



Thank you for lending your time to MCLL as a Team Parent!

The responsibilities of team parent are to assist the manager and coaches with off the field activities, help with communications to parents and keep the team running smoothly. Our goal as team parents should be to keep the manager and coaches focused on the players and getting the team ready to play.

Communication- Please help keep your families informed. Discuss with your Team Manager how you can help to forward correspondence from the League and Coaches. To aid in communication, you can use the feature in Team Connect which allows for communication via email, texting and a team site. Should you decide to set up a social media site for your team, it MUST be secure and private. Please respect the privacy of your players and parents if they don't want to be included. Team Parents must monitor posted comments and pictures on the team site. Information and important dates are also listed on our website at www.millcreeklittleleague.com

Recruiting Volunteers- All volunteers in MCLL are required to obtain an ID badge. Applications are online and submission is via email. A background investigation will be performed and the volunteer's social security number is required. The background investigation takes about 48-72 hours to process. Once processed, a volunteer badge will be made for you. Please make sure that any parents in contact with your players have their current year ID badge on them at all times. Applications for badges can be found on the MCLL website under Volunteers - "How to Apply". Little League International has contracted with JDP Background Screening to perform the investigation. After registering, and requesting your background link from badges@millcreeklittleleague.com, you should expect a link from JDP in your email.

Help Wanted- ***FOR THE 2021 SEASON THERE IS CURRENTLY NO PLANS TO OPEN THE SNACK SHACK AT FREEDOM FIELD*** Teams need a lot of parent support to run smoothly. Please assist your manager in getting the extra help needed including field preparation/maintenance, scorekeeping, umpires, announcers and scoreboard operators at Freedom Field, Safety Parents, Snack Shack workers and Little League Day volunteers. **PLEASE SEE OUR POLICY FOR SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEERS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES**

Uniforms/Gear/Equipment- Please assist in making sure that you have all the team gear necessary and in good shape for players to use. Please help your manager coordinate pick up and collection of equipment/uniforms if necessary. If gear becomes unsafe or damaged, please coordinate with your

coach to contact the league for a replacement. You can replenish your ice packs by visiting the snack shack during operating hours.

Team Events/Celebrations- Coordinate with your manager and coaches any team events. It is always good to get the team together before practices so the players can meet and the manager can set the tone of the season. End of Season parties are a great way to finish the season and celebrate the players. You can collect funds and coordinate manager/coaches gifts and trophies for the players. Mid-season events are great for team building and a good way for the players to get to know each other better. Events such as bowling, pizza, BBQ etc are fun and let the kids and parents socialize in a different environment than on the field.

Optional Fun- There are a lot of fun things that you can add to your team. It is up to you what you want to include. You can make a team roster/game schedule card for the parents so they can cheer for everyone, You can organize post-game snacks and coordinate fan gear orders. Have fun but remember that you can also delegate tasks to other parents for additional help.

Team Banners- We have seen so many creative team banners over the years during the parade of teams. Please coordinate your team's banner. You can have it professionally made and collect funds from your families or recruit someone on your team to make one or have the players make one. Team banners can also be used to show pride at your games. MCLL has used Streamline Design in Snohomish for banners in the past. You can also look online for many other banner options or make your own!

Mill Creek Little League Day - Date: TBD (a Saturday in late April/Early May)

MCLL families are invited to take part in festivities that include a parade of teams, local vendors, raffle for amazing prizes, team competitions, team pictures and much, much more!
It will be held at Gateway Middle School & Forest View Elementary and a big day to celebrate all our players and their families!

Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning and organization of Little League Day. Please contact us at questions@millcreeklittleleague.com if you can help. It has been asked that each team put together a raffle basket as a fundraiser.

Team Pictures will be taken on Little League Day. Each team must sign up for a time slot for your individual and team photos. Please coordinate with your manager/coach for the best time. You will receive an email when the photos are available for pick up at the Snack Shack at Freedom Field.

Information on how to sign up for pictures and to help out for LL Day will be provided to you once available.

Mariner Little League Days- The targeted games for 2021 will be:

- Sunday, August 15th vs. Toronto Blue Jays – 1:10pm
- Sunday, August 29th vs. Kansas City Royals – 1:10pm

This year (2021) the Mariners organization will be using digital ticketing. Families will be able to purchase tickets online and tickets will be distributed electronically. When available, our League will have a

personalized website where parents can purchase tickets based on their Coach's name. This will insure that Teammates/Families will all sit together We will notify you when tickets are available.

****SNACK SHACK POLICY****

Snack Shack at Freedom Field

Snack Shack - Being the Team Parent does not make you the only volunteer working in the Snack Shack. This opportunity is for ALL parents, however, you will need to coordinate and recruit these volunteers. There are typically a lot of questions about what is required to work in the snack shack, why do we have to do it, and can I get a substitute worker? To help answer these questions, parents can visit our website and look under Volunteers - Snack Shack. There are also some tid-bits listed below to help answer any questions parents may have:

Proceeds earned from our concession stand aka: The Snack Shack, are the main fundraiser for the league and the snack shack must be open at each and every game played at Freedom Field- there is no "opt out" feature. Teams playing at FF will be responsible for staffing the snack shack but will never be scheduled to work during their team's game. Our scheduler does their best to coordinate team shifts to occur before or after their game, but cannot accommodate this in every situation. Your team may also be scheduled to work in the snack shack during our Challenger Games.

The amount of shifts that your team is required to work depends entirely on how many games they play there. Typically for Majors players there are 3-4 shifts that need to be covered per family, Minors 2-3, Farm 2-3, Rookies 1-2, and T-ball 1-2.

All parents working on the snack shack must have a valid Food Handlers Card and a valid ID badge. To find out how to obtain your food handlers card and ID badge please visit our Volunteers page on our website www.millcreeklittleleague.com.

**** MAJORS & MINORS DIVISION PARENTS** - your games start early after the draft, so you must have your valid Food Handlers card no later than March 1st.

Once the game schedule is determined, then the snack shack schedule can then be posted - via Sign Up Genius so look for this link. Majors & Minors teams will be the first games scheduled and this may not give you much time to arrange your volunteers for this date so pre-planning for this date will save you and your parents a lot of stress and hassle. Please also stress to parents that the shifts must be filled as soon as scheduled and not to wait until the last minute.

MCLL requests that the concession sign up schedule be completed 2 weeks prior to your scheduled games. In the unfortunate event that the snack shack is not open, the announcer's booth will also be closed. Failure to appropriately staff the snack shack during your assigned times may result in your game being moved from Freedom Field.

Helpful Contacts:

Contact Information

Director of Team Parents	Tina Ryan	teamparents@millcreeklittleleague.com
Director of Concessions	Shanley Halverson	concessions@millcreeklittleleague.com
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