

7TH – 9TH GRADE SOFTBALL ACADEMY, 2010:

- **Program will be held after school at Lily Lake fields in Stillwater.**
- **Sessions will be from 3:30 – 5:30 +/-, Monday – Thursday.**
- **The first week will be four days for all players (to evaluate needs).**
- **After the first week, players will attend two +/- (schedule will be provided) sessions per week.**
- **The Academy will start in early April (hopefully first week) and go through the week of May 10th (approximately 6 weeks).**
- **Tri-County league games start the first week in May.**
- **Association teams would likely practice one night per week during this time period. We would recommend Saturday or Sunday practices.**
- **Association coaches and other volunteers will conduct the program.**

GOALS:

- **Provide a quality experience stressing individual skill development and team play.**
 - **Get athletes home by 5:45 to eat and have study time four or five days per week.**
 - **Include a program for seventh grade softball players. Seventh graders who are still 12U will have their traveling team practices during the week at night. They will have to decide if they can do some or all of the academy sessions.**
- **Transportation:**
 1. **OJH would take a bus to SJH and as a group the athletes would walk to Lily Lake or parents would shuttle them to Lily Lake. THIS IS THE OPTION THAT IS MOST LIKELY AT THIS TIME.**
 - **Cost: \$20 and registration will be through the Association.**
 - **There is still the opportunity for all athletes (except 7th graders) to play in their junior high softball program if they elect not to participate in the Softball Academy.**
 - **The varsity staff believes the Softball Academy will provide an excellent learning and skill development experience and allow the athletes to have more time with their family and for study.**