



Welcome To Campbell Little League (CLL) **T-ball Division**

CLL's Goal

The goal of CLL is to implant in our children the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority so that they may become more trustworthy members of our community. We use the game of baseball as our vehicle to teach this goal. The attainment of exceptional baseball skills or the winning of games is always secondary to building character in our children.

What To Expect From CLL

CLL will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, where children can play the game in a fun, safe environment. Each and every child who signs up for CLL will play on a team in one of our four divisions: Majors, Minors, Farm and T-ball. We try to place players in the division that is the best fit for their skill and maturity level. This will give them the best chance to succeed and have fun playing the game.

T-Ball Division (5 – 7 Year Olds)

The purpose of our T-ball program is to teach the basics of baseball: catching, throwing, hitting, base running and sportsmanship in a safe, noncompetitive environment. The program is noncompetitive so kids can learn these skills in a fun, relaxed atmosphere, without the pressure of winning. Your team manager will contact you within a week or so of our T-ball clinic with your child's team assignment. Before the regular season begins, you should expect 2 to 3 practices per week that will last 60 to 90 minutes (manager's discretion). Once the season begins you will play 2 games per week – one on Saturday and one during the week, with an occasional Sunday morning game on our Major and Minor fields. Games are 3 innings and the side is retired (teams switch offense and defense) when every player has had a turn at bat. Runs scored and outs are not tracked, but batters and base runners will be called "safe" or "out" if a play is made on them. Players will hit off the tee at the beginning of the season. A mixture of coach-pitch and tee hitting will occur as the season progresses. Expect 1 to 2 practices per week during the regular season. Parents are encouraged to get involved by setting up / breaking down the field, coaching during practices and games and cheering for both teams.

Little League Protection Program

All local Little Leagues are required to conduct background checks on managers, coaches, the league's Board of Directors and any other volunteers who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams. If you want to coach or volunteer, you must fill out an official Little League Volunteer Application form. Copies of these forms will be available in the CLL Clubhouse.

Equipment

The league will provide a jersey and cap for each player. The league will also supply equipment such as baseballs, helmets, catcher's gear and batting tees. Kids can bring their own bats but must be closely supervised with a bat in hand. We ask that parents provide their child with a baseball glove, cleats and a pair (or 2) of white pants for games. Once team colors have been determined, parents have the option of buying matching socks, undershirt and belt (these items are not required).

What Campbell Little League Expects From You

Parents Code of Conduct

In order to meet the goal mentioned the first paragraph above, we need parents to set a good example by being positive role models. Here is the rule of thumb: If you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all. Always be positive and encouraging with your kids, their teammates and opponents. If you have an issue with a manager, coach or parent, take that person aside and discuss it when you are calm and collected. Never try to resolve an issue in a public environment. If you can't resolve an issue, contact the Division Director.

Volunteers

CLL is a non-profit organization that relies completely and entirely on its volunteers. As a service to the league, we ask the following:

Snack Shack Duty: Parents are required to do 2 shifts in the snack shack for each child in the league. Some parents shy away from snack shack duty, but it really is a fun, enjoyable experience. If you absolutely cannot do your snack shack shifts, a \$25 per shift buy-out program is available. Your team parent can help you with this process.

Fundraisers: Registration fees only cover a portion of CLL's operating expenses. CLL relies on fundraisers to make up the difference, so their success is crucial to the league's solvency. The Hit-A-Thon is a fun and important fundraiser for the league. Prizes will be awarded to top sellers for the Hit-A-Thon. Please do all you can to help make our fundraisers successful.

Field Set Up and Clean Up: Managers and coaches are responsible for setting up the fields before games and cleaning up afterward. But they certainly could use your help. We encourage parents to help out here. You'll be doing the league a great service and your manager and coaches will greatly appreciate it.

Other ways to support CLL: CLL has volunteer positions and would greatly appreciate any time you may be able to offer.

Parking

Parking is allowed in the lot across Millich Drive. However, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you follow the posted parking lot restrictions. Failure to follow these restrictions could result in CLL losing all parking privileges in this lot.

Key Dates

5/6/7 year-old clinic: Saturday February 16th at 3:30pm

Team Assignments: Sunday February 17th

Hit-A-Thon: TBA

Opening Day: March 15, 2008

Picture Day: TBA

Closing Ceremonies: TBA

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