

## Taylor Moose come through for Junior League World Series visitors

The players on the Canton, Massachusetts, team were down a bit after a tough loss to the team from Mechanicsville, Virginia, 8-6, Wednesday morning in the Junior League World Series at Heritage Park.

But their parents said a visit to the Taylor Moose Lodge was all they needed to brighten their spirits.

The Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 887 on Telegraph Road has been providing lunch and festivities for the visiting families almost as long as there has been a World Series in Taylor.

This past Wednesday, volunteers at the lodge served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream to the visiting players, coaches and spectators. The next day, spaghetti was the main course, along with salad and dessert.

Outside, the visitors are invited to relax, play horseshoes or whiffle ball and take part in other activities.

Buck Atwell, who co-chairs the visits with Richard Moore, said the Moose look forward to the visits of teams to Taylor and enjoy contributing to the World Series.

But parents said the privilege was all theirs.

"It was just a great thing for them to do," said Dan Jenkins, whose son Tommy plays on the USA Eastern regional champions from Massachusetts. "We had a great time. It was great for the kids. We thank them very much."

Alaina Barletta, mother of Massachusetts player Chris, called the volunteers at the Moose "just such a warm and generous group of people."

"They're just so welcoming," Barletta said. "They're genuinely happy to have us here. They put so much effort into it. It's very nice of them to care about what we do in our down time away from the field."

Susan Tamasi, wife of Manager Mike Tamasi and mother of player Christopher Tamasi, agreed.

"The boys had just come back from a close loss and they gave the kids an opportunity to come together and get their minds off the game," she said. "They got to let loose and just let them be boys. That's what they are: young boys living for the moment."



