



Grand Slam for Youth Baseball 2013 "Field Makeover" Application

Since 2002, Grand Slam for Youth Baseball has been performing "Field Makeovers" on youth baseball and softball fields throughout the Houston area. Grand Slam for Youth Baseball (GSFYB), a partnership between the makers of Minute Maid and the Houston Astros, makes it easier for boys and girls to play, learn about and experience baseball.

Hundreds of applications have been received since the Grand Slam for Youth Baseball "Field Makeover" program began. In that time, more than 14 youth fields have had a GSFYB "Field Makeover."

In these "Field Makeovers," Grand Slam for Youth Baseball has:

- Rebuilt and resurfaced infields
- Rebuilt, leveled and planted new grass in outfields
- Installed field fencing and safety fence toppers
- Covered dugouts
- Built bleachers for fan seating
- Installed new scoreboards
- Landscaped areas around the ball field

All of the "Field Makeovers" were planned and completed with the help and support of the leagues that played on the field and the entities that were responsible for the land. In teaming up with these two groups, Grand Slam for Youth Baseball has been able to help the leagues strengthen and expand their baseball program and help the local community have a safer place for young people to play.

All of those associated with Grand Slam for Youth Baseball are looking forward to receiving your application. Please fill it out completely with as much information as possible. This will help Grand Slam for Youth Baseball give your field full and proper consideration.

The application deadline is July 31, 2012. Please email the completed application in PDF format to field@gsfyb.org

Finalists will be selected and have a site visit by August 31, 2012. GSFYB will make selection announcement in September 2012. Typically, work takes place between November and April.

For more information, visit gsfyb.com to learn about previous "Field Makeovers," and all of the other programs that are supported by Grand Slam for Youth Baseball.

Name of Ballpark: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____

Zip Code of Ballpark: _____

League or Group that Uses Ballpark: _____

Are there multiple fields at this ballpark? ___ Yes ___ No

If so, for which field are you applying for assistance? _____

Name of Person Filling Out Application: _____

Phone Number: Home – _____ Cell – _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

What is your affiliation with the field or league? _____

Is the ball field on public or private property? _____

Who controls the property? _____

What is their contact information? _____

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Approx. how many user groups (teams, leagues, etc.) use this ball field, and who are they?

What months is the field used? _____

Who maintains the field and what is the maintenance schedule? _____

Please breakdown the number of youths participating in your league or group.

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

What is the age range of the youths that play in your program? _____

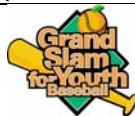
How many adult volunteers participate in your program? _____

Please rank (in order of importance) what needs a "Makeover" on this field to make it a better and safer place for youths to play ball. Please be specific.

(Note: The Grand Slam for Youth Baseball program does not provide elements that are non-essential for playing baseball/softball such as concession stands, lights, bathrooms, meeting rooms, etc.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____

Please use a separate sheet if necessary



Briefly state why this field should be chosen for a "Field Makeover." Please include any interesting history or facts about the field and/or your league or group.

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Please feel free to include any additional written material about the field, your league or group. You may also include pictures of the field.

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Background

On June 5, 2002, the Houston Astros and the makers of Minute Maid announced that they had “expanded their relationship to create a long-term marketing and community partnership.” Among other things, the agreement called for the Astros Field to be rechristened Minute Maid Park; the continuation of the Minute Maid Squeeze Play interactive kids’ area at Minute Maid Park; and a commitment “**to support youth baseball programs in the Houston area.**” Out of that commitment to youth came **Grand Slam for Youth Baseball (“GSFYB”) a community partnership between Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation**

Grand Slam for Youth Baseball comprises the following four components:

Sponsorship of the City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department’s Youth Baseball Program

The 2012 season marks the tenth year Grand Slam for Youth Baseball has sponsored the City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department’s free youth baseball, softball and t-ball program for youth ages 4-18. GSFYB provides all t-shirts, caps, equipment and instruction for the program. More than 25,000 Houston-area boys and girls have benefited from this program.

Refurbishment of one youth ball field a year

Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation have pledged to refurbish one youth ball field each year by providing renovated field surfaces, fencing, covered dugouts, scoreboard or other needs. Employees of both organizations assist in the refurbishment efforts. In 2012, Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation are refurbishing the Billy Wiseman Jr. Memorial Field in Temple Texas.

Baseball-related educational programs

In 2005, the makers of Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation announced the Grand Slam For Youth Baseball Scholarship Program to assist greater Houston-area high school senior boys and girls with college expenses. Since the scholarship program inception, GSFYB has given more than 125 scholarships to Houston area high school seniors. More than 52 of these scholarships were first-generation recipients. In 2012, GSFYB will award 25 \$ 2,500 scholarships. The 2012 Scholarship application may be accessed at www.gsfiyb.com

Fund-raising opportunities for youth baseball/softball teams and leagues

Through GSFYB, Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation offer fund-raising opportunities to help qualified 501(c)(3) youth baseball/softball teams and leagues earn money for needed baseball/softball-related expenses. Since the program started, more than \$125,000 has been donated to Houston-area teams and leagues. Qualifying teams and leagues could earn a minimum of \$ 1,000 through a Minute Maid product grant. Applications for grants may be accessed on the gsfiyb.com website home page.