

CLL Team Parents

Thank you for lending your time to CLL as a Team Parent. This sheet will hopefully provide you with some guidance for what you can help your team with this year. This list is by no means all inclusive nor is every item here expected. You are welcome (and encouraged) to recruit help if you would like. The best thing you can do as a Team Parent is communicate with your team manager and player parents to make the season fun and enjoyable for all. Again, thanks so much for volunteering!

Team Communication – work with your manager on what s/he would like you to do. This really varies by manager.

League Communication – from time to time there will be information that you need to communicate to the team from CLL (team picture info, snack shack scheduling, safety info, etc.). You may do this at the end of practice or during games, talking to player parents. This also may be as simple as forwarding emails/information you receive from the League.

Player/Parent Gear – this can include extras for the players and parents (hats, sweatshirts, etc). Managers may have some fun ideas of how to make the players feel the team spirit. Remember, it doesn't have to be expensive.

Snack Shack – this is the concession stand at CLL. CLL will put out a schedule for all teams to provide at least 4 volunteers for staffing the Snack Shack on your shift. Team Parents play an important role in ensuring that they have volunteers from their team helping out so that everyone can enjoy the Snack Shack. You can help by working with the Concessions Director to ensure everyone understands the need for volunteers. Volunteer forms must be filled out and returned to the league prior to volunteering in the snack shack. Volunteers must be 16 years old to volunteer in the concession stand.

Website – on the CLL website (www.cascadelittleleague.org) there is the opportunity for each team to have its own team page. Talk to your team manager to determine if this is something that you, or perhaps another parent on your team, might want to do. Contact the Information Director /Webmaster for more information.

Team Pictures – you'll need to help your team manager coordinate everyone for team pictures. You will likely be receiving all the team picture information and will need to disburse it to player parents prior to team pictures as well as helping your team manager make sure that everyone makes it to team pictures that can and is dressed in full uniform.

Team Auction Basket – Each year teams provide a themed basket to be auctioned off at our annual fundraiser. You can have the items donated (Preferred Method) or collect a few dollars from each player to purchase items to create the basket. Have fun with it and don't forget to let everyone know about the fundraiser.

Post Game Snacks – work with your player parents to decide if everyone wants to provide post game snacks for your players. Some do, some choose not to; parents shouldn't feel obligated. If your team is going to do this, you'll need to create a signup sheet of sorts to ensure that all games are covered. Some Team Parents will send a reminder to the parents responsible for snacks prior to games.

Mariner's Tickets – each year CLL buys tickets to Mariners' games that are offered at a reduced cost to allow Little League players' families to attend at almost ½ price. These are known as Little League Weekends. The Mariners also host a player parade before the first pitch is thrown for all those attending the game in uniform. You'll be asked to ensure that all player parents are provided an opportunity to purchase tickets and then to facilitate them purchasing and receiving their tickets.

End of Season Party – most teams choose to have an end of season party to celebrate a great year. There are many different ways to plan an end of season party, so talk to your team manager and feel free to include ideas from player parents (who also may be willing to help you!) plan for and contribute to this large event. Again, it doesn't have to be expensive, just make it fun!

Coaches' Gifts – collect funds for and purchase appreciation gifts for coaches.

Trophies – work with your team manager to ensure that s/he wants trophies for the players and then find a supplier and the trophy that works for your team. Helpful hint: start shopping for trophies earlier in the season rather than later to ensure timely delivery.

Collect Funds from Player Parents – this one is pretty self explanatory. Some of the things you may want to collect money for are: end of season party, trophies, coaches' gifts, t-shirts, etc. The earlier you communicate to your player parents how much the end of season obligations will cost, the better you can plan. Please try to give player parents as much information about what their money is going to buy as possible and spend it accordingly.

Roster Cards – some Team Parents choose to make laminated cards with player's names and numbers and/or game schedules for their families.

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