

Hello (*Insert T-Ball/Rookie/Single A & Team Name*) Parents!

My name is _____ and I will be your Team Mom for the 2018 season!

A warm welcome to our new players and parents! If this is your first experience with Little League, rest assured that we have a well-oiled machine in place! My son is _____ and we are excited to start the season with you!

My job as Team Mom is to handle all the administrative duties for the team so that the coaches can spend 100% of their time coaching your boys. I will coordinate volunteer duties and keep you informed of important dates. It is also my job to make this Little League experience as easy and stress free for you parents so everyone has fun!!

There will be many emails to follow in the next couple of weeks so please check your mail often. Game schedules are being determined at this very moment and as soon as they become available either Coach _____ or myself will forward it to you. You can also go to the SCLL website for general league info and view the master calendar. Here is the link. You will need the login info you used to sign up your child.

www.sclittleleague.com

Our team name is the _____. Our Team Manager is _____ and our Assistant Coach is _____. If any other dads (or moms) want to help out during practices or games too, please, all hands on deck! The more help we have on the field the more FUN the boys have!!

Here are the names of your child's teammates:
Insert names

And now... the IMPORTANT STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW...

- 1) **MEDICAL RELEASE-** Please complete the attached Medical Release form and bring with you to the first practice (or parent meeting). We will need this for your player to participate in any team event during the season.
- 2) **PARENT MEETING-** We will have an informative parent meeting at Ballpark Pizza on _____ at _____pm. to introduce ourselves and go over expectations for the season. The boys will have a chance to bond and you can ask all the questions you want. We will get all our team business taken care of and identify your volunteer roles.
- 3) **COMMUNICATION-** Our primary forms of communication will be via our Shutterfly team website. I am setting up the website right now and soon you will receive an email with a link to join. This team website will contain our team roster, contact info and calendar of games, practices and events. It will automatically send you weekly reminders for practices and game times, allow for you to sign up for snack and field duty, and let us share photos from the games.
- 4) **ROSTER-** I have attached a PRELIMINARY ROSTER to this email. Teams are still being adjusted and we may gain/lose some players in the next couple of weeks. Please check to make sure the information I have for you is correct and that your child's name is spelled correctly for the banner. All communication from me will be sent to the email you received this message from. **If you would like your spouse, grandparent, caregiver, or any other person to receive team communications from me and the Shutterfly team website, please email me their names, email address and phone number NOW!**
- 5) **TEAM BANNER-** I will be ordering our team banner in the next couple of weeks. The League does not cover the cost of this so I will be asking each family to pitch in towards the expense. **Please bring \$_____ cash to the first practice or Venmo me @_____.** The banner will go up at each game to identify our team and will be used in our team photo.
- 6) **EQUIPMENT-** The League will provide each child with a jersey, hat, belt and socks. You will need to purchase color baseball pants.
Players will also need to purchase and have the following at every practice and game:
 - a. Baseball glove- that fits their little hands...the smaller the better so they become agile with it.
 - b. Cleats- It doesn't matter if they are for baseball or soccer, but cleats will be helpful in the dirt and grass.

- c. Batting Helmet- Safety first...each player should have their own helmet and not share for safety and hygiene.
- d. Bat- As of January 1, 2018, the new **USA Baseball Bat Standard** will be implemented. Little League- approved baseball bats that are approved for use for the 2017 season **will no longer be acceptable for use in any Little League game or activity** starting on January 1, 2018. Click on the link below to see the list of approved bats- <https://usabat.com/>
- e. Large White 5 Gallon Ball Bucket with a Lid- this will be to carry all of their gear in. This also substitutes for their seat in the dugout as we will be playing on a field without a bench. The buckets can be purchased at Lowe's for about \$5. **Buy them NOW because they sell out quickly.**
- f. Water bottle- at every game and practice.

7) PRACTICE- Our practices will be every _____ at time _____ at Field Name on Field #. **Our first practice date is _____.** We will notify you near the end of February what our schedule will be for March. This is to accommodate for weekday games. Generally all of our games are on Saturdays, but we will have at least 2 weekday games to make up for Spring Break.

8) VOLUNTEERING- As you know, the league is 100% volunteer run so your participation during practices and games is very much appreciated. Volunteer as your schedule permits and as often as you like. I will have a sign up section on our Shutterfly website for you each week. (ex: Field prep, assistant coaching, trash, snacks, dugout, etc.) Everyone who volunteers (and that should be all of you) needs to fill out the volunteer application attached to this email. All coaches and assistant coaches need to do the Live-Scan background check.

9) SNACK DUTY- "Snacks" after the game is a huge favorite with the boys. The field we play at does not have a snack bar so each family will take turns providing snacks and drinks for the team each week.

10) TEAM BUILDING- In addition to the events the League puts on (Opening Day, Pictures, Angel Day) we will occasionally have team lunches after the games so the boys and parents can get to know each other. We usually go to OC Tavern or Ballpark. We will also have an End of Season party to hand out medals. Dates and locations will be posted on the Shutterfly team website well in advance so you can plan your schedules accordingly.

11) OPENING DAY/ PICTURE DAY- Is on Saturday, March 3rd at Vista Hermosa Sports Park at 10:00am and has the potential to be an all-day affair depending on when our picture time is. I will let you know when I find out and give you more details on the meeting spot. Please plan your day accordingly.

12) ANGEL DAY- Sunday, April 22nd at 1:07pm- This season, tickets are available for purchase ONLINE!!! You can purchase them right now by going to the SCLL website. Do it soon because they sell out FAST!!

Angels vs. Giants

All SCLL players in uniform will be allowed to march in the Parade of Players around the field prior to the game.

That's it for now. I will be attending a Team Mom meeting on February 27th and should have more information for you then!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Looking forward to a GREAT season with you!

P.S. Don't forget to download all the attachments/ forms included in this email!!!

P.P.S To be sure I have everyone's emails entered correctly, please respond back to this email to let me know you received it! Thanks!

Team Mom

Cell: xxx-xxx-xxxx