



On Friday, July 31 Glendale's Arrowhead Little League Major All Star Team won the Arizona State Championship by defeating Canyon Del Oro of Tucson 12 to 2. The Majors, consisting of twelve year olds, is the oldest of three age divisions in little league. The Arrowhead Little League teams from all three of the age divisions won their District Championships and advanced to the state tournament for the second year in a row. The 9 and 10 year-old Arrowhead team lost in the State Championship game on July 30<sup>th</sup> and the 11 year-old Arrowhead team lost in the State Championship game on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

With three two-time District Champions, Arrowhead has established itself as the best program for Little League in the entire west valley and is definitely among the best programs in the state. Thousands of boys in Arizona play Little League every year, but only 13 have outlasted all of the rest and are still playing in August. Friday night's championship game was the first Arizona little league game to ever be broadcast across the state on Cox channel 7 and the young men made us all proud while accomplishing something they will remember for the rest of their lives. If you get a chance to see this group play ball you may have a hard time believing that a group of 12 year old boys could have such athletic skill and strong baseball fundamentals.

Arrowhead's State Championship team will now travel to San Bernardino, California where they will compete in the Western Regional Tournament along with teams from Hawaii, Utah, Southern California, Northern California and Nevada. The Western Regional Tournament begins August 7 and lasts for ten days with the winner heading to Williamsport, Pennsylvania for the Little League World Series! I sincerely wish our hometown Arrowhead team the best of luck in California and ultimately in Pennsylvania.

As you can imagine, the cost associated with sending 13 boys, 3 coaches and their families to California and possibly Pennsylvania can be overwhelming in these tough economic times. The Arrowhead Little League and the players' families are respectfully requesting any support that community members and businesses can offer. The Arrowhead Little League is a non-profit organization and any contributions are tax deductible. For any donations above \$250, the league is also offering a plaque with the Arizona Championship photo that you can proudly display. Anyone who donates will also have their name mentioned as a generous contributor so that the hundreds of families who belong to the league can support those who demonstrated their kindness, generosity and community pride.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation can send their checks to:

Arrowhead Little League  
Non Profit Tax ID 86-0762895  
P.O. Box 10068  
Glendale, AZ 85308

It is very exciting to see all of the hard work pay off for these young men as they receive some well-deserved recognition for their accomplishments. Please join me in cheering on our hometown team as they try to battle their way into the Little League World Series.