



Pony Bird, Inc.
SOFTBALL PROGRAM
for Jefferson County residents



If you like the game of softball and would like to take part as an athlete, coach or Unified Partner, consider joining one of the teams at Pony Bird. Formerly known as NextStep for Life, we offer sports training for all levels of abilities, ages 15 & up. We have well-trained volunteer coaches who love teaching the game and we have actively participated in Special Olympics competition for over 40 years.

If you are interested in joining the Pony Bird Softball Program, you will find contact information below. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We have a great time with athletes and families. It's a great gathering at the ball fields for all. Hope you can join us.

Individual Skills—for the athlete who is just starting out in softball and wants to learn the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, base-running and throwing skills. This does not require a lot of running and movement so those athletes with mobility challenges can enjoy the sport.

Tee-ball or Coach Pitch - for the athlete who wants to partake in all aspects of the game but has low tolerance for the more intense competition. This level of play can be adapted for most players.

Modified Team—for the more skilled athletes. The level of abilities for athletes can vary and they enjoy the game with little to no modifications.

Unified Team—has been offered as well for the modified teams. Friends and siblings are invited to compete with these athletes. This is a great opportunity for athletes who have been playing softball and looking for good competition. It's fun for our Unified partners as well.

Our athletes compete at local and state levels of Special Olympics tournaments. We have had athletes compete at Special Olympics USA games as well. However, tournament play is optional so you are welcome to join us just for practices. We are always looking for volunteers to support our athletes as a coach or Unified Partner. Call our office for more information on how to make this happen for you.

Pony Bird—Leisure Services

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Contact our Leisure office for registration information.



Cost: \$25.00 sports fee with additional cost if athlete competes in the State Special Olympics tournament

Practice at Sunset Park in Festus

Wednesday Evenings beginning June 17th. 6:30—8:00

Scheduled practices every Wednesday until final competition

Fun for Family and Friends as well..

- We welcome family and friends to join our team of coaches to become more involved with your athletes
- We offer the opportunity to be a Unified Partner to play alongside our athletes if a Unified team is developed.
- Or if you want to be a "fan in the stands", we appreciate that as well.