



MISSOURI CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

An Affiliated Member of Little League of America District 16 | Hotline: 281-778-MCLL (6255)

2017 Spring Season Overview

Welcome to Missouri City Little League's Spring 2016 Season! Please read through this information carefully so you will know what to expect this season and your responsibilities. Parents and volunteers are what make this league work and we appreciate all of your efforts!

Please familiarize yourself with the MCLL Website (www.missouricityll.org.) The website will provide you with timely updates on MCLL events, game schedules, volunteer times, scores, team standings and field closure notifications.

Also, become a Fan of the MCLL Facebook page and you can submit pictures to the website manager of special moments during your team's season.

PRE-SEASON

MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS:

Managers are required to have a medical release form for each player. Please submit these forms to the Team Mom the first week of practice. All players will need to submit this or will not be allowed to practice or play in games.

VOLUNTEER FORMS:

Each parent/guardian that wishes to participate directly with the children (Coaching/Asst. Coaching, Team Mom, Dugout Parent) is required to fill out and submit a Volunteer Application. A valid copy of your driver's license must be submitted with the Volunteer Form. This form must be filled out once a year, during the Spring Season.

CODE OF CONDUCT FORM:

Each Player will be required to sign a Code of Conduct Form. This is a Little League form that makes sure all of our players and parents know the conduct that is expected of them during practices and games.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE / PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Please make sure to show a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and your proof of Residency to your Team Mom for the Season. We are required to verify that the information is correct.

TEAM SPONSOR

Team sponsorships help to offset the cost of uniforms and equipment. It is your team's responsibility to find your own sponsor. We have a Sponsorship Letter available should you need one. Sponsorship benefits depend on the level selected. The minimum is \$150 per team.

Please let your team mom know if you or someone you know may be interested. Information can be submitted on our website, under the Sponsorship Tab. Artwork for your Sponsor Banner needs to be High-Resolution and submitted to: rachelnadams1212@gmail.com.

****RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER****

The MCLL Raffle Ticket Sale is our **MAJOR** fundraiser. MCLL is a non-profit organization and all funds raised help to offset the rising costs of insurance, uniforms, equipment, field maintenance and facility upkeep. **Each player is required to sell ONE book of 20 raffle tickets.** The price for each raffle ticket is \$5 (total of \$100 per player). We are encouraging kids/parents to sell as many raffle tickets as they can. ***Please contact your team mom or myself should you need additional tickets to sell.***

We have some great prizes this year, including a \$1,000 VISA gift card, a \$500 VISA gift card, a \$250 VISA gift card, a \$100 VISA gift card and a Skeeters mini-season ticket package.

- Raffle drawing will be during the Opening Ceremonies on March 25th.
- Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.
- **Each player's REQUIRED book of Ticket stubs and money are due to your team mom no later than the week of March 20th. When your raffle money is turned in, you will receive your child's uniform.**
- NO PERSONAL CHECKS!
- Children selling 3 or more books of raffle tickets will receive a MCLL embroidered bat bag or a Gift Card.
- The top seller will be awarded Visa Gift Card.
- **Should families wish to sell multiple books, they can be sold up until March 24th.**
- I am at the fields all the time. I can collect anytime or you can coordinate with me to turn in money. The week of March 20th – 24th I will be at the fields every single evening.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be distributed as quickly as we get them in. **Please be reminded, raffle money must be turned in to your Team Mom in order to receive your uniform.** Uniforms will be a team shirt, belt, socks, hat and little league patch. Each team will select their own pant color and will be responsible for that cost.

- Patches must be sewn/heat pressed on to the **LEFT** sleeve of the team shirt (about an inch or so below shoulder seam.) The patch must be on uniform by the players first game.

OPENING DAY CEREMONY & CARNIVAL **Saturday, March 25th**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please arrive **in full uniform at your designated picture time. See Picture flyer for your time.**
- Our plan is to start Opening Ceremonies at 10 a.m. Each team, Manager and Sponsor will be announced and proceed onto the field. Ceremonies will include introduction of the Teams, Sponsors, MCLL Board, Guest Speaker, Flag Presentation, the National Anthem and Little League Pledge and the **FIRST PITCH!**
- The booths and games will open immediately after opening ceremonies and stay open until 2:00 pm.

Game/Carnival tickets

This year we are only offering an All-You-Can-Play Arm Band for \$15 on Opening Day. Everything on Opening Day is included with the arm band, except for Silly String. Silly String can be purchased separately: 2 cans for \$5.

Food for Carnival

Fuzzy's tacos will be selling tacos on the morning of Opening Day: \$2 each or 6 for \$10. We are also hosting our first annual Crawfish Boil and crawfish can be purchased on Opening Day. Our Concession Stand will also be open during Ceremonies and Carnival and during games played that day.

Team Opening Day Assignments

Each Team will be assigned a game or area that they will be responsible for on Opening Day. Depending on your assignment, 2-4 team members will need to be scheduled during your time slot. It is very important that we all work together and show up to make this an awesome day for our children and community. The schedule for assignments will be sent out the week before Opening Day.

Cake Walk

The Cake Walk will be a game in the Carnival. Each family is to bring baked/store bought goods for the cake walk. Please consider: small cakes, cupcakes, brownies, honey buns, donuts, cookies, etc.... Each family should bring their baked goods the morning of Opening Day. The Cake Walk will be near the concession stand, and goods can be dropped off there.

Team Tents

Each team will have a designated Team Tent location. This is New!!! When you arrive to Opening Day, you will find your designated Team Tent location. Each team is responsible for bringing their own tent, tables, chairs and setting up for the day. This will be your "spot" to meet up with your team. Each designated Team Tent location will be directly across from where they will line up to enter the field for Opening Ceremonies. **THIS IS A CONTEST.** Each team is encouraged to decorate their Team Tent. Whichever team is voted, by MCLL Board of Directors, to be the **MOST SPIRITED** will win movie passes for the players to Star Cinema Grill. Get creative and **HAVE FUN!!!**

PICTURE DAY

MORNING OF OPENING DAY, Saturday, March 25th, 2017

- Your team mom will notify you of your team's time slot and schedule will be posted on website. The first pictures will start at 7:30 a.m.
- Please have your child arrive at the MCLL fields dressed in clean, **full uniform no later than 15 min before the assigned time.**
- If a child is not present, the team photo will be taken, and individual photos can be taken of missing players at a later time.
- If your child will not be at picture day, **please let your team mom know immediately.**
- Please feel free to bring your player's favorite gear for their individual picture.
- Each player will receive the MCLL Memory Mate. This is included in your registration fees.
- If you wish to order additional photos, please check the appropriate box on the photo form. Please be certain to include your credit card information or a check made out to **Images** for the appropriate amount.
- **Every player needs to fill out and turn in the photo form whether or not they order additional photographs.** Please return both the form and the money to your team mom.

CONCESSION STAND DUTIES

- Volunteers are essential to the operation of our concession stand! Each team will be required to work 2-3 shifts throughout the season. League Rule: **If your team does not show up for one or more of our assigned duty slots, your team will forfeit the next game and your Coach will be suspended for one game.**
- Five (5) volunteers are required per shift in the main concession stand during your team's assigned days. Two(2) volunteers are required per shift in the snack shack during days it is open (located by the back fields.)
- A MCLL Board member will open and close the stand each day. Please do not expect them to work shifts if your assigned volunteer does not show up.
- Volunteers must be 15 years old.
- Please arrive 5-10 min early so that there can be an easy transition.
- **If you are unable to work your shift, you must buyout your shift. Buyouts are \$25 each, per assigned worker, for the entire 2 ½ hour shift. A full team buyout, 5 persons, would be \$125 per date.** You must provide the full payment to Rachel at the Concession Stand (281-633-6936) at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled shift.
- If you know of someone interested in earning extra income by being an approved sub, they will need to register on the website under VOLUNTEERS.
- All workers MUST wear closed toed shoes and preferably with rubber soles. NO FLIP FLOPS are allowed while working in the concession stand.
- Be prepared to work and wait on our fellow MCLL patrons.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YOUR TEAM'S CONCESSION DATES:

As soon as the schedule is available, it will be sent to your team and will be posted on the website. Your team will be assigned 2-3 game shifts (possibly one more TBD during the post-season tournament.) Each team will be responsible for these shifts or buyout. Team Mom's will assign families to their individual Volunteer Days and send reminders beforehand.

Thank YOU!!!

Thank you for your commitment and for stepping up to make the 2017 Spring Season a great one! Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have questions or concerns. I am here to help you.

Make sure to maintain good communication with your coaches and parents. You are the glue and the engine that makes your team work. Let's all make this an awesome experience for all players and parents. TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stevenson
MCLL Board of Directors
Team Mom Coordinator
Special Event Director
713-205-4235 (I'm good with texting!!)
missouricitylittleleague@gmail.com

Spring 2016 Reminder Summary

Just a reminder of what is due from you:

____ Medical release Form (Due Immediately)

____ Code of Conduct Form (Due Immediately)

____ Volunteer Application & Copy of Driver's License (Due Immediately)
(required if coming into contact with players: coach, team mom, asst. coach, dugout mom)

____ Raffle ticket money and stubs are due by March 20th-24th.
(This will be \$100 from sales of your original raffle ticket book along with the original 20 raffle ticket stubs). **NO personal checks will be accepted**. If you are selling extra raffle books, turn in deadline is March 24th

____ Photo form and funds to order extra photos if desired (Due March 25th)

____ Cake Walk Item (March 25th to Cake Table)