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Miracle League All-Star Game Comes to Waukee

Waukee, Iowa – On Tuesday, Waukee Parks & Recreation will host the All-Star Game for metro Miracle League teams at Triumph Park. These games are sure to bring joy to your heart, so everyone is invited to come cheer on the players and enjoy a great game of baseball.

- Miracle League All-Star Game featuring youth athletes with special needs and disabilities from around the metro
- Triumph Park: Greater Iowa Credit Union Miracle League Field
- Tuesday, March 23
 - Game 1 at 6 PM: Waukee vs. Urbandale
 - Game 2 at 7 PM: Ankeny vs Kiwanis (Des Moines)

Waukee Miracle League is a 6-week baseball league for kids ages 5-19 with special needs, whether physical, emotional, social or cognitive, who want to play baseball. The Spring Season for this non-competitive, coed league runs April 15-May 20 with games played on Saturday mornings, 9-10 a.m. at Triumph Park. It culminates with an All-Star event with leagues from around the metro. Volunteers from the community partner with these very special youth athletes as buddies to help their player throughout the game or to delight the kids as Homer, our fun league mascot.

About Miracle League

There is something about playing the game that lights up a person's eyes. But for children and adults facing serious physical and mental disabilities that opportunity can often be difficult to achieve. Baseball diamonds weren't exactly designed with wheelchairs and crutches in mind. The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. Since the main barriers for these adults arise from the natural grass fields used in conventional leagues, Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assertive devices while helping to prevent injuries.

But it's more than playing a game. The Miracle League is about making new friends, building self-esteem and being treated just like other athletes. To help the athletes, the Miracle League uses a "buddy" system - pairing each player with an able-bodied peer. The result is a bond that cannot be described. The Miracle League serves children and adults who suffer from any physical or mental disabilities, which causes them to be excluded, whether intentionally or not, from conventional Baseball leagues. There are presently 350 plus Miracle League Organizations across the country including Puerto Rico and Canada, while serving 450,000 plus children and adults. Learn more at <https://www.miracleleague.com/>.

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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 country's largest EPIC Inclusive Playgrounds. Visit TriumphPark.org.

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 26,495 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.