

Softball



Just Keep Believing Tournament

Leading the way to find a cure for spinal cord injuries

Saturday June 10th, 2017 – Beginning at 8:00 AM

This year to be held on the grounds of Marvin Park in Owego

Please visit our website: jkbfoundation.com for a map and directions to Marvin Park

MISSION: The Just Keep Believing (JKB) Foundation is an organization whose primary objectives are to raise awareness and generate proceeds to find a cure for spinal cord injuries. The foundation was originally created to benefit Jessica Kress Burrell, a former Owego Free Academy student-athlete who was injured in 2008 and sustained several injuries including severe spinal cord damage. Through her personal dedication and hard work, including several rehabilitation programs, Jessica has made incredible strides and improvement over several years. She graduated from OFA and went on to Ithaca College where she earned her degree in Speech-Language Pathology and maintained an amazingly perfect 4.0 GPA over those four years! Jessica subsequently earned her Master's Degree and plans to begin practicing in the near future with a primary goal of helping others.

From its origins, the JKB Foundation has become a proud leader in the quest to FIND A CURE. The foundation will focus its 2017 efforts to funding research and groundbreaking initiatives designed to cure spinal cord injuries and improve the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of people!!

To find out more about the JKB Foundation and the incredible progress being made toward a cure, visit our website:

www.jkbfoundation.com

and our Facebook group page: "Just Keep Believing"

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

(teams may elect to receive 25% of the raffle tax value in cash if they choose)

1st place = \$2,000 in JKB raffle tickets
2nd place = \$1,500 in JKB raffle tickets
3rd place = \$1,000 in JKB raffle tickets

TOURNAMENT is CO-ED and only ONE division this year – Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games. Teams will begin the tournament in pool play. After pool games are played, the top teams will advance and are determined by: (1) winning your pool, (2) runs scored, and (3) runs given up. The top 8 teams, including wild cards if necessary, will enter a single elimination bracket to determine the champion. A third place game will also be played. All common rules for 6 to 12 foot slow pitch softball apply; unless otherwise mentioned. For safety, please no metal cleats (must slide on close plays). Two members from each team may be needed to officiate games in pool play rounds, when your team is not in play. Tournament officials will be provided for all elimination games and finals. *If anyone under the age of 18 is on your team, they MUST have a consent form signed by a parent/guardian prior to playing. To receive a form see contact info on the back*

CO-ED requirements:

Teams must have at least 4 females. The total number of males must be within 2 of the total number of females. All of the following are allowable combinations: **4 women & 6 men - 5 women & either 5, 6, or 7 men - 6 women & between 4 – 8 men**. There must be a minimum of 4 women in the field of play at all times. All members of the team may be placed in the batting lineup. The batting lineup order **must alternate male/female**. If the make-up of your team consists of 1 or 2 more males than females, then your "extra" male(s) must bat at the end of your lineup. This will cause one allowable occurrence of two or three males batting back-to-back when the batting order wraps from the end of the lineup to the top. We realize this may cause a slightly favorable situation for teams that have more males than females, but **we also greatly appreciate every person that is coming out to play and support our event, therefore we want each person to be able to participate!**

There will be tournament officials for all playoff games, as well as pool play games where schedule allows.

The foundation asks that all players and spectators remember this is a charitable event and the primary purpose is support our worthy cause...as well as have a great time doing it - Thank you!!!

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND FEATURES OF THE JKB WEEKEND

***** Amazing Ticket Raffle *****

Concert & Sporting event tickets, diamond jewelry
Vacation and spa getaways, Mr. Coffee, Vera Bradley,
Peak Performance family membership & much more!!

***** 7th Annual JKB Volleyball *****

Held at Owego Free Academy
High school on Thur, June 8th and
Adult Co-ed on Fri, June 10th

***** Full Concession Stand *****

Mario's Pizza, chicken speedies
snacks, candy, gatorade, soda
Incredible gift baskets and JKB memorabilia

10th Annual JKB Softball Tournament Team Info Sheet

Every player receives a FREE 2017 JKB gift

PLEASE NOTE: Team entry fee is \$250 (all teams are guaranteed at least 3 games) or teams can enter by choosing to sell 50 JKB raffle tickets. Teams that sell tickets will also get JKB t-shirts for every team member in addition to team entry!

Space is limited to the first 12 teams. Teams are entered into the tournament on a first paid, first in basis. Teams MUST have a minimum of four females on their roster and the total number of males cannot exceed the total number of females by more than two. Batting order must alternate male/female until the very end of the lineup, where consecutive males may bat. All games will be timed at 1 hour – At the 50 minute mark, teams will be notified and the game will end following the conclusion of the current inning (to ensure the home team receives their last at-bats) – All batters begin with a 2 ball, 1 strike count – 3rd strike foul ball will result in an out – If a game is tied after the final inning is played, the game will go into extra innings – extra innings begin with a runner on 2nd base (the last out of the previous inning) and the team up to bat has one out.

If your team chooses to sell our JKB raffle tickets for entry, every player will also receive a 10th Anniversary tournament t-shirt as our thank you for helping to support our cause of finding a cure for spinal cord injuries!!

DEADLINE FOR TEAM ENTRY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

TEAM NAME _____ Captain's email _____

1. CAPTAIN's NAME _____ PHONE # _____ Shirt Size _____

TEAM MEMBERS

Shirt sizes are **only** needed if a team is selling raffle tickets -OR- paying \$10 per shirt sizes: adult S, M, L, XL, or XXL)

- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____

SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK (made out to "JKB Fund") or RAFFLE TICKET STUBS and PROCEEDS to:

JKB Softball Tournament
253 Day Hollow Road
Owego, NY 13827

More than 75% of the proceeds from this year's JKB events will be donated to these three institutions that are ESSENTIAL to unlocking the cure for spinal cord injuries:

*** The Miami Project * The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation * The Shepherd Center ***

The remaining proceeds will be distributed to other worthy charities and the communities that have supported JKB over the past decade

For information on the JKB Foundation, upcoming JKB events, or the institutions that we donate to, visit our website:
For consent forms, JKB raffle tickets, or questions regarding the tournament please contact:

www.jkbfoundation.com
mark@jkbfoundation.com

If weather does not permit play on June 10th then June 11th will be the rain date. If weather does not permit play on either of these dates, we ask teams to consider donating half of their team entry fee so that the Foundation does not take a loss. This gesture would be greatly appreciated!!

Alcohol and tobacco products are not permitted on the grounds of Marvin Park. Thank you for your cooperation.