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Hello University City Parents – WE ARE BACK!!!

We are really excited to start another successful season of Redbird Rookies recreational summer sports (tee-ball, baseball, softball) for those University City boys and girls in Kindergarten through 7th Grade. We will work hard to make this **FREE** program (sponsored by St. Louis Cardinals – Cardinal Care organization) positive, enjoyable and a great time for all! Everyone associated with our program is dedicated to make your child's participation fun, exciting and a successful experience.

On behalf of The City of University City Recreation Division, I am inviting all parents, coaches, and players to sign up for our **FREE** program. We provide everything, except the kids and coaches - and we need your help with that, so Go to [redbirdrookies.org](https://www.mlb.com/cardinals/community/redbird-rookies) (the full URL is <https://www.mlb.com/cardinals/community/redbird-rookies>), Click "Find a league near you!" and Select "**Sign Up**" under **University City**.

Redbird Rookies is more than just baseball "wins and losses;" Our U City Redbird Rookies program emphasizes fun, enjoyment, skill development, and provides our kids through these sports - the life skills to work "cooperatively on and off the field." Oh yes!! - the outstanding **FREE** social and community events are also amazing - Night at The History Museum, a Brian Owens performance at The Sheldon, STEM Exploration at The Science Center and much more! Our 2021 Redbird Rookies season is tentatively scheduled to begin late May through the end of July, with team practices held Monday through Friday and games on Saturdays – with all home games held in University City parks. We even get a chance to play other area Redbird Rookies teams throughout St. Louis!

We want our players to learn all the basic skills of baseball and to become as proficient as they can –all while having lots and lots of fun! We also believe forming friendships, developing a feeling of belonging and learning to share experiences with others is important to our children.

Our Redbird Rookies program is designed for kids with all levels of ability - "whether a child has never put on a glove or swung a bat, that's ok." The goal of U City Redbird Rookies is to give all the team members every opportunity to play during the season. We want our kids to experience playing in a range of positions, different locations and the fun and joy of a team sports in a "no pressure, fun based" environment.

Sincerely yours,

Lynda Euell-Taylor, Deputy Director/Recreation
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