



BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE PARIS OPTIMIST CLUB

The Paris Optimist Club is a civic volunteer organization to support the youth of Lamar County. Our main youth project is Paris Optimist Baseball. However, as we have volunteers available we support other youth activities. We provide scholarships annually to graduating seniors in the county, provide a baseball recreation program for 700 plus kids, host baseball tournaments and help support the Red River Valley Down Syndrome Buddy Ball program.

The baseball facilities at Charles Taylor Youth Complex and Woodall Fields are 100 per cent owned and operated by the Paris Optimist Club. The city and county are not a part of the ownership. The operating budget is \$200,000 plus per year. There is a board of directors who manage the facilities and the youth programs. It requires many volunteers and support from parents to maintain the facilities and the baseball program. The maintenances of the fields and facilities is provided by a paid outside contractor. The administrative duties are provided by a part time Executive Director.

It takes volunteers, the support of parents and the support of the community and county to provide for the baseball program expenses, facilities and other activities. The club members meet at the Office / Training building on the third Monday of each month. Anyone interested in visiting or getting more information to join the club are invited to attend. You can click on **Club Membership Application, complete it and return it to a club member or email it to ed.parisoptimist@gmail.com or mail it to Paris Optimist, PO Box 1011, Paris 75461. You may also get more information by calling Sabra Vaughn at 903-249-3499.**

We need volunteers to serve our kids. Your consideration is needed and appreciated.