

1/26/26 Agenda



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**Re: Georgia Beach use by Vermont Rockets - 2026**

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**From** Vermont Rockets <vermontrockets@gmail.com> ,  
**Date** Sun 1/4/2026 5:38 PM  
**To** Georgia Town Administrator <administrator@townofgeorgia.com>  
**Cc** Tom Moore <tmoore@kamik.com>

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Hello Stacy,

Per Cheryl's 11/19 response, I am reaching out to confirm whether a letter sent in email form directly to you is sufficient?

I am attaching a letter we provide to potential donors in hopes that it covers the requirements being asked along with my initial request from November 14th.

The Vermont Rockets would like to request the use of the Softball field at Georgia Beach on two occasions in 2026. The dates are June 19 - 21, 2026 and July 24 - 26, 2026.

We are in our 31st year, and will be hosting our 26th annual tournaments this summer. We are a registered 501(c)(3) organization. We will be pleased to abide by any and all requirements, and would once again work hand in hand with the Little League program to make sure preparations and clean up will be satisfactory to all parties involved.

Below is my contact information. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have. If you could kindly reply with the determination of our request, and provide us with any details (paperwork to be filled out, deposit required, etc.) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your time and consideration!

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On Wed, Nov 19, 2025 at 10:38 AM Georgia Town Clerk <[townclerk@townofgeorgia.com](mailto:townclerk@townofgeorgia.com)> wrote:

Hi Connie,



## ***Vermont Rockets Fastpitch Softball Club***

January 4, 2026

The Rockets will be taking the field for their 32nd season this summer, providing an opportunity for softball players from Vermont to participate in a highly competitive atmosphere against the best teams in the northeast. The original Rockets team competed at the 18 and under level, and in 2002 the Rockets added a second team made up of players 16 and under. The Rockets expanded in 2016 adding a team at the 14 and under level and also added a 12 and under team in 2020. In 2024 we expanded to 7 total teams!

In the summer of 2026, we will field 6 teams that will travel to tournaments throughout New England and will be hosting our own 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational tournaments in the St. Albans, VT area in June and July. We will be hosting 32 teams covering both weekends that are from Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Quebec,

The Rockets were founded in 1995 by St. Michaels' pitching coach Ralph Halbach. Ralph donates countless hours tutoring pitchers from all around the state, and even in northern New York State. In fact, Ralph was honored for his efforts in 2005 by the Vermont Lake Monsters, being elected to the Lake Monsters' Vermont Sports Community Hall of Fame – one of the first eight inductees to be so honored!

Players on the teams have come from throughout Vermont. They have come from as far as Derby, St Johnsburry and Barre, but most of the players are from Franklin and Chittenden counties. Many of our players have moved on to play in colleges. Rocket players and alumni have played for many college programs – Division I programs Georgia Southern and UVM, many DII and DIII programs – Kutztown University, St. Michaels (two players are in the St. Michaels hall of fame), Wesleyan, Merrimack, Castleton St., Johnson St., Bentley, Bryant, Norwich, RIT, Russell Sage, Endicott, Thomas, UNE and St. Lawrence as well as various Club teams at the college level.

The Rockets players are traditionally selected by invitation only. We believe it is an honor to play for the Rockets and we expect the best behavior from our players, parents, fans and coaches, both on and off the field. The Rockets instill camaraderie and aim to break down any school "prejudices" that may exist between players from rival high schools. We believe this teaches athletes how to compete at a high level while still respecting their opponents.

As you might imagine, the cost of putting teams and coaches on the field with the proper equipment, proper certifications, required insurance, etc. has grown significantly over the past 30+ years – and the costs of tournament registration fees, umpire fees, insurance, etc. have kept pace as well. The Rockets total budget remains over \$40,000. There are no paid employees, and all coaches and administrators are volunteers. We do provide the coaches' team shirts and hats, as well as pay for a portion of their hotel rooms at travel tournaments. However all other expenditures go directly to defraying the cost of registration fees for the players, which we have been able to maintain at a maximum of \$550.

If your business is in a position - and is generously willing - to donate to our group, it would be greatly appreciated. If you should have any questions, or require any further information, please feel free to contact me by one of the means listed below. The Rockets are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, registered with the IRS and the state of Vermont (a copy can be supplied).

Thank you very much for taking time from your busy schedule to generously consider a donation.

Sincerely,

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