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NEWS AND INFORMATION from the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**1,800 SOFTBALL PLAYERS IN 2010**

Beginning this spring in April, an estimated 1,800 adult softball players will participate in YMCA Softball this year, with leagues for every level of play.

The YMCA has managed this program at the well-groomed and beautiful fields of the Grand Traverse County Civic Center for the past 20 years. Games are played Sunday through Friday evenings, including later games under the lights. It is the YMCA's philosophy "everybody plays, everybody wins" so there are several leagues for different levels of competition.

**Adult Men's League** plays Monday through Friday evenings, with the "Senior" League playing Monday's, "B" League Thursday's, "C" League Tuesdays and "D" League Wednesdays. The cost of the men's league is \$650 per team and that includes a regular season and a post season tournament. **Registration runs from March 1 – March 31**. Space is limited. Just like the big leagues, the teams play under the lights each night. The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules apply to this sanctioned league.

The YMCA offers Sunday, Monday, and Friday evening **Co-ed Softball Leagues**, as the demand has been so great. Sunday co-ed alone can accommodate 24 teams and Monday and Friday leagues can take 9 teams. Husbands and wives, business co-workers, or just a group of friends may make up any one team. Both recreational and competitive leagues are offered in co-ed softball. The cost for Sunday co-ed softball is \$525 per team and Monday and Friday leagues are \$625 per team. Registration period runs from **March 1-March 31**.

**Y Women's Softball Leagues** plays Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The cost is \$625 per team. Registration deadline for the women's league is **April 26**. When the women graduate from high school or college softball, we offer this league to keep their playing days going. Contact the League Director for league designations.

"There is such a deep history of softball in our region that is truly remarkable," according to Barb Beckett, Softball League Director.

Contact Beckett at 933-9622 for additional league information and questions. Receive more information at [www.gtbayymca.org](http://www.gtbayymca.org) or [www.ymcasoftball.com](http://www.ymcasoftball.com) .

The Grand Traverse Bay YMCA is a faith-based organization that served last year more than 8,600 program participants including over 6,400 kids and 2,500 members each year through 65+ programs that build body, mind, and spirit. The Grand Traverse Bay YMCA is part of the largest charitable group in the country, received over \$200,000 in donations and granted financial assistance to 500 families in 2009. Some 450 volunteers donated over 32,800 hours of their time to ensure the Y could fulfill its Judeo-Christian mission of building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.