

Union Little League Serving the community since 1960!

October 2022 Newsletter

Key Dates

- Snack shack open Oct 29 (bring a new family for candy treats)
- Last day of Fall Ball November 12, 2022 (snack shack will be open)
- Spring registration is open
- Early bird registration until November 30, 2022
- Registration closes December 31, 2022
- Evaluation day 1: January 7, 2023

Fun Fact: Little League Baseball fields from Tball to Majors have the same infield dimensions and configuration with 46' pitching distance and 60' base paths. The only difference is the outfield fence dimension until moving to Juniors where the field increases to 60'6" pitching distance and 90' base paths which are the same as the MLB infield dimensions.

League Message

We are quickly moving through our Fall 2022 season with a few more weeks of games. We are quickly preparing for the Spring 2023 season. Registration opened on October 15. We anticipate increased enrollment this next season and also have increased interest in our Juniors division which we haven't fielded for a spring season since 2017.

Spring 2023 will include the division format from prior years including Tball, A, AA, AAA, Majors with the addition of Juniors and Seniors enabling a baseball option for players up to age 16.

Work has been ongoing behind the scenes to streamline systems within the league and to also work and get our facility ready for Spring now reducing the normal spring preparation time. We have also been working to rehabilitate the Juniors field at Union Middle School and are on track to have this ready for spring.

Registration

2023 Spring Registration is officially open! <u>Register now</u> to take advantage of our Early Bird pricing. (Ends 11/30/2022! - \$50 increase thereafter - Registration closes 12/31/2022.)

<u>Levels of Play</u> 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. <u>Little League Age Chart to help with age placement</u>.

Additional 2023 Spring Season information and dates can be found on our <u>ULL Website</u> 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)

Snack Shack

Our snack shack is a critical piece of Union Little League. Our new concession coordinator, Majken Bullard, is excited to take on this role and has a lot of great ideas for next season. She is looking for a few dedicated individuals who can help on a snack shack committee to make our snack shack easier to manage, easier to operate with volunteers, and be available when needed. You can see a list of job descriptions <u>here</u>. If you are interested in learning more and would like to help Majken with small aspects of the snack shack, please contact her at <u>concessions@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com</u>.

Union School District Land Redevelopment

The Union School District board of directors has voted to move forward with the land redevelopment proposal which will repurpose the facility at Cinnabar School which includes the ULL baseball fields and facilities. The district has expressed interest in developing a new baseball facility which we would have access to behind the Challenger School on Harwood. The anticipated timeline for this project is 3 years. The most important next steps for Union Little League and our children interested in baseball is to continue to have discussions with the district and express our need to have access to a facility as good as our current facility. We want to ensure a new complex which we will have access to stays in their project plan and is completed so we don't have a year without fields.

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 (Rob Bernard) or safety@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (Brent Tollenaar) or facilties@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com (Brian Tam) to learn more.
- (2) Also.....ULL is excited to announce that <u>Snack Shack will be open</u> on the following days and hours during Fall Ball games:

10/29/22 from 9am-2pm 11/12/22 from 9am-2pm

We are looking for a few volunteers to help out at the Snack Shack for these special Fall Ball dates at ULL. We have volunteer spots available, and also some paid positions for youth volunteers (Age 14-17). If you are working Snack Shack on the Oct. 29 date, please feel free to dress up in your fave 1950s-style apparel!

<u>To sign up for a volunteer shift at Snack Shack, simply click this link:</u> <u>https://signup.com/go/EYSCPgr</u>

Feedback and Comments Have a compliment, idea or some suggestions for the league? Submit your feedback <u>here</u> - we would love to hear from you!

Thank you!

- Union Little League