

TEAM PARENT

I would like to thank all of you for volunteering to help your team manager. As the Team Parent, you will be responsible for providing information to the parents of the players on your team, as well as tracking volunteer hours throughout the season. If you have any questions please check out our website at www.fovll.com, or you can contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer1@fovll.com.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

One of the first things you need to do as team parent is to contact all of your families and introduce yourself. You need to provide them with your information so they have someone to contact throughout the season with questions. It is also important to provide a team roster with contact information. This helps with carpool and for other needs throughout the season.

Second, please send out information with all of the important dates coming up throughout the season. This helps people plan and be prepared how the season will unfold. There are always new families and it is important to provide them with this information so they can understand what to expect.

Third, please break down the commitment that each family is expected to make. When everyone registers they are notified that they have to complete 6 hours of volunteer time PLUS one snack bar shift PER child. Managers are the only ones who do not have to complete a snack bar shift. Coaches, team parents, scorekeepers, etc. are all expected to complete their hours. Many people confuse "volunteer" hours with "snack bar" hours.

The above responsibilities are mandatory for each team. Team snacks, team parties, banners etc. are optional and will be up to you on how you want to structure your team. These are a great idea because they provide a feeling of unity with your team and help bring the players and families together. However, they are NOT a requirement.

END OF GAME SNACKS:

After the game, it is common that snacks are provided for each player. It is your responsibility to create a snack schedule for your parents. Please remember that our snack bar is virtually our ONLY source of revenue. It is a great idea to encourage the parents to buy the "snack bar ticket" for the kids. They are only \$2 .50 per player. They are used as snack dollars, and the kids can pick whatever they want. We do provide a "hot dog meal" combo that does give them a choice of "food" over candy.

BANNERS, TROPHIES, TEAM PARTY:

These are all things that should be decided upon with the parents from your team. Wilson Trophies is a sponsor of our league and does donate a portion of each trophy back to us. Our league sponsor FastSigns on Sunrise Blvd. can also make a team banner. We do try to support our sponsors, however, you are able to use any vendor that you choose.

TEAM BASKET:

Each team will be responsible for donating a basket for our silent auction.. More information will be given out as we get closer to the date. Examples: beach party, carwash, ice cream party, movie night, candle/ bath basket, etc. If you have any questions please contact our volunteer coordinator.

FYI: It is vital to keep track of your team's volunteer hours. If you are having a hard time getting a family to perform their responsibilities please share this with your manager. If there are still difficulties, please do not hesitate to bring it to the league's attention so we can help you. We want to always provide support and don't ever want anyone to feel uncomfortable.

Social Media:

We are doing our best to share information as quickly as possible. One way we do this is through social media. Please "like" us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FairOaksOrangevaleLittleLeague?ref=bookmarks> Follow us on twitter using the name @fovll and keep an eye on our new web site www.fovll.com. We will post important dates, events, and RAIN OUTS!

Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to invest in our children's future and to help form friendships at the same time. We look forward to working with you this season and having another fantastic baseball year.

Thank you for your help and support to our league. Any questions please contact us at any time.

FOVLL Vice-President vp@fovll.com

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

We do require a minimum of 6 volunteer hours in addition to the snack bar shift. These hours are essential to the league, as we rely solely on the help of volunteers. There are several ways to get in your hours. If someone is adamant that they are

unable to volunteer then they can choose the \$100 buyout option. Please contact one of the volunteer coordinators ASAP if your parent chooses this option.

Remember, it is not required to put in all of your hours at once. This is cumulative and we add them up during the entire season. Here are some different options:

TEAM PARENT: Communicate with parents regarding upcoming events, practice times, snack bar shifts, and volunteer responsibilities.

SCOREKEEPING: Every game that you score keep you earn 2 hours toward your volunteer commitment. We will have scorekeeping classes prior to the start of the season to learn Game Changer and the books.

FIELD DAY: We will have a field day scheduled prior to the start of the season to prep our fields. Please remind your families to sign in so they can get credit for their hours worked.

FIELD MAINTENANCE: Our coaches need help before and after the game to get the field ready. This is a great way to earn hours and to help free up the coaches so they can spend more time teaching our kids.

BENCH PARENT: (for lower divisions) It is great to assign one parent to keep the kids attention and the bench organized while players are waiting to bat.

OPENING DAY: We will be handing out schedules for teams to help out with our games and pictures.

COACHES: This is a wonderful way to help kids learn the game and spend time with your child.

UMPIRES: Your team will be responsible to umpire games based on a schedule provided by the league. Any Questions Please contact our Umpire in Chief, at umpires@fovll.com.

When your volunteer position puts you into contact with any children it is mandatory to fill out a background form. We encourage everyone to do this online, however, if they persist we are able to take paper forms. Please collect these and give them to your manager

SNACK BAR INFORMATION

Our snack bar is one of the most important parts of our league. We are very lucky that we do not have to sell candy bars, or have player direct fundraising. Almost our entire operating budget comes from our snack bar. So it is VITAL that this runs smoothly!

This year we are implementing a lot of changes in our snack bar. Some of our prices and menu items have changed, but most importantly, how we schedule our volunteers is different. When you are the “away” team, you will be responsible for having a parent work in the snack bar. Shift times are as follows:

For 5pm game times, SB opens at 4:50pm Monday - Friday:

ALL DIVISIONS start at 4:30pm and work until close

For 5:30pm game times, SB opens at 5:15pm Monday - Friday:

Tee Ball, Coach Pitch, and Juniors start at 4:45pm to close

Farm, Minors, and Majors start at 5pm-Close

You will receive a Schedule for Saturdays.

An average shift is 3 hours but you will be released by the snack bar manager once all games for that day are over.

REMEMBER: it is one shift PER child. So if they have multiple children they will be scheduled for multiple shifts!

Your team must provide a parent, grandparent, or any adult on behalf of their family to work the assigned snack bar shift. If you have a parent that chooses to “buy out”. They MUST use a league approved buy out worker. We have provided each team parent a list of contacts for this. This list will also be up on our web site.

Please stress to all of your parents the importance of showing up on time. We have lots of games every night of the week and all day on Saturdays, so we rely on our parent volunteers. Be prepared that if your volunteer is not in the snack bar we will come out and delay the game until the shift is covered.

FYI: Questions tend to come up about why we schedule shifts during game time. We are all parents too and understand the importance of watching our kids play. Unfortunately, we have learned from the past that people do not show up on days that their kids are not playing. That causes a lot of problems and hurts our efficiency. Splitting shifts is a great way to meet their responsibility as well as see some of the game.

Please note that on Opening Day we will need extra volunteers. We will be sending out a list to each team on what shifts they will need to cover. This list will also contain any shifts needed for our games.

If anyone is interested in getting more involved with the snack bar as a supervisor please contact the board at admin@fovll.com. This is a great opportunity to get your hours in as well as become a valuable part of our league

Keep an eye out for updates through our website or FaceBook page.

OPENING DAY:

Ceremonies begin at 9:00 am. We would like the children there no later than 8:15am. We will begin line up at 8:30am. **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE IN THEIR UNIFORM!** Team pictures will be taken that day. We want to make sure that everyone picks up his or her packages. We will provide photo packages a few days before this so parents can have some time to review the options and decide what photos they want.

After the parade of teams and the league announcements we will start the games and festivities. These will run from 10am-2p.

It is vital to make sure you monitor your team picture schedule and have everyone at the appointed area on time.

Regular scheduled games will also be played throughout the day.