

STEBEN RECREATION COMMITTEE

2025 REPORT

2025 was a busy year for the Steuben Rec. Department. Over 60 children, mostly from Pre-K through grade 5, participated in various programs. We offered co-ed soccer, cross country, and basketball as well as fast pitch softball pitching and our newest addition, a cheer squad. None of these programs would be possible without the tremendous support received from our community. The town of Steuben generously provides funding for the uniform shirts and basic equipment necessary to offer these activities. We are a 100% volunteer organization that relies on the people of Steuben to make these opportunities possible for the children.

We would like to thank all of our coaches and their families who donate countless hours to instruct, coach, supervise, officiate, and serve in various support roles. Secondly, Principal Fenton and the Ella Lewis School staff have gone above and beyond to not only make their facilities available for practices and games but to encourage and recognize the students' extracurricular achievements. We have had a great group of parents, as well as grandparents, aunts and uncles, who faithfully take the time and effort to bring their kids to the many events and sit for hours to watch them practice and compete, often juggling schedules of multiple children at separate venues. There have been many more individuals and groups who have pitched in to help out by bushhogging around the outside of the Unionville ballfield fence; repairing the dugouts, snack shack, and bleachers; painting the dugouts; burning the brush pile near the parking lot (Steuben Volunteer Fire Department); selling snacks and beverages at games (Ella Lewis PTO); helping with practices (high school players and parents); and staying late to help clean up and put everything back in order after home games. One citizen even provided funds for a pizza and ice cream celebration after the 3rd – 5th grade soccer team earned an undefeated season. Finally, I would like to recognize the kids themselves. They have demonstrated not only improvement in their athletic skills but, more importantly, in teamwork, discipline, leadership, hard work, accountability, honesty, and winning and losing gracefully. These character traits will benefit them far beyond the athletic fields.

Respectfully submitted,

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