



Union Little League
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January 2023 Newsletter

Key Dates

- Volunteer Field Work Day - Jan 28
- Team formation - Week of Jan 23
- First practices - Week of Jan 30
- Juniors Evaluation - tentative Feb 4
- Opening Day Ceremony for all teams - March 4, 2023
- Opening Day games - March 4, 2023

League Message

Happy New Year to all of our baseball families! Despite the wet start to the year and resulting delays in our Evaluation Day, we were able to have a successful Evaluation Day this past Saturday. The kids looked excited to be back on the field and hang out with their friends from year's past. Our plan is to get back on schedule and get teams formed this week and start practices as early as next week. We have a few short weeks before Opening Day and a break for President's Week is wrapped into the middle of this time. The fields at Cinnabar and Union Middle School have been getting a lot of TLC over the past couple of months with major rehab projects and smaller clean up work commencing with the help of so many of our parent volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has been out helping either on a planned work day or any other time. Our league is not possible without our volunteers!

The player drafts have been completed this week and teams will receive Welcome emails from Majors managers on Thursday and A to AAA on Friday.

Don't forget to check out the shopping events at Dick's Sporting Goods and Sports Basement which both end this weekend. The coupons are below for easy reference.

Registration

2023 Spring Registration is still open for Juniors and Tball. Tball has a slower start to the season to help get our younger players ready. As long as we have space on our teams, we can have late additions to this age group. Juniors follows a District 12 schedule and has a different schedule compared to our younger divisions.

Additional 2023 Spring Season information and dates can be found on our [ULL Website](#) under the Registration tab. Expect more updates soon as the spring season approaches.

Feel free to reach out if you have questions or need any assistance:
playeragent@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (which division, age, skills questions) or
registrar@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (registration questions) or
info@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (general questions not covered above)

Fundraising



You might have noticed all the banners representing our generous sponsors! This is a great way to market your company and support ULL is a **banner on**

our fields! Our fields have a lot of visitors during the year. We offer tiered sponsorship levels to suit a range of budgets. All levels provide advertising opportunities for businesses and are a great way to demonstrate your community involvement. At the MVP level and higher you can even get credit for volunteer hours for one player! You can find out more info on sponsorships and submit to become a league sponsor [here](#).

This year we are looking for sponsors for our large 4' x 8' large wood signs you see around the fields. This is a great opportunity for your organization! (\$2,000 for three years of advertising!) Please reach out if interested to fundraising@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com

At any time, the League appreciates any donations - whether large or small - to support these efforts and donations can be accepted via PayPal through our website [here](#). Don't forget any company matches!

Family Fun Day Alert - mark your calendars for this great event - March 19th, 2023!

This great event will have so many activities that run all day - bounce houses, speed pitch, dunk tank, cornhole, a pitch-hit-and-run competition, team season photos, and more!

Information Night

Our information night was held on December 7. We were able to communicate many of the changes for the upcoming season and talk through the process. The [Info Night Presentation](#) is linked for your reference.

Evaluation Day

Juniors

ULL will hold a ULL evaluation day shortly to split up the Juniors teams. ULL is trying to schedule our Juniors evaluations also for Feb 4. Please keep an eye out for more communication once this date and time is confirmed.

Facilities

Work continues at the Cinnabar complex to remove overgrown areas, edge out fields, clean up and beautify the fields, maintain the irrigation system, paint the bleachers, and organize the snack shack. We all appreciate the final outcome from this hard work, but sometimes don't realize how much goes into it.

In December, we finished grading the Juniors field at Union Middle School and installed over 9000 square feet of new sod in the infield. The field is looking really great and we are excited to be playing on it this spring. See these [Juniors Field Renovation slides](#) showing the progress on the project with before, after and current progress pictures. The picture is from second base. Next steps are to trim back the sod edges and install the infield dirt, bases, plate, pitching rubber.



Volunteer Field Work Day - Saturday January 28

Our next Volunteer Work Day will be held on Saturday, January 28th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Cinnabar Field, 1581 Singletree Way, San Jose, CA. We are looking for volunteers to help do more clean-up, especially after the long weeks of rain, and to help us prepare our facilities for the start of practices which will begin the following week. Our fields and facilities have always been a point of pride for our league, and it takes a team effort to build and maintain this amazing complex.

Volunteers may earn credit toward fulfilling the 8-hours requirement for the Spring season. You can sign up for one of more 2-hour shifts by doing the following steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/dbyUtvG>
2. Enter your email address. You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Did you know that you can volunteer year round @ Union Little League? It takes a lot to run Union Little League even during the off seasons. We have a slew of projects coming up over the next few months. If you have any free time to give, consider volunteering. Your help will be greatly appreciated, and we can even apply any hours to unfilled past volunteer requirements or future volunteer requirements for the Spring season. You can reach out to: volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (Kelli Ghanati or Virginia Ruan) or safety@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (Brent Tollenaar) or facilities@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (Brian Tam) to learn more.

Umpire Recruitment and Training in February

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning about how to become an umpire with Union Little League this season? At ULL, we seek to have qualified umpires working in all Majors/AAA games this season, plus some AA and A level games as the season progresses. Adult umpires work games on a volunteer basis, and their service counts toward fulfilling Volunteer Requirements for the Spring Season. Youth Umpires (age 12 and up) can earn \$20 per game..and all umpires earn a FREE Snack Shack Meal on game day! All umpires are required to attend a District 12 Umpire Training Clinic, and they will be held in February, starting on February 5th.

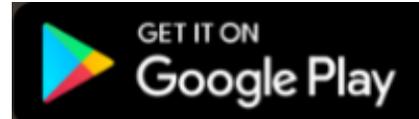
To find out more about becoming an umpire in Union Little League, to find out how to sign up to attend a Clinic, or to let us know your interest in umpiring, please feel free to contact Rob Bernard, Chief of Umpires, at umpires@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com.

GameChanger App

Game Changer New is the recommended app by ULL to coordinate with your team families, communicate, schedule practices, and set team availability.

Some general information and instructions can be found in this [Game Changer New setup document](#).

There are two versions of Game Changer, Classic and New. They are different products from Game Changer. For Spring 2023, ULL will be scheduling all games in **Game Changer New**.



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See website for [exclusions](#).

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Feedback and Comments

Have a compliment, idea or some suggestions for the league? Submit your feedback [here](#) - we would love to hear from you!

Thank you!

- Union Little League