



Union Little League
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January 2022 Newsletter

Key Dates

- Week of Jan 17 - Teams formed
- Week of Jan 24 - Teams communicated to players/parents
- Week of Jan 31 - First practices
- Mar 5 - Opening day

League Message

We are quickly moving towards the start of our Spring 2022 season. Evaluation day was a success and it was great to see the kids on the fields again. Managers are finalizing their rosters and will be in touch with families soon. We are looking forward to a great season

Registrations

We had a successful registration this year with enough players to field 6 Majors, 6 Minors, 6 Farm, and 5 Tball teams with 246 (231 boys / 15 girls) players.

Spring 2022 Tball Registration - Open Now

[Registration](#) is currently open until February 15, 2022 for Tball. Please continue to spread the word to the community if they are interested in participating.

Snack Shack - We need help

The snack shack is a major part of Union Little League. We have several parents interested in helping operate the snack shack, but are still in need of a volunteer to manage or co-manage the snack shack. This board position is responsible for ensuring we have volunteer and paid workers for shifts when games are being played, supplying the snack shack on a regular basis, and maintaining the point of sale system. It is a management role and does not require someone onsite at all times. Please reach out to president@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com if you are interested in managing.

Evaluation Day Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who helped to run the evaluation day and players who participated in the evaluations. The evaluations are a critical part of making a fun and successful baseball season. The managers were able to take a look at the skill level of all players helping them to determine how to best build teams evenly across all divisions.

Winter Baseball Clinic Summary

Over Winter Break, ULL hosted a baseball clinic. There was a great turnout of 38 players to participate in various stations and receive some personalized instruction from our seasoned coaches and a professional coach who helped run the clinic. Thank you to Brent Tollenaar for taking the time to set up and run the clinic this winter. If you have feedback, please send it to Brent or the communications coordinator.

Fundraising

There are many ways you, your business, or your favorite business can help. Please check if your employer offers a company match or will even pay for the hours you volunteer. We also need some parent volunteers to help with fundraising and to help with family fun day! If you can help - even if only an hour a month - every effort helps! - please email the fundraising lead Holly Child at fundraising@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com

Facilities and Improvements

We held our first official volunteer day at the fields on Jan. 15. Our facilities coordinator, Tony Palma, has a long list of projects to repair and upgrade our facilities in preparation for the start of the season.

This past weekend volunteers tackled the Major field bullpens, Farm field edging, sprinkler repair work, shade upgrades, fence repairs, and other small tasks. Thank you to the volunteers who were able to come out and help! Below are some pictures showing the progress.

There will be another opportunity to help on Jan 22 and Jan 29. We plan to tackle the long list of remaining tasks needed to get the fields ready. Please sign up to help at the fields at this [LINK](#)



Starting Bullpen Grading and Repairs



New Field Dirt Arrives

Volunteering

Just a quick reminder here, that we are working hard this month to get our fields and facilities in shape for the new season. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to ensure that the field and facilities improvement projects are completed in time! So please consider coming out either this Saturday or next, to lend a hand!

Some of the jobs include prepping the fields, dugouts, practice areas and bullpens, fixing fences and gates, replacing tarps, repairing netting, facility/trash cleanup, painting, weeding, filling holes, digging and more. We need volunteers for field maintenance and improvements on these dates. There are two time slots per day, but any time you can help will be appreciated.

Saturday, January 22, between 9 am and 4 pm

Saturday, January 29, between 9 am and 4 pm

Please use this link to sign up online: <https://signup.com/go/VadJfOy>

No experience is necessary, but please remember to bring work gloves, water, face covering. Dress appropriately for working outside. Feel free to contact Tony P.

(facilities@Unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) or Rob B. (volunteers@unionlittleleaguebaseball.com) with any questions.

Thank you for your participation, and for making an important contribution to our community!!

Coaches Corner

All official Managers and Coaches are required to attend the Positive Coaching Alliance seminar, sponsored by Union Little League, scheduled for **Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at the Belwood Cabana**. This is a fantastic discussion focused on communication with the kids, coaching tips, and mindset as an adult leader on the Little League field. All coaches and managers, please save the date. And, thank you for volunteering!

League Communication

Subscribe to the league calendar on the ULL website to have automatic reminders for key events. You can also subscribe to text alerts from the league by Texting ULLBASEBALL to 84483 to receive alerts from Union Little League. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to stay informed of happenings in the league and to help share and support our league. The [ULL Calendar](#) is updated regularly with important events. Please subscribe to always have the latest information. The [ULL website](#) news section also has important notices.

Thank you!

- Union Little League