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## **The Boys & Girls Club of Albany Joins Major League Baseball's® ROOKIE League Program**

Boys & Girls Club of Albany, Oregon – March/April 2008

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL®** announced today that the Boys & Girls Club of Albany will be launching their first season as part of the **ROOKIE** League program. **ROOKIE** League Baseball is administrated by **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL®**. Equipment grants to help start up the leagues are provided by **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL®**, and its licensees.

Thanks to a grant received from **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL®**, the Boys & Girls Club of Albany will be hosting a league for 5 year olds to 9 year olds. The 5-7 year olds will be playing T-ball and the 8-9 year olds will be playing in a pitching machine league. The goals of the program are to increase participation and interest in baseball; provide needed mentors; build social skills; encourage physical fitness; promote positive values; and build confidence and self – esteem.



As part of the grant, each team will receive replica shirts of **MAJOR LEAGUE™** teams as well as caps. Also included in this grant are a new pitching machine for the league as well as new baseballs and bats among other things.

What you need to know:

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 14, 2008  
Practices Begin the Week of: May 27, 2008  
Games Begin the Week of: June 9, 2008  
Games End the Week of: July 26, 2008

Selection Process: Teams will be formed by grade school and age.

Just a reminder... We are always looking for volunteers to coach as well as team sponsorship. For more information, please contact Kim at the Boys & Girls Club of Albany - 541-926-6666 or via email: [kim@bgc-albany.org](mailto:kim@bgc-albany.org)