

TEAM PARENT TASK LIST 2023



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JOB	WHAT TO DO	HELPFUL HINTS
Team Website (Team Snap, Game Changer, SportsYou etc...)	This is not required but most teams create some sort of home-base to keep track of rosters, calendars, snacks, etc. Team Snap, Game Changer and SportsYou are both options, there are others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Get one!
Uniforms Distribution	Your manager may need help passing these out to the team. Any parent can jump in, but it is good to have another pair of hands. Shirts and hats are provided by the league; families buy socks, a belt, pants, and cleats on their own. Our Uniforms coordinator will be in contact with managers for distribution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bring a black or metallic Sharpie! Label players' names inside of hats.
Opening Day March 25	<p>What time: 7-7:30 teams begin to assemble 7:30 teams should be present 8:00 parade begins 8:45 Opening Ceremony at Dooley Field 10:30 Games Begin, for almost all teams, at Dooley Field and in Land Park field locations</p> <p>Where to start: Staging & Gathering for parade: along 12th Ave (the road behind Tiny Tots Preschool). This would be good to send to new families. A detailed map will be sent to you to distribute to families.</p> <p>What you need: Each team secures a pickup truck from a parent or grandparent on the team. The truck and driver should arrive at 7am. The truck is</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Host a decorating night - maybe during practice or if you or another parent can host an evening at someone's house where parents can work on decorations, balloons, etc. while the kids get together either during practice or other fun. ● Ask parents to bring real food (not all sugar donuts). Fresh fruit, granola bars, juice boxes help keep kids fueled for a busy morning and many show up without eating an early breakfast. Coffee for adults is nice too. Some teams even bring a pop-up table and make a little station for their families to gather.

	<p>decorated. Some teams do this the night before, most do it while they gather from 7-7:30. Common things people use: banner with the team name, streamers, balloons, flags, noisemakers, anything to show team colors and spirit. Some are wonderfully creative and fabulous, others are simpler, they are all fun. Players ride in the back of the truck with a few adults to help supervise (all players must be seated the entire time). Police have the city streets closed to traffic and the parade route is very short and speed is very slow. Trucks arrive at Dooley Field to drop off players. Players and coaches then assemble for Opening Ceremonies where all teams are introduced for the 2018 season. All players should be in full uniform but NOT cleats. If you have never seen Opening Day check out our Facebook page.</p> <p>What about rain: Every year we watch the forecast closely. If there are light showers or on/off rain forecast, the day will proceed. We will be in contact with all league families, but it would take extreme weather conditions to cancel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need balloons? Order from Raleys well in advance for early AM pickup on Saturday.
<p>Snack Schedule</p>	<p>T-ball, Rookie, AA: you will probably want a snack rotation, where each game is covered by a family to provide a healthy snack. You will have some games played at Dooley Field. Snack is special and different there, read AAA & Majors notes below.</p> <p>AAA & Majors: almost all teams choose to participate in the snack shack ticket offer. The parent who is responsible for snack on that day purchases tickets at the window before the last inning. Tickets are \$2 and have a value of \$4. Can buy anything except candy. Some teams assign parents to handle this game by game. Some teams collect all the cash at once and buy tickets in advance. In 30 years, they will never remember the scores, they will remember the snack shack lunches and dinners with teammates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask now at the start of the season about food allergies among your players. Make sure all snack providers are aware. ● You can build the snack schedule one of two ways - by sign up or by assigning. Either have families pick a day for the games scheduled or make assignments and share it out with the team (pick some order such as alphabetical).

**Snack Shack
Crew Shifts**

One of the most important duties:
Tball-AA is assigned 1 snack shack shift because they only play 1 game at Dooley where AAA-Majors need to work 2 shifts. A crew is 6 people, so for a team of 12 (roughly), half your families will work on one shift one date, the other will work the other shift, second date. For Tball-AA, since you only need to staff 6 volunteers it is nice to excuse the manager's family, team parents and any Board of Director members as they give unseen hours beyond everyone else. Snack Shack rotation will be sent directly to you, directly to your manager, and be on our website as a go-to resource. For teams at all ages, it can be actually very fun and a great way to mix and get to know other parents on your team. Jobs are: cashier, food prep, barbecue, fryer. There will be many instructions on site and a supervisor. If a person cannot work a shift, they have an option to hire a teen sub. We provide a list of pre approved teenagers that work shifts. The parent makes the calls and arranges this and leaves cash payment in advance. BUT (!) only 2 teens are allowed on your crew. So if parents have a schedule conflict and need to hire a sub, they need to act quickly. The third parent who wants to hire a sub will be out of luck. What if they still can't make it? They can send another adult in their place (a friend, grandparent, etc. over 18). Parents can swap with other parents on your team if the second date works for them.

These shifts do not count toward the \$100 volunteer fee. These are hours every league family is expected to serve.

Bottom line: you must have a crew of 6 on time, for each of your assigned snack shack dates at Dooley Field. Failure to do so means the Snack Shack may be closed for all kids and families because your team did not staff it adequately. A sign will be posted stating which team did not fulfill the responsibility and the Snack Shack will not open. There will also be consequences to your team if the Snack Shack shift is not fulfilled.

- Do not give your team families the option of which shift they want to work. Do not send out a "sign up" list. Usually runs more efficiently for the team parent to assign the shifts among all families on the team. If it doesn't work for them, they have two choices: hire a teen sub or swap with another family on the team.

<p>Picture Day Sunday May 21st</p>	<p>You will receive information soon with your assigned time slot. You distribute order forms in advance. You do not need to handle money or anything other than communicating your time. Pictures are at Dooley Field, Sunday May 21. Picture Day Coordinator will be in touch with you AFTER also to distribute photo packages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tell your families the exact photo time plus a 10-15 minute window to assemble and arrive on time. Parking on this day is very tight.
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<p>Challenger Opening Day- Dooley Field April 16th and 30th</p>	<p>Challenger is the Little League division for youth with physical and developmental disabilities. LPP is part of Little League District 7 and District 7 Challenger teams play on Sundays hosted at different leagues in our district. This year District 7 Opening Day will kick off on April 16th with LPPLL at Dooley field.</p> <p>Encourage your families to come watch this game. These are the most important games played at Dooley field every year! We also need buddies. Buddies must be 10 years old and up and can be LPP alumni too.</p> <p>We need snack shack volunteers as well from 11:30am to 4pm.</p>	<p>To volunteer as a buddy email secretary@lppll.com</p> <p>To volunteer for snack shack email volunteer@lppll.com</p>
<p>Pancake Breakfast Date May 20th</p>	<p>Large community fundraiser, held at Dooley Field. Volunteer jobs may involve handling ticket distribution / sales for your team. Also, each team contributes a Raffle Basket which can be themed with a minimum value of \$50.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking for jobs to hand-off? Raffle Basket is a great job to delegate to another person or pair on your team. ● Theme ideas: baseball gear, movie night, outdoor fun, etc.
<p>Movie on the Mound May 6th</p>	<p>A big screen is placed on the outfield of Dooley 2. Food trucks and concessions will be available. Free event. Will need volunteers to run the snack shack and pop popcorn. (only candy, drinks and popcorn available).</p>	

Team Party End of Season	Not required, but most teams choose to do something to honor the hard work of the players and thank the coaches. Some teams have very simple gatherings (cupcakes & watermelon in the shade), other teams have big barbecues and pool parties. Trophies and awards are entirely up to you. The league does not provide or order anything. Unofficially, older teams tend to move away from “participation trophies” though they are still popular in the younger ages. Willson trophy is a great local place to do plaques, medals or trophies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● You can collect donations for the trophy and coach gifts from parents. Best to start collecting earlier than later.
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