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Call for Players and Volunteers for Waukee 's Miracle League

Fall Season Registration is Open Through August 12 for
Baseball League for Special Needs Youth

Waukee, Iowa – Baseball players with special needs and disabilities are invited to join the fall season for the youth Miracle League with Waukee Parks & Recreation. Players take their swing on the Greater Iowa Credit Union Miracle League field at the heart of the baseball complex in beautiful Triumph Park. All kids ages 5-19 with special needs - whether physical, emotional, social or cognitive - wanting to play baseball/softball on a non-competitive, coed team are eligible to play in this league. The league runs September 9-30 with games played on Saturday mornings, 9-10 a.m. at Triumph Park.

The special field removes the barriers which may prevent these aspiring athletes with a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices while helping to prevent injuries. **The league is more than just playing a game. Players can make new friends and build self-esteem.** Each player is paired with a "buddy" to assist them throughout each game.

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Registration is open through Saturday, August 12 at Waukee.org/Registration under Register for Activities. Search "Miracle League" to find the program.

Volunteers Needed

Umpire the game, be the Miracle League mascot, announce player at-bats or pair up with a player as a "buddy" to cheer them on and help them through the game. Volunteers can sign up for all 4 weeks or pick game days based on their availability. Volunteers can participate as a group with friends, family or coworkers. Younger students can volunteer alongside a parent. Learn more at Waukee.org/MiracleLeague.

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—the fourth fastest growing county in the U.S. The current population is 29,167 residents. Waukee offers a welcoming atmosphere, featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to

economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, [Kettlestone](#). For more information, visit [Waukee.org](#).

Triumph Park is the City of Waukee's 66-acre regional park which includes 12 softball/baseball fields, practice areas, concessions and more, serving local ball teams, large-scale tournaments and athletes with special needs by way of the Greater Iowa Credit Union Miracle League® Field. An 11-acre pond with accessible pier, greenspaces and trails provide outdoor recreation opportunities. Triumph Park is also home to one of the largest EPIC inclusive playgrounds in the U.S. Visit [WaukeeTriumphPark.org](#) for more information.

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