://www.cityofcoopersville.com).***

## Coopersville Area Youth Soccer Organization



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**City Residents**  
**\$35.00 per player**  
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Coopersville Area Youth Soccer Organization offers soccer in both the spring and fall for boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade of the current school year.

Spring sign-ups are held in January. Team draft is held in mid March. Coaches generally start practicing the first week in April. Coaches will be calling their drafted team members to provide practice time information. The season starts towards the end of April and continues through the end of the school year. Most teams will practice twice a week until the season begins. Uniforms will be distributed during practices. Requests may or may not be granted. We average almost 600 families for spring and fall sports and therefore it becomes impossible to accommodate every request.

Games are played on Saturdays but there may be week night games if there is an uneven number of teams in any particular age divisions.

Parents must provide a soccer ball, shin guards, a pair of white soccer socks and a pair of black soccer socks. Home team will wear white socks and away team will wear black socks. Home and away teams are designated on the schedule.

Senior Division teams will travel as part of the Great Lakes Soccer League.

## Girl's Youth Softball League

The Girls' Softball League is offered to girls in second through sixth grade of the current school year.

Sign-ups are held in January. Team draft is held in mid March. Requests may or may not be granted. We average 600 families for spring sports. It is impossible to satisfy every request. Coaches generally start practicing the first week in April. Most teams will practice twice a week until the season begins. Uniforms will be distributed during practices. The season starts approximately the end of April and continues through the end of the school year.

Please ask your child's coach if you have questions regarding the rules. Rules are modified to maximize learning the fundamentals of the game and minimize the frustration of learning difficult hand-eye coordination skills. There is no emphasis on winning or losing. The only reason we keep score in the younger age groups is so we may know when to end an inning.

Second, third and fourth graders will use the pitching machine and a soft Incrediball.

Ages 12 and up play in the traveling Muskegon County Amateur Softball Association League. Resident \$45.00 per player, Non Resident \$60.00 per player. Jersey cost is an additional \$20.00.



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## Great Lakes Soccer League

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This is a travel league with games being played on Saturdays. Other participating areas include East Muskegon, Fremont, Fruitport, Laketon, Ludington, Manistee, Muskegon, Mona Shores, North Muskegon and Ravenna.

The seasons are roughly six weeks of games long, with 3 home games and 3 away games. The spring season starts in early to mid April and ends in June and the Fall season begins in mid to late August and runs through mid October.

The Great Lakes Co-Ed Soccer League is a volunteer organization whose sole purpose is to provide a quality soccer experience for its members.

This program has no supplementary income and the entry fee is Resident \$45.00 per player, Non Resident \$60.00 per player. Jersey cost is an additional \$20.00.

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## Adult Softball League

Co-ed teams compete on Monday nights, Women's teams compete on Tuesday nights and Men's teams compete on Wednesday and Thursday nights beginning in May.

The fee is \$425.00 per team if paid in full by the set deadline. If the registration is after the deadline the fee will be \$475.00 per team.

Season begins first week in May. Games are played at 6:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M., 8:30 P.M. or 9:30 P.M. Game times vary throughout the season.

All games are played at the Grove Street Softball Field located at 94 Grove Street.

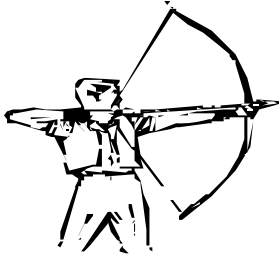
ASA rules govern play. Double and triple wall bats and all bats with a BPF of greater than 1.20 are not acceptable. ASA rules require that the game ball is a 44 core 375 compression.

For additional questions, contact Dave Alderink, Recreation Director at 997-2123 or call Dennis Barrett, League Coordinator, at 837-6877 (after 5:00 P.M.).



**Price includes 12 game schedule and umpires.**

## Archery League



Thanks to our generous sponsors this program is free.

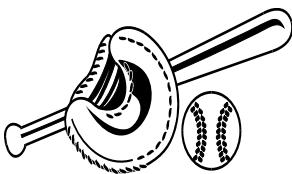
The Archery League is offered from July through September for adults and children. There is no age limit for children, however there must have a parent or guardian with the child to assist them. The *Coopersville Sportsmen's Club* has donated some equipment to the Recreation Department for beginners who are interested in learning the sport of archery. If possible, please bring at least 5 arrows.

The archery range is located in the City's Sports Complex behind Veterans Park, 254 W. Randall Street. The league program is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

FITA Round      10 yard shot for starter shooters  
                          20 yard shot for advanced shooters

To register, contact:    Dave Alderink 997-9731 or Ken Ortquist 997-8502

## Girls' Fast-Pitch Softball League



**Fees:**  
**City Residents**  
**\$45.00**

**Non-City Residents**  
**\$60.00**

Coopersville offers two Girls' Fast-Pitch Leagues: girls in U-14\* (seventh and eighth grade present academic year) and U-18\* league. Each team consist of 15 or 16 girls. Our experience has been that we need that many girls on each team due to summer conflicts. Please confirm your daughter's commitment to attend games and practices before you register. We need to know that the players and parents are committed to this program. This league requires travel and commitment. No transportation provided. If you will frequently miss games and practices, do not sign-up.

Sign-ups are in April. Requests are not guaranteed. Teams must be split equally. Coaches may start practicing the end of May. Generally, teams will practice twice a week until the season begins. Uniform tee shirts will be distributed during practices. Team players should purchase sliding shorts. Games begin the third week of June and will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings for the younger league and Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the U-18. The season ends in mid July.

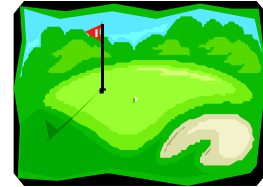
Each coach will have a copy of the rules. Please ask your child's coach if you have questions regarding any rules. This league follows high school rules with a few modifications.

All uniforms must be returned to your coach at the end of your child's last game. Please follow the recommended washing procedures for the uniform issued to your child! (\*Note: U-14 means 14 and under; U-18 means 18 and under.)

## Annual Golf Scramble

This annual event is usually held in June and is a fundraiser for the Coopersville Recreation Department and the Northeast Ottawa Forum (NEO Forum). The outing is a cooperative event between the City of Coopersville, Coopersville Area Public Schools, and Ottawa County Sheriff's Office.

The four person scramble includes three divisions: Men's, Women's and Co-ed teams. Individual trophies are awarded for first, second and third place teams. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, catered dinner and door prizes.



### Northeast Ottawa Forum *Supporting Our Youth*

Northeast Ottawa Forum (NEO Forum) was formed to provide proactive services to help at-risk children become productive members of our community. NEO Forum provides two positions to provide vital programming aimed primarily at reducing substance abuse and juvenile delinquency.

Sheriff's Deputy: teaches classes in the local schools and enforces laws, ordinances and school regulations in the school and municipalities.

Community Counselor: provides counseling and classes to children in need and their families.

Survey results of local sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth graders prove the NEO Forum program is having a positive impact. Drug use is down as is the number of juvenile arrests. The only way we can continue these positive results is through the financial support of our local community, organizations and individual gifts. Call 997-9731 for event date.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Coopersville Recreation Department and the Northeast Ottawa Forum.

## In-Line Youth Hockey League

This program is NOT appropriate for experienced hockey players looking for a high level of competition.

All players must provide a helmet with cage/shield, elbow protection, shin guards, and a mouth piece.

Practices will start in June. Nights TBA

Age and gender breakdown for teams will be determined at the completion of sign-up. There is a very good possibility that boys and girls will be on the same team and that age separation will not be closer than three years. It will be our goal to have separate boys and girls divisions and no more than two years in age separation. The numbers will dictate how the split will be made.

Age and gender breakdowns will also depend on the number of individuals that volunteer to coach. The Recreation Department would like to organize leagues for youth and adults, boys, girls, men and women.

League age is the players age on November 1st.

Our rules will follow generally accepted youth hockey rules. NO ROUGH PLAY AND NO CHECKING WILL BE ALLOWED. NO SLAP SHOTS ALLOWED — THE STICK MUST NEVER BREAK CONTACT WITH THE FLOOR. Violation of these rules will be grounds for ejection from a game (first offense) and dismissal from the program (second offense).

*Referees are paid to officiate the games; however they are not professionals. Please treat our game officials with respect. Show good sportsmanship at all times.*

## Boater's Safety and Hunter's Safety

These two courses **are not offered** as part of the Coopersville Recreation Program. Contact Ottawa County Sheriff's Department at 1-888-731-1001 or 616-738-4000 for locations of courses offered in the Ottawa County area.

# Northern Rocket Football League

The City of Coopersville is a member of The Northern Rocket Football League. This league is a travel league and competes with teams from Belding, Caledonia, Cedar Springs, Comstock Park, Coopersville, East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills, Grand Rapids Christian, Greenville, Kenowa Hills, Kent City, Kentwood, Lowell, North Park, North Pointe Christian, Northview, Rockford, Sparta, William C. Abney Academy, Youth Sports Alliance. There is a possibility of traveling farther. The schedule is set by the league on a strength basis. Each week the City's Recreation Director is notified as to when and where the teams will play the following Saturday. There is NO LOCAL CONTROL OF THE SCHEDULE! Games may be played at 8:30 A.M. or as late as 8:30 P.M. The season consists of 7 games.



League age is your child's age on November 1st of the current year.

Coopersville's home games are played on the school's varsity field. If the Coopersville's varsity football team has any home games on Saturday; all rocket games will be away.

The NRFL conducts a team draft. The City's Recreation Department has no control over the make-up of teams. Requests will not be granted.

Players are responsible for their own equipment, which includes helmet, shoulder pads, pants with pads, shoes (NO METAL CLEATS) and mouth guard. The Recreation Department provides the jerseys which MUST be returned after the last game!!

Weight limits are strictly enforced! If your child is over the weight limit, s/he will NOT be allowed to play in the games. Weight is checked before each game!

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8 and 9 year old division.....Weight Limit = 125 lbs.  
10 and 11 year old division.....Weight Limit = 145 lbs.  
12 and 13 year old division.....Weight Limit = 170 lbs.

# Youth Flag Football League

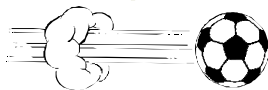
This is one of the City's youngest programs. Rules and regulations will evolve.

League age is November 1st of current year. Age groups will be 4 and 5 year olds and 6 and 7 year olds. Children must play in their age group.

A coaches meeting will be scheduled shortly after the sign-ups and teams will then be formed.

You must provide comfortable shorts or sweat pants, mouth-guard and cleats. No metal or screw-in type cleats will be allowed. The Recreation Department will provide the uniform shirts and flags.

# Coopersville Area Youth Soccer Organization



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Fall sign-ups are held in June. The team draft is held in August. Practices start the first week of school. The fall season starts in mid September and ends the end of October. Most teams will practice twice a week until the season begins. Uniforms will be distributed during practices.

Games are played on week nights under the lights at the City Sports Complex.

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## Adult Tae Kwon Do

This class blends stretching, basic punching, kicking, and blocking techniques into an invigorating workout. Tae Kwon Do will strengthen the body and increase hand eye coordination and flexibility. Basic self defense skills will also be included.

The classes are taught by a third degree Black Belt with 14 years of combined experience in three different arts.

Questions may be answered by calling Coopersville Recreation 997-2123.

## Youth Tae Kwon Do

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The youth class has been specifically designed for boys and girls first through eighth grade. Adult beginners are also welcome. Youth class size is limited to 15.

For more information Call 997-2123. Payment is due the first night of class.



**Adult Class Cost:**  
**\$35.00 for ten (10) sessions**

**Youth Class Cost:**  
**\$20.00 for six (6) sessions**

## Snowmobile Safety

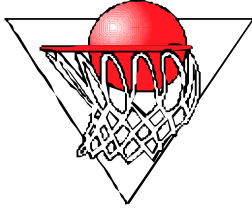
Each year during the month of November a snowmobile safety course is offered through the Recreation Department. This is a 3-night course with class times from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. You must be available to attend all 3-sessions in order to register for the course. There is a certification test given during the final evening class.

The course is taught by a certified snowmobile safety instructor and held at Coopersville City Hall. This course is opened to adults and children who will be at least 12 years of age as of February 1st of the year following completion of the course.

Class size is limited to 15 and pre-registration is MANDATORY. Fee is \$5.00 per participate and is due the first night of the class.

The dates of the next snowmobile safety course will be advertised in the Coopersville Observer and the Ottawa County Advance newspapers. Call the Recreation Department at 997-9731 to pre-register. First priority on registration will be given to residents within the Coopersville School District.

## Youth Basketball League



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The Coopersville Recreation Department offers Youth Basketball for boys and girls in first through third grade of the current school year.

Sign-ups are held in December. Practices start the first week of January. Coaches will call their team players with the time and location. Weeknight practice may start at 6:30 P.M. or 7:30 P.M. depending on coaches' schedules. Teams will practice for the first two weeks of the season.

Games are held on Saturdays starting in mid January and continue through the end of February in one of Coopersville Area Public Schools gyms.

There are separate divisions for boys and girls and each age group. This is dependent upon having enough players and coaches.

Games will be played at various times on Saturday morning, in both gyms at East Elementary and the West Elementary gym. Check the game schedule every week for time and location of the games. Uniform shirts will be distributed to each child during practice.

If games need to be cancelled because of weather, you will receive a call from the coach one-hour before game time. If CAPS classes are cancelled on Friday because of bad weather; the Saturday program is also cancelled!

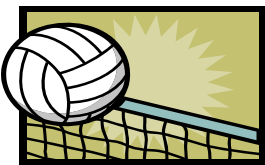
When games are canceled we will stick with the schedule. Cancelled games will be made-up if possible.

Shoes with black soles ARE NOT ALLOWED. No boots on gym floors.

**No food or drinks are allowed in the buildings at any time!** This is more important than ever this year due to increase cost for janitorial service. **If you bring food or drinks into the school facilities; you will be asked to dispose of it.**

Basketball for fourth through sixth grade is offered through the Coopersville School Varsity Basketball programs. Contact the Coopersville High School Athletic Department for more information 616-997-3524.

## Youth Volleyball



The volleyball varsity coach for the Coopersville Public Schools offers a volleyball clinic to girls in fourth through sixth grade (current school year). Clinics are held on Saturday during the months of January and February and will be held in one of school gyms. (TBA)

Participants are responsible for providing elbow and knee protection.

For safety reasons, parents and/or guardians are responsible to attend to all other siblings. Siblings will not be allowed to roam the hallways or gym unattended and may not be left in the school facility without a parent or guardian. Parents — if you leave the facilities; you must take your children with you!

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## Men's 35 and Over Basketball

This program is a Monday night event (7:00 P.M.) and is for men 35 years of age or older. Teenagers and those in their twenty's must find another place to play. The program starts in September and ends on the last Monday of April. This is strictly a recreational program. No hard fouls or aggressive play is allowed. You all must get up and go to work the next day. We provide liability insurance NOT health insurance. Play at your own risk.

Please remember that the cost to participate in this program is \$3.00 per person per day. The individual who brings the basketballs will have the box in which you may put the money.

All of your belongings should be placed on the bench. When you leave shirts or basketballs at each end of the short courts, a dangerous situation is created.

Please remember to wear different shoes into the building and/or make sure ALL of the snow/rain/mud is knocked off of your footwear. Please make sure you clean your feet on the appropriate carpet.

There is NO pop, water or food allowed in the gym at any time!

There seems to more individuals bringing kids with them when they play. This is not a good idea. When the kids are left unsupervised there is potential for trouble. This program is for adult men—not children.

Please follow these simple rules. Remember - we are guests in the school facility and we do not want anything to happen that will jeopardize this program.



## Girls' Basketball 4th—6th Grade

Offered by the Coopersville High School Varsity Basketball coach. The program begins the first Saturday in January and continues for eight consecutive Saturdays.

Girls will spend time on dribbling, passing, shooting and rebounding drills each week, followed by pick-up games for basketball.

Times may vary depending on the number of girls who register.

Girls should wear sweat pants or shorts, a comfortable top and good gym shoes.

Girls should bring a basketball (clearly marked with their name) with them.



## Boy's Basketball 4th—6th Grade

Offered by the Coopersville High School Varsity Basketball coach. The program begins the first Saturday in January and continues for eight consecutive Saturdays.

Boys will spend time on dribbling, passing, shooting and rebounding drills each week, followed by pick-up games for basketball.

Times may vary depending on the number of girls who register.

Boys should wear sweat pants or shorts, a comfortable top and good gym shoes.

Boys should bring a basketball (clearly marked with their name) with them.



### **Special Note for Basketball and Volleyball Clinics**

The locker rooms will not be open. Shoes with black soles are not allowed.

**No food or drinks are allowed in any of the school facilities! No pop, water or juice—covered or uncovered. If food items are brought in, you will be asked to throw it out.**

You must have your child picked up ON TIME! No younger siblings allowed in the building unsupervised. Players and siblings must stay out of the school hallways.

## More Information About Recreation Programs

### **Finances**

Like every other public entity the City of Coopersville is struggling with finances. The Recreation Department had to increase the sign-up costs for the first time in 9 years but Coopersville's fees are still some of the lowest in West Michigan. We are doing everything we can to keep costs down but we need your help now more than ever.

Our fundraiser has dropped from \$10,000 in profit in years past to just under \$6,000 . The fundraiser money pays for grass cutting, AAA Lawn care for The City Sports Complex and an additional fees for the fields we borrow for practice. The water and electric bill for the irrigation system has also increased. Additionally our fields are groomed every day before games for aesthetics and safety. We have the nicest looking/maintained fields in the area. The fundraiser is voluntary but we are begging for your help. If you do not wish to sell candy or Key Cards, you may make a cash donation instead.

One of our other big expenditures is for game officials. We have some of the best game officials you will find in any recreational program. Several of our baseball umpires are state certified and work for us at a reduced rate instead of making more money doing high school games. Our game officials are paid a nominal fee—(2 per game) \$15.00 per game for inexperienced and up to \$25.00 per game for experienced. We are currently establishing a veteran core of referees for soccer which is a relatively new sport in our community. In football, we have some of the best officials in the entire Northern Rocket Football League. Game officials, balls, related game equipment, soccer nets and goals, field paint and marking chalk as well as uniform shirts are covered by the registration fee. Non-residents pay an extra \$15.00 in lieu of city taxes.

The Annual Golf Outing is another important fundraiser for recreation. The golf outing is usually held in early summer. There is an 9:00 A.M. shotgun start. The cost is \$70.00 per player or \$280.00 per team. The price includes 18 holes and a cart plus door prizes and a catered dinner. Please consider helping the recreation department by entering a team in the golf outing. It is a great deal of fun.

Our fundraisers are critical in these times of financial hardships. If your family enjoys the programming we offer, please help.



### **Uniforms and Trophies**

Except for the Northern Rocket Football League, the Recreation Department no longer requires uniforms to be returned at the end of the season. There was difficulty getting the uniforms returned and uniform shirts were being returned in poor condition. Additionally, the year-to-year changes in team sponsorships made the uniforms unusable.

Due to the lack of volunteers we no longer operate concessions. The concession profits used to pay for trophies and the end of the season picnics which unfortunately, have both been eliminated. However, we have underestimated how important receiving a trophy is for many of our participants. The Recreation Department will be looking for trophy sponsors to make sure each child receives a trophy at seasons end. If you are a business owner and you have children participating in recreation programs, please consider a donation of \$50.00 to help cover the cost of trophies.

### **Contact the Recreation Department**

Dave Alderink is the Recreation Director for the City of Coopersville. He may be reached at (616) 997-9731 or (616) 997-2123 Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. After 5:00 P.M. or on the weekend, you may leave a voice mail message at (616) 997-2123. Dave's e-mail address is [dalderin@cityofcoopersville.com](mailto:dalderin@cityofcoopersville.com). The City of Coopersville's web site address is [www.cityofcoopersville.com](http://www.cityofcoopersville.com) — select 'Departments' and then 'Recreation Department' for a list of programs, program descriptions, sign-up information and online forms.

### **Sign-up**

It is imperative that you register on time. The make-up of the teams, the numbers of team's, shirt orders and schedules all are determined based on the number of registrations that we have.

Registrations must be completed and signed by the participant's parents or legal guardian. Please be prepared to provide a current phone number. All sign-ups are held at Coopersville City Hall, 289 Danforth Street. Notification of sign-ups dates are sent home with children through their school classrooms; listed in the school *Show and Tell* paper and also advertised in the *Coopersville Observer* and *Advance* Newspapers.

Forms may be downloaded from our web site and mailed in with the appropriate fees to: Recreation Department, 289 Danforth Street, Coopersville, MI 49404.

### **Parent Information Letter**

Parent information letters are distributed to everyone through the sign-up process. The letter contains all of the vital information about the program in which your child is involved. Please make sure you **read and save** the parent information letter for your child's sport.

### **General Policy**

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, the Coopersville Recreation Department, along with a growing list of communities in Ottawa County, prohibits smoking around the children at the City Sports Complex. Dogs are not allowed in the City Parks—please leave your pets at home. For the safety of all the kids that are playing in the parks, please obey the posted speed limit of 15 MPH and keep a look out for the little ones that may run out into the parking area. When using the indoor facilities during the winter sports, absolutely **NO food items or drinks (covered or uncovered) are permitted at any time in any of the school gyms**. Parents are to be responsible for siblings of sports participants and those siblings may not be left at any time unattended or running in the hallways of the school.

**Weather Related Policy:** Coaches will be contacted by the Recreation Director in the event that outdoor games need to be cancelled. Coaches will contact each of their team members. If the CAPS school is closed due to increment weather, all recreation events are cancelled. If the school is closed on a Friday, Saturday events are cancelled.

### **Program Locations**

Coopersville Sports Complex is the home of two Little League baseball fields, a soccer field, a softball field, basketball hoops for pick-up games, horseshoe pits, an archery range and a newly built multi-purpose skating rink. The south baseball field and the soccer field both have lights for evening play. The City Sports Complex is located behind Veterans Park, 254 W. Randall Street, Coopersville MI 49404.

Grove Street Park is home to the adult softball league as well as youth flag football. It is located at 94 Grove Street, Coopersville, MI 49404.

The Coopersville Recreation Department uses various gyms on the Coopersville Area Public School's campus. The school is located at 198 East Street, Coopersville, MI 49404.

## Coopersville Recreation Department

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The Recreation Department for the City of Coopersville is funded through the taxes collected from Coopersville city residents. The City pays all operational costs such as liability insurance, copy costs, mailing costs, water bills, electric bills, maintenance of recreational facilities including infield stone dust, fertilizer, grass cutting, trash removal, all capital items such as new ball fields and parking lots. In addition, the city pays the recreation director and all support staff.

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[www.cityofcoopersville.com](http://www.cityofcoopersville.com)

The Recreation Department receives absolutely no financial assistance from the Coopersville Area Public Schools (CAPS). Property taxes paid to CAPS do not help fund city recreational programs. The Recreation Department works closely with the administrative staff from the school, however, all use of the CAPS facilities must be paid for through the program's registration fees.

## Keeping Our Community Active



## Do You Live in the City of Coopersville?

The map below shows the boundaries for the City of Coopersville. If you live outside of the boundary, you are a non-city resident.

