



**Union Little League**  
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## November 2022 Newsletter

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### **Key Dates**

- Spring registration is open
- Early bird registration until November 30, 2022 @ 11:59 PM
- Information Night via Google Meet on December 7 @ 7:30 PM
- Verification Night on December 13 from 6-7:30 PM
- Registration closes December 31, 2022
- Evaluation day 1: January 7, 2023

**Fun Fact:** Union Little League offers baseball divisions up to age 16. Players playing on high school, travel, comp, or pony leagues are still eligible to also play Little League. There is even an opportunity for 12 year olds can roster and play in both Majors and Juniors at the same time if they want more playing time or to prepare for next season. Juniors uses a larger field and allows lead offs and removes most other restrictions we have in the Majors and Minors divisions.

### **League Message**

Our Fall 2022 Baseball season wrapped up this month and was a success. We celebrated the end of the season with Snack Shack specials and a bounce house. We fielded teams across all the eligible divisions with the players anxious to sign up for the Spring 2023 season. Thank you to all the managers, coaches, and volunteers that helped to make this a successful fall season.

There has been tons of activity at the main ULL Cinnabar complex as well as the Juniors field at Union Middle School. The work thus far has focused on cleaning up and maintaining the facility in more bite sized chunks. In addition to this ongoing work, there will be an organized clean up day to help prepare our facilities on December 17. This will be a great way to fulfill some of the volunteer requirements ahead of the Spring season and contribute to keeping our facilities as some of the best around.

### **Registration**

2023 Spring Registration Early Bird pricing ends in a few hours. [Register now](#) to take advantage of our Early Bird pricing. (Ends 11/30/2022! - \$50 increase thereafter - Registration closes 12/31/2022.)

Completing registration requires a few steps listed below. Detailed information is on the [website](#).

1. Registering a player for a specific division
2. Birth certificate
3. Residency verification
4. Volunteer buyout deposit check
5. Evaluation Day

[Levels of Play](#) for more information on the division breakdowns and what division your child should play in. Be sure to verify your child's "League Age". This is effectively your child's age as of August

31. A chart from Little League International can help determine this. [Little League Age Chart to help with age placement](#).

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](mailto:playeragent@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) (which division, age, skills questions) or  
[registrar@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com](mailto:registrar@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) (registration questions) or  
[info@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com](mailto:info@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) (general questions not covered above)

### **Information Night**

Wednesday, December 7 · 7:30 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/qxt-uebv-zgg>

Information night is a short 20 minute presentation via Google Meet by the board followed by an opportunity to ask questions. The objective is to introduce a few key board members, talk about the league, division structure, registration process, verification process, evaluation day, and answer common questions. Everyone new and old to the league is encouraged to join and can help spread information as we still recover from our Covid year where many families and players missed out on the full little league experience.

### **Verification Night**

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:00 - 7:30 PM (10 minute visit during this time frame)

Belwood Cabana Club  
100 Belwood Gateway  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

This is an in person drop-in where parents can bring their verification documents, volunteer “buy-out” check, and try on uniform jerseys for size. The total time for this process is **10 minutes**. Please come by any time during this window of 6-7:30 PM.

We realize that not all families are able to meet the volunteer commitments. Therefore, during online registration, you may elect to “buyout” this obligation. Parents who do not pay the buyout fee at the time of registration will be required to provide a post dated check for the buyout fee amount. Upon fulfillment of volunteer requirements, this check will be destroyed or returned uncashed.

Additional details of what documents to bring and other FAQs can be found on the [Verification section](#) of the ULL website.

### **Facilities**

Work has been ongoing 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.

At the Juniors field at Union Middle School, the infield has been graded removing all the lips, lumps, and holes. New sod on the infield is planned for December to be ready for the spring season. A special thanks to Nik Radonich for his time and equipment to help on this project. The next few steps

of this project will require help from the community to install the sod, so please reach out if you are interested to help on this project to mark at [secretary@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com](mailto:secretary@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com).

[Juniors Field Renovation slides](#) showing the progress on the project with before and after and current progress pictures.

### **Evaluation Day**

#### **Single A to Majors**

Primary Day: January 7, 2023

Backup Day (weather and makeup): January 14, 2023

Player evaluations are an opportunity for all players in "A" or higher, not Tball, to run through basic skills. Depending on the age level, there will be evaluations for hitting, pitching (AAA+), ground balls, fly balls, and throwing. Each player will have an opportunity for each skill for their respective division. Managers will use this information for the draft process where they will draft balanced teams across "A" divisions and higher. There are no cuts and all players will have an opportunity to play on a team.

#### **Juniors and Seniors**

These divisions may participate in a District 12 wide evaluation on February 4, 2023 depending on enrollment numbers and ability to field complete teams. Dates and locations are subject to change.

### **Volunteers Needed**

1. 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](mailto:volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) (Rob Bernard) or [safety@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com](mailto:safety@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) (Brent Tollenaar) or [facilities@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com](mailto:facilities@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) (Brian Tam) to learn more.
2. The facilities clean up day on December 17 from 9 AM to 3 PM is a great opportunity to meet others in the baseball community, fulfill Spring volunteer requirements, or enjoy working outside. No experience is necessary and there will be a mix of tasks available for all skill levels. You can sign up for one or more slots [HERE](#) or show up to help on December 17 when you are available. More details will be provided on the sign up page and by email as we get closer to the date.

### **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