

## Central Vermont Little League Annual Report

In December 2015, a group of volunteers got together with the idea of keeping Little League a high quality and positive experience for youth in the Central Valley and Montpelier communities. The product of that effort was the Central Vermont Little League, a merger of two leagues from nine towns: Berlin, Cabot, Calais, East Montpelier, Marshfield, Middlesex, Montpelier, Plainfield, and Worcester. The merger had several goals:

- A larger pool of players, ages 5-12, to balance year-to-year variations in traditionally town-based baseball and softball rosters. **2016: 378 players**
- A larger pool of teams to make scheduling regular-season games easier. **2016: 34 teams**
- More fields available, and improved field utilization. **2016: 9 fields**
- A deeper pool of volunteers. **2016: 75+ volunteers**
- Support for the post-season (“All-Star”) Little League tournament. **2016: two teams, 9/10 and 11/12.**

In 2016, hundreds of volunteer hours later, a Board of Directors was formed, registration forms were collected, rosters and schedules were created, volunteer coaches were identified, equipment and uniforms were provided, and fields were prepared.

Other 2016 accomplishments:

- Volunteers created and distributed a Little League-approved Safety Plan which can be easily updated from year-to-year.
- Volunteers organized four fall “skills sessions” in and had 54 players participate.
- Opened a League checking account so that the Board could spend fundraising dollars on League expenses.
- Clarified player / town assignments and post-season Manager / Coach selection process.

2017 goals:

- Clarify post-season Player selection process
- Clarify Central Vermont Little League relationship with the Montpelier Recreation Department - financially and administratively
- Umpire identification and training
- Schedule regular season league tournaments for Minors and Majors