

What an exciting time to be part of the NGYAA family.

Our programs continue to grow in number and quality. We have the most dedicated board members, coaches, and parents compared with any other park around. All with a common goal of making New Georgia Park the best it can be for use by our children. There are several people that have come forward with new zeal and energy over the past year or so and have initiated substantial improvements in our facility and in our operation.

Below are a few highlights of recent decisions and investments that have been made:

The NGYAA board of directors is pleased to announce that the official mascot of South Paulding Youth Football / Cheerleading is now the Spartans.

There has been much discussion and thought concerning this change and the unanimous decision was to change our mascot to Spartans. Trust me that this was an extremely difficult decision for me personally as I was a Bear myself growing up (actually I was a SweatBee, Hornet, Cub, and then a Bear for the older group that may remember those days). We will operate independently from South Paulding High School and remain in the same league, Northwest Georgia Youth Football League. This is NOT a feeder league; and anyone, no matter their school district, is welcome to participate with Spartan Youth. We were at a point in the football / cheer program that required substantial investment for new equipment this fall and felt that this would be a great opportunity to generate some new interest in our program.

The New Georgia baseball program will participate "in house" this spring.

Our baseball program has evolved into the best in the county by far. This is attributed to a lot of effort by our baseball director, park directors, several dedicated coaches, and numerous parents that have the vision to make our park the best option for youth recreation baseball. This "in house" decision is a huge step in becoming the premier baseball league in our county. We will have 36 teams in the park this spring and expect that number to grow next year to maximum capacity. For a family with multiple kids participating, they will have to travel to NG park for practice and games. Keeping families together to experience their recreation time together instead of running across county with different children was a major contributor to our decision. This new league also enables us to arrange our own schedule so we can make our park as efficient as possible giving more teams and kids more time on the fields. This independence allows us to modify our league rules as well and we will make our new league extremely competitive producing more kids that love the game of baseball than ever before.

We have completed or in the process of completing park projects that reach approximately \$50,000 in value. These project were started after the football /cheer season and will be complete before our spring baseball games begin:

Football score board.

Concrete scorers area and dugouts for Fields 2 and 4.

Aluminum players benches for Fields 2 and 4.

New scorer tables for Fields 1, 2, and 4. These will also have small storage areas below for field preparation equipment.

15' x 50' concrete pad for future storage building.

Drainage repair and grading at Field 2.

12- large shade trees along fence line.

New landscape at park entrance.

Backstop and fencing for Field 5.

Water line for Field 2 and 4.

Several loads of field conditioner for all infield areas.

Concession window upgrade with stainless steel counters and enclosures.

Most of this work was completed through fundraising profits, concession profits, and your registration dollars. However, a lot was completed with donations of equipment, materials, and labor by numerous people in our park community. Our recent work day had over 40 people working together for the betterment of the park - OUR PARK TOGETHER.

What a great community... Please come join us as we work together to create a wonderful facility and program for all our children. There is always a place for another volunteer at New Georgia and plenty of work left to be done.

Please feel free to contact me at phicks@ngyaa.org with any concern or new idea you may have regarding our park. You may also contact any board member with a specific program question or concern. Every board member's name and contact information is listed on our website: www.ngyaa.org

Sincerely,

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