

April 2, 2008



Hey Batta Batta Swing: To all Negro League Researchers, historians, former players, students, fans and anyone interested in learning more,

You are invited to join us for the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference** in Willowbrook, Illinois from July 25-27, 2008, and share in this wonderful history of black baseball. There will be scholarly and academic presentations by leading researchers from around the country on a variety of topics related to the *East-West All Star game* and beyond. In addition we will be attending a minor league baseball game with teams wearing the jerseys of the **Kansas City Monarchs** and the **Chicago American Giants**. There will be player panels and opportunities to interact and talk with former Negro Leaguers. Vendors are present selling books and other materials related to black baseball and baseball in general. A silent and live auction will be held during the event with items from the players, from some major league teams and other baseball memorabilia. For example, one of the items for auction is a signed baseball by **Ernie Banks**. All proceeds go to help pay to bring the players to the conference. For those who like to test their knowledge there is a trivia contest and great prizes.

In addition to all the planned activities there will be time to meet and talk with other researchers, to legendary players and to just enjoy baseball. For educators interested in teaching material there will be workshops on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> designed specifically for that purpose.

We look forward to seeing you talking baseball with you in July. Batter Up!

*Jerry Malloy Negro League Committee*  
**Larry Lester** – [info@LarryLester42.com](mailto:info@LarryLester42.com)  
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*TENTATIVE SCHEDULE*

**11th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference  
July 24-27, 2008**

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** Educational Program for teachers—all day  
Early Arrivals—check in at the Hotel

**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** Registration begins at 8 a.m. and will continue until 4:15 p.m.  
Hotel Lobby

8:30-9:00 Welcome: Larry Lester & Dick Clark —NLC Co-chair,  
Eddie Bedford conference organizer

9:15-9:45 Presentation #1

10:00-10:30 Presentation #2

10:45-11:15 Presentation #3

11:30-12:00 Presentation #4

12:15-1:30 Lunch on your own

1:45-2:15 Presentation #5

2:30-3:45 Player Panel or Presentation #11

4:00-4:30 Trivia Preliminaries

4:30-5:30 Free time

5:30 Bus leaves for Ball Game—Schaumburg Flyers

Teams will be wearing uniforms of the Kansas City Monarchs  
& the Chicago American Giants.

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**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.  
Hotel Lobby

8:45-9:00	Welcome and Housekeeping details
9:00-9:30	Presentation #6
9:45-10:15	Presentation #7
10:30-11:00	Presentation #8
11:15-11:45	Possible talk on research updates/cemetery projects etc...
11:45-1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00-1:30	Presentation #9
1:30-2:00	Presentation #10
2:15-3:30	Player Panel #2
3:45-4:15	Trivia Semi Final Rounds
4:15-6:30	Free Time
6:30-10:00	Banquet and Auction—silent and live
10:30-???	Trivia Finals and prizes awarded

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-10:00    Wrap up and NL Committee Business

Afternoon Activities For the Whole Community  
Including **Minnie Minoso** Book Signing

Hosted by the  
Jerry Malloy Conference Committee

# Registration Form

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual



July 24-27, 2008  
Holiday Inn Willowbrook  
7800 South Kingery Highway  
630-325-6400

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fee (by July 14th)

Full conference registration (Fri-Sun) \_\_\_\_\_ \$120  
(Includes conference events, Saturday dinner, bus and Schaumburg Flyers ballgame)

Single Day registration (Fri. or Sat.) \_\_\_\_\_ \$55  
(Does not include dinner and ballgame)

Student registration (with ID) \_\_\_\_\_ \$40

### Additional Costs (if not getting Full Registration)

Saturday Night Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

Friday Night BB Game—Box Seat \_\_\_\_\_ \$30  
(box suite and catered food—to the first 50)

Bus for Friday night game \_\_\_\_\_ \$8

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Beginning July 15<sup>th</sup> -- \$25 late fee for registrations.**

Box suites and catered food available to the first 50 for the game. Additional seats will be purchased for others going to the game.

Please make checks out to **Books in Baseball/Jerry Malloy Conference** and send all materials to:

**Eddie Bedford - 9S 170 Meadowlark Lane  
Naperville, IL 60565  
ebedford@emich.edu/630-355-9535**

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the

**Holiday Inn Willowbrook**

630-325-6400 front desk

630-325-2362 FAX

7800 South Kingery Highway

Willowbrook, IL 60527

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/CHIWB/dining>

Room rates are set for the conference at \$85 a night. **Ask for “Jerry Malloy Conference”** when you call.

**Shuttle Information:** Call and tell the hotel desk your flight number and time of arrival, request shuttle and they will be there waiting for you if you are flying in to Midway Airport.

\*Registration fee will include a souvenir booklet entitled *Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bronze Classic* for the first 175 registrants.

Schaumburg Flyers Ball Game—teams will be wearing the KC Monarchs and Chicago American Giants uniforms during the game. ([www.flyersbaseball.com](http://www.flyersbaseball.com))

\*\*\*\*\*Optional Features\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*Friday Deli Lunch available as an option for \$7 plus tax —Roast beef, ham, turkey and pastrami, soda and beverage included\*\*\*

\*\*\*Sunday Brunch \$22.60 tax and gratuity included—Individual reservations must be made by Saturday at 6 p.m. at the hotel restaurant \*\*\*\*\*

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*“The 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Baseball Conference in America.”*

### **Mission Statement:**

The purpose of the **JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE** is to encourage the study and research of African American baseball and its influence on society, sport history, and racial barriers. The Conference promotes activities to enhance scholarly, educational, and literary objectives.

The annual **JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE** is hosted by the **NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE**, a component of the **SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH (SABR)**, a non-profit organization. The Conference is the ***only*** symposium for the past 10 years dedicated exclusively to the examination of black baseball history.

Our Mission is accomplished through:

- Scholarly Presentations & Articles
- Seminar for Education Professionals
- Former Player Panel Discussions
- Youth Scholarships
- Trivia Contests
- Historic Bus Tours
- Book Signings
- Funds raised for Unmarked Graves
- Attending a Major or Minor League Ballgame.
- Book & Memorabilia Vendors
- Exhibit & Poster Displays
- Awards Banquet & Silent Auction
- Published Academic Journal

For more information: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy-negro-leagues-conference/>