

# 2023 Team Parent Information

#### **Team Parent Responsibilities**

The role of the team parent is essential to the success of the season. A team parent is the liaison between the Board of Directors, Managers, Coaches and player's families on each team. A team parent coordinates and oversees the team's involvement in league events and is responsible for passing league information to the team. Below is a list of some responsibilities:

- 1. Secure a team sponsor for your team. Deadline 02/10/23. See team sponsor form for details. (No fee if your team secures a sponsor, if you can't secure a team sponsor please reach out to <a href="mailto:sponsorship@fletcherhillslittleleague.com">sponsor, if you can't secure a team sponsor please reach out to <a href="mailto:sponsorship@fletcherhillslittleleague.com">sponsorship@fletcherhillslittleleague.com</a>)
- 2. Coordinate collecting/receiving donated items for your Team's raffle basket for Cap N Cake on 2/25/23. One of our biggest fundraising events. Teams will be responsible for picking a theme for their basket and receiving donations from businesses or parents. The Raffle Donation Request letter will be sent via email for distribution to your team. Reach out to our sponsorship coordinator if you need any assistance.
- 3. Assist the manager with making sure jersey sizes are sent to Dan Smith equipment@fletcherhillslittleleague.com
- 4. Assist the manager with coordinating and collecting fees for uniform and or cap customization. Uniforms and caps need to be completed and received before 2/10/23 to be ready in time for the Cap-N-Cake event.
- 5. Provide Photo Day information to your team, including their scheduled photo time and additional ordering instructions. Ensure that the team arrives 20 minutes before their scheduled photo time. Photo Day will be Saturday March 11th, at our Majors field, starting at 7:30am. Times TBD.
- 6. Coordinate Scorekeepers (Majors & Minors Levels Only) for Home Games and Pitch Count for Away Games. A FREE Scorekeeping Clinic will be held by the district on <a href="Wednesday February 22">Wednesday February 22</a>, 2023 at 6:30pm. Location El Cajon Rec at Renette Park, 935 Emerald Ave. We recommend at least two volunteers from YOUR TEAM learn how to scorekeep, in case of absence, etc.
- 7. Coordinate Game Changer volunteer for all games (Majors & Minors Levels Only). Best to have at least 2 people trained, in case of absence etc. Virtual training Wednesday March 1, at 6pm.
- 8. Be sure to sign up for snack bar shifts (<u>www.signupgenius.com</u> link will be emailed to each team) or an event volunteer shift. Once your volunteer hours are completed you will receive your \$50 volunteer credit refund.
- 9. Hand out Hit-a-thon paperwork and help coordinate your teams' participants.
- 10. Send your team's sponsor a thank you note. Coordinate with our Sponsorship Coordinator to ensure that your Team Sponsor receives their Sponsorship plaque.
- 11. Make sure all parents have downloaded TeamSnap, it's the easiest way to communicate with parents. Provide league information to your team regarding the league's events throughout the season and encourage team volunteer participation for season events. FHLL event calendar is accessible through our website and events are posted on social media.
- 12. Remind parents of upcoming dine-out nights for the league, any league events, and any other fundraising events.
- 13. Coordinate the end of the year party, coaches' and scorekeeper gifts, and trophies. 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies for Minors B, Minors A, and Majors will be provided by the league. (Team parents of T-ball and Rookies teams will need to order trophies for their players if they choose to and collect money from parents.)

#### **Events and Responsibilities Information**

#### **Contact Information:**

If you have any problems, concerns or comments during the season, please contact our board members - contact information on the last page of this packet. THE FHLL BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS HERE TO HELP AND WE WANT THIS EXPERIENCE TO BE POSITIVE!

#### **Banners:**

Teams that secure a team sponsor receive a FREE banner!! You will provide your banner information on the team sponsor form no later than **02/10/23** in order for your banner to be ready for Picture Day. Team Sponsorship form will be sent via email. Please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator if you are unable to secure a team sponsor or need any assistance.

#### **Family Banners:**

New this year! \$50 per banner, helps support the league. Banners are 12x12, and can be displayed at the field of your choice. Contact Sponsorship Coordinator for more information or questions.

#### **Uniforms:**

FHLL provides a jersey and cap for all players. Players will be responsible for purchasing designated pants, undershirt, belt, socks, as well as other required equipment (cup, glove, cleats, helmet). T-Ball, Rookies, Minors B, and Minors A Teams may have first names printed on the back of jerseys (or last name or nickname....). First name plus last name initial is OK for teams having more than one player with the same first name (for example: Josh R.)

We recommend that the team parents collect all the jerseys and take them to Retro Sports to have their name and number printed on them. This will ensure they all match in font size and style. FHLL will cover the cost of printing the number on the jersey. Cap embroidery is also an option. (Definitely recommended for the young players)

Jersey: \$5 (plus tax) for name (the number is covered by the league)

Cap: \$4 (plus tax) for name, \$4 (plus tax) for number; \$8 (plus tax) if name and number

Retro Sports is our primary league provider for all uniform items including the embroidery. Retro Sports number is 619-465-9000. They have moved out of Fletcher Hills, but have agreed to bring our uniforms to us, for pick up.

2/10/23: Deadline to give all jersey and hat printing info to Retro

2/22/23 @ 5:30pm: Retro will be at Majors field to hand out Jerseys to teams

2/24/23 @ 3:00pm: Retro will be at Majors field to hand out Jerseys to teams

#### **Team Basket for Cap N Cake Raffle**

Each team will be responsible for putting together a basket for our annual fundraiser event at Cap N Cake day. One of our biggest fundraising events. Teams will be responsible for picking a theme for their basket and receiving donations from businesses or parents. The Raffle Donation Request letter will be sent via email for distribution to your team. A detailed description of donated items with approximate total basket value needs to be typed and included with the basket. Make it easy to read for kids and parents to know what/which items are included in your team's basket. Completed baskets can be dropped off the morning of the Cap N Cake event, starting at 8:30, no later than 10am. Bring directly to Northmont fields. Raffle winners will be announced during the Cap N Cake event.

Cap and Cake Event - Season Opener Fundraiser/Team Intro Saturday February 25, 2023 at Northmont Fields 10:00am - 2:00pm

Cap and Cake Day is a family event where the players will receive their baseball caps and have an opportunity to spend social time with their new team and other players in the league. This year's event will be on Saturday, February 25 beginning at 10am at our Northmont Fields. The event is designed to kick off the season with activities, such as introduction of team members, cap distribution, team building activities and races, bid on raffle baskets, buy FHLL merchandise, "Leave their mark", and a free donut for our players. All proceeds from the event will go directly to FHLL. Chick-fil-a will also be there selling sandwiches and shakes. Parent help with setting up is greatly appreciated! Set up time 8:30 am.

\*\*\*Please be certain that you or your manager have your entire teams' hats. When all players have arrived please check in your team to be announced.

We will have the day scheduled by division as follows:

\*\*arrive at least 15 min. early

10:00 am TBall/rookies

11:00 am Minor B

12:00 pm Minors A

1:00 pm Majors

- 1. The teams will line up on the Minors B field, the manager will announce each player, and give them their hat at home plate. The team will stand for a photo by balloon arch and each will receive a donut ticket for a free donut at the Snack Bar.
- 2. After your team is announced and caps received, help direct players over to the team activities/race area for some fun team bonding!
- 3. After races are completed, teams can "Leave their Mark" by adding their thumbprints to the FH logo on the Minors A dugout.
- 4. Families can bid on raffle baskets throughout the event, winners to be announced at the end of Cap and Cake event. You do not need to be present to win, but need to have a designated person (team parent) who can take the winning basket from the field.

## Snack Bar Training Thursday March 2, 2023 @ 4:30pm at Northmont Snack Bar Friday March 3, 2023 @ 4:30pm at Majors Snack Bar

There will be a master Snack Bar Schedule with all available shifts for both Majors and Northmont Snack Bars, we utilize <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com">www.signupgenius.com</a> which will be emailed to all teams. Each family is required to cover 2 snack bar shifts, per player, in order to receive \$50 credit on registration. They will be able to sign up for any shift(s) they would like. The site will also send a reminder notice to the parent before their shift date. Questions can be emailed to snackbar@fletcherhillslittleleague.com.

#### Staffing:

Each family is responsible for covering an assigned number of snack bar shifts. You are able to cover shifts at either Northmont or Majors Field Snack Bars. There are a lot of teens that like to pick up snack bar shifts. Please have your team forward any interested Teen Workers to you so we can get them on the approved Teen Worker list.

A shift is approximately three hours long. There must be at least two workers for each snack bar shift—always one being an adult. Grill shifts need to be filled by an adult. Grill Workers will be needed on Friday nights and Saturdays at the Majors field, and Saturday afternoons at the Northmont field. Teenagers may not work the grill.

## Team Picture Day Saturday March 11, 2023 at Majors Field

This year we have a new company taking our photos. We are very excited, take a look at their website! https://splashphoto.co/

Team photos will be taken on Saturday, March 11th, starting at 7:30am at Majors Field. You will be notified of your team's time as soon as the schedule is finalized. Players wear their full uniform, including cleats, belt, glove, bat. It is important that your team arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your scheduled photo time. No forms to fill out.

Complete uniform checks on your team (most commonly forgotten items are cleats, hat, belt, glove, bat). Make sure jerseys are tucked in, strings on pants are tucked in, faces are clean, hats and hair in place.

Our league is providing each player with a button and a "Memory Mate," which includes a team photo at no additional cost. After picture day, a link will be emailed to all families and everyone can choose which photo they would like on their button and memory matte. They will also be able to view and purchase whatever additional photos they would like. There will be packages, as well as digital and a la carte options.

Our Sponsorship Coordinator will have your team banner ready for you to hold in your team photo. Please return the banner to the Sponsorship Coordinator so that it may be hung up at the field.

#### **Additional League Events**

#### **Opening Day Ceremonies at Majors Field**

Saturday March 4th, 9:30 am. Teams line up just outside the infield dirt, with the first T-ball team behind 3<sup>rd</sup> base, then continuing around the infield with Rookies, Minors B, Minors A, and Majors over by first base. Teams are announced and players get to run around the bases. After your team is announced, team parents should report to the snack bar area to pick up pizza provided for your team. We will be selling Padres Little League Day tickets at Opening Ceremonies (Limited tickets!). First Majors game of the season begins after Opening Day Ceremonies so be sure to stick around and cheer on our Majors teams!

#### Padres Little League Day:

Sunday, April 2 at 1:10pm. Join your team and walk the field, celebrate Little League and enjoy a Padres Game. **Tickets will be sold at Opening Ceremonies for \$27 (limited quantity of tickets)**. On Game Day, players will be a part of a Little League Parade around the outfield at Petco Park, more details to follow.

#### Hit-A-Thon at Northmont Field

Sunday April 23 at 9am. Teams to be divided up by divisions. Pledge forms will be passed out along with information on how to do the electronic pledge star system. Great event to get donations from out of town family members who want to help support their player. All players will have the opportunity to participate in the 2023 Hit-A-Thon. Players will be fundraising for balls pitched to them (or off a tee for the littles) for every ball the player hits onto a section on the field the player wins a raffle ticket to coordinate winning items. Previous prizes included TV, Nintendo Switch, X-Box Games, baseball gear, and more.

#### **Old Timers Day at Majors Field**

Sunday, May 21 at 12 noon. Old Timers' Day has been a long standing tradition at Fletcher Hills Little League. The teams are divided by divisions: Majors, Minors A, Minors B, Rookie/T-ball, and alumni. Coaches and parents will be required to play in the division from which their child plays. Once a team loses two games they are eliminated from the tournament. The tournament is played throughout the day. The snack bar will be open and selling regular and specialty food items. All parents are encouraged to participate in this fun family event.

#### **FHLL Poker Night Fundraiser**

Saturday, May 6th time TBD

New Event this year for adults only! More info to come.

#### **Closing Day Ceremonies:**

Closing Ceremonies are on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am, at Majors Field. It is a day of player recognition: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in the Minors B, Minors A, and Majors divisions; Sportsmanship of the Year Awards for all teams; All Star Team Announcements; Erich Wendell award; and the 12-year-old "Graduation."

#### <u>Trophies/Coaches Gifts/End of the Season Party:</u>

The League provides trophies for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in the Minors B, Minors A, and Majors levels only. All other teams will need to purchase and provide their players with their own trophies or awards. Team parents collect money from the parents to cover the cost of the trophies and gifts for the coaches, scorekeepers, plus any party expenses, etc..... The cost should be equally divided among each family on the team.

Awards by Navajo is a great store to use for trophies. They are located at 2364 Fletcher Pkwy, El Cajon. Their phone number is 619-465-2881. Trophies run roughly \$8 each or less. Make sure you order them 2-3 weeks before the end of the season.

Team parties may be held at the location of your choice. You can collect money for food, or have a potluck.

#### **FHLL Dine-Out Evenings:**

During this season we will be having a few options for "dine-out" events. Our league will receive a % back on all purchases made at these events. Event info will be in our newsletter and posted on social media, be sure to add to your team snap communication.

#### SDSU Aztec Baseball Tickets \$4:

Date TBD. Please help determine the number of tickets needed, and coordinate with team parent liaison.

#### \$5 Padre Tickets:

Game Date TBD. These will go on sale Closing Ceremonies for \$5 per ticket. What'a deal (limited quantity of tickets).

#### FRIENDLY REMINDER:

NO DOGS are allowed at any Fletcher Hills Little League fields and parking lots, at any time. This is a FHLL and La Mesa Spring Valley School District policy. While we adore our furry friends, please respect these policies and leave your pets at home. This is very important so we can keep our fields clean and safe and can continue to use Northmont and Majors fields for many years to come.

## Please follow our Social Media Instagram & Facebook for updates!

#### **Field Locations:**

Northmont Fields adjacent to Northmont Elementary, 9405 Gregory St, La Mesa, CA 91942 Majors Field (also known as Mor Field) adjacent to Fletcher Hills Elementary, 2330 Center Pl, El Cajon, CA 92020

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## THANK YOU.....have a great season!