



Central Amherst Little League

Proud member of Little League Baseball Inc.

2016 Annual Report

Central Amherst Little League Fast Facts

- League established in 1955 as a member of Little League Baseball Inc. (Williamsport, PA).
- Six diamonds located at 480 Wehrle Drive in Amherst (next to Amherst's "Big Blue Water Tower").
- Baseball facilities provided by the Town of Amherst since 1955 via User Agreement.
- Little League baseball program for children ages 4-16.
- Challenger League baseball program for children and adults.



Activity

- Fields in active baseball use from April through October (7 days a week from April to July)
- Little League (April to July)
- Challenger League (April to August)
- CALL Moms Softball (July to August)
- Travel Teams (April to August)
- Sandlot Baseball (July to September)
- Catholic School League (September to October)



2016 Season Highlights

A Year of Records and Firsts...

RECORD and Growing Participation

- **633** total registered players
- *A league-record 12* T-Ball teams
- **55** teams at **9** levels
 - T-Ball (ages 4-5)
 - A-Ball (age 6)
 - AA Junior (age 7)
 - AA Senior (age 8)
 - AAA (ages 9-10)
 - Majors (ages 11-12)
 - Juniors (ages 13-15)
 - Seniors (ages 16-18)
 - Challenger League
- **110+** registered coaches (plus additional assistants)
- **500+** parent volunteers (includes Snack Stand assistance and other various tasks)
- **23**-member board of directors
- **New expanded house playoff format** that kept more teams playing longer.



2016 Season Highlights (cont.)

Special Events and Family Fun

- Opening Day ceremony
- **Memorial Day Parade (Williamsville)**
- Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparents' Day celebrations
- **Apple Pie fundraiser (Dolci Bakery) raised \$678 toward a Walk-Aide system for Challenger League player Miles Crenshaw**
- "The Henesey" All-Star Game and Food Truck Friday
- MLB Pitch, Hit & Run Contest
- Story Time Bookshop wagon and read-along at the ballpark
- Central Amherst Day at the Batavia Muckdogs Game

Upgrades/Improvements

- Expanded Parking Lot (completed Summer 2016).
- Renovated interior of Snack Stand (completed Spring 2016).
- New electric lines to AA Junior and A-Ball fields for pitching machines (completed Spring 2016).
- New outfield fences on A-Ball and T-Ball fields and "Green Monster" windscreen on Majors field.
- New dugout and field signage (all fields).
- New playing equipment for upper divisions in 2016; lower divisions in 2017.



2016 Season Highlights (cont.)

FIRST “All-Star” Team to Advance to State Tournament

- **Central Amherst Age 10/11 Williamsport “All-Star” Team**
 - District 1 Champions (North Tonawanda, NY)
 - Section 1 West Champions (Wellsville, NY)
 - Advanced to New York State Elite Eight (East Greenbush, NY)

Competitive Travel Program

- Won several tournaments championships at several age levels.
- 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U teams participated in Cooperstown Classic Tournament in Cooperstown, NY.

Community Engagement/Partnerships

- Town of Amherst
- More than 30 local business sponsors
- Amherst Central School District

Special thanks to the Town of Amherst for its support of Central Amherst Little League!



2016 Season Highlights (cont.)

Player and Coach Development Programs

- Preseason player clinic hosted by Amherst Central School District baseball program. Event was held at Amherst High School Varsity Gymnasium and attended by more than 200 Central Amherst players.
- Preseason coach clinic hosted by Amherst Central School District baseball program. Event was held at Windermere Boulevard Elementary School Auditorium and attended by more than 30 Central Amherst coaches.
- **In-season, player clinics introduced for the first time ever at the T-Ball and A-Ball levels as part of the season schedule.**
- Second annual **F.B.I. (Fundamental Baseball Instruction) Camp** held June 27-July 1 at Central Amherst complex. Weeklong, full-day camp hosted by Brian Davis and Chris Dolce with assistance of coaches and players from the Amherst Central School District baseball program. Camp was sold out for second straight year, with 120 campers in attendance.

