

Memories from Tualatin City Little League Softball 2011

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Tualatin City Little League Softball signups for next season will started December 1st, 2011 for the 2012 season. Some of you have packed up your mitt and bat for the winter but your Little League Board is already hard at work preparing for next year. While we wait for the warm days of next summer, we thought we would

share some memories from the 2011 season. Keep sending in your favorite memories to Supporters of Tualatin City Little League on Facebook or look for us on the web at www.tualatincitysoftball.com

Here is one memory from the Woodward family whose daughter Megan played Majors (11-12 year

olds) and continued on to All-Stars and the World Series playoff at Alpenrose this past year.

"Our daughter Megan has played softball for about five years with three of those years being year-round in a combination of ASA and Little League Teams. She had always wanted to pitch but the girls in competitive tournament teams were often specialized in a few positions and for Megan not having any formal pitching training that meant that she didn't get any time at the mound. In January 2011, Megan made a plea to her father and I to let her take pitching lessons and we finally obliged but cautiously knowing that many of her peers had been taking lessons for years and that she'd have some catching up to do. Little League Coach Joey Hall took Megan out to the far side of the field to see what kind of progress she had been making. As a parent, I did my best not to watch but I could see that she had some good pitches and some not so good pitches. I saw Joey talk to her and demonstrate some technique (who am I kidding, I saw everything.)

When they came back before game two, Megan ran to me and trying to contain her excitement said, "Coach Joey is going to let me pitch the first inning of the next game!" As a parent, I was trying to keep it cool and calmly said something supportive to effect of "That is great news. Have fun out there!" Inside as a parent, I had more jitters than I expected. Megan's first inning of her first game, three up and three down! I am glad it was quick as I am not sure that

I was breathing. It was certainly not all Megan's doing as two of the girls hit off Megan but our defense was so strong that they never made it to first base. What a great first inning. Megan was allowed to continue to pitch full



game getting support and encouragement from her team and her coaches. The team ended up winning the game. I knew right then that this had been a monumental moment for Megan. Since that beautiful sunny April day in The Dalles, Megan pitched in dozens of

games. Some great memories and some that we will chalk up to learning experiences, but through it all, Megan has



always been able to go back to her first pitching experience with Tualatin Little League and recall Coach Joey Hall's warm support and know deep down inside that "I can do this". That is priceless. Thank you Tualatin City Little League and Thank you coach Joey!"

~Dawn Woodward

Since 1939, Little League has providing a framework for children all over the world to participate in softball and baseball. Tualatin's Little League Softball program is still going strong through the support of dedicated parents who throughout the year work to make Little League assessable for our community. From ages 4 to 14 for T-Ball, Single A, Double AA, Triple AAA and Majors. Come join us this next spring for some fun!



Rachel Still (back) and Ali Herrera (front) at Alpenrose Before a game this past summer.

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