



## Portland Beavers, Salem-Keizer Volcanoes and Friends of Baseball Youth Baseball/Softball Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards Now Accepting Nominations!

The Portland Beavers, Salem-Keizer Volcanoes and Friends of Baseball are pleased to announce the third annual Youth Baseball/Softball Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards. These organizations share the belief that participation in organized sports plays a vital role in the overall well-being of today's youth and that it is important to recognize those that give of themselves so this opportunity is available for our kids. With that thought in mind, the Beavers and Friends of Baseball developed a partnership in 2007 to award and applaud deserving coaches and volunteers for their tireless efforts in assisting youth in the Portland metro area. In 2009 the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes have joined us to expand this program to now include the northern Willamette Valley region. To commemorate their accomplishments, and to assist in funding future development of their team/league, the Coach and Volunteer of the Year recipients will each be presented with a \$1000 check from either Friends of Baseball/Portland Beavers or Friends of Baseball/Salem-Keizer Volcanoes during two separate field ceremonies with the Beavers or Volcanoes.

It is understood that these financial awards are to be used by the honorees individual teams and leagues for the benefit of youth baseball and softball in their region.

The Coach and Volunteer of the Year awards serve to recognize those who have demonstrated exemplary efforts in their ability to promote good sportsmanship and fair play, have a favorable basic attitude towards the game and players, all while offering quality instruction and support. Please spread the word, as there are so many deserving individuals to be considered.

### **Nominee Eligibility Requirements**

- Coaches or volunteers with a team located within one of the following counties will be eligible:  
Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington and Clark County Washington - Metro Award  
Marion, Benton, Linn, Polk - Willamette Valley Award
- Team is part of a league or organization that is affiliated with a recognized non-profit, registered as a 501(c)(3) with tax-exempt status from the IRS.
- Have coached or volunteered in either the current or previous year's season.
- Serves in an unpaid role with their team or league.
- Works with kids in any age range of youth baseball/softball.

### **How to Submit a Nomination**

Individuals interested in submitting a nomination for Coach or Volunteer of the Year consideration should send a letter to the addresses below. While we commend all those who give of their time, only those fulfilling the eligibility requirements above will be considered for these particular awards.

Nomination letters should not exceed two pages in length and should include a brief description, accompanied by specific examples, of how the candidate exhibits the following criteria:

- Values of true sportsmanship and a winning attitude are a priority both on and off the field.
- A personal devotion to the youth baseball/softball experience and its impact in the community.
- A desire for success within their own program, but also a willingness to assist other teams in finding their own success.
- Willingness to assist in communities where the need may be great.
- Through example, demonstrates a supporting and nurturing style that extends beyond the game being played.
- Promotes dignity, respect and integrity in all aspects of their preparation and implementation of the game.

Nominations will be accepted beginning April 1, 2009. Please forward you nominations based on the county your league resides. Nomination should be mailed or emailed to:

**Metro Nomination Counties ~ Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington and Clark County Washington**

Coach/Volunteer of the Year 1844 SW Morrison St. Portland, OR 97205 <a href="mailto:ssmith@pgepark.com">ssmith@pgepark.com</a>	AND	Friends of Baseball 1631 NE Broadway, #118 Portland, OR 97232 <a href="mailto:info@friendsofbaseball.org">info@friendsofbaseball.org</a>
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**Willamette Valley Nomination Counties ~ Marion, Benton, Linn, Polk**

Coach/Volunteer of the Year c/o Salem-Keizer Volcanoes P.O. Box 20936 Keizer, Oregon 97307 <a href="mailto:probasebal@aol.com">probasebal@aol.com</a>	AND	Friends of Baseball 1631 NE Broadway, #118 Portland, Or 97232 <a href="mailto:info@friendsofbaseball.org">info@friendsofbaseball.org</a>
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Please include contact information for both the nominee and the nominator for follow-up. Receipt of all letters will be acknowledged and supplemental information may be requested during the review process.

Selection Process Timeline

April – June	Nomination letters accepted
July	Nomination review
July 16	Award Presentation at Salem-Keizer Volcanoes home Baseball game ( <b>Valley Award</b> ) <i>*Nominee must be available for on-field awards presentation at the designated game.</i>
July 17	Award presentation at Portland Beavers home baseball game ( <b>Metro Award</b> ) <i>*Nominee must be available for on-field awards presentation at the designated game.</i>

We ask that all teams and leagues within the designated region consider nominations for the extraordinary efforts that so many individuals have made to their teams and communities. Our collective objective is for this to become an annual award for an outstanding group of individuals devoted to youth baseball and softball in our community.

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