

Welcome to the 34th Annual Jake Hardison Memorial Challenger Jamboree

May 8, 2026
Through
May 10, 2026

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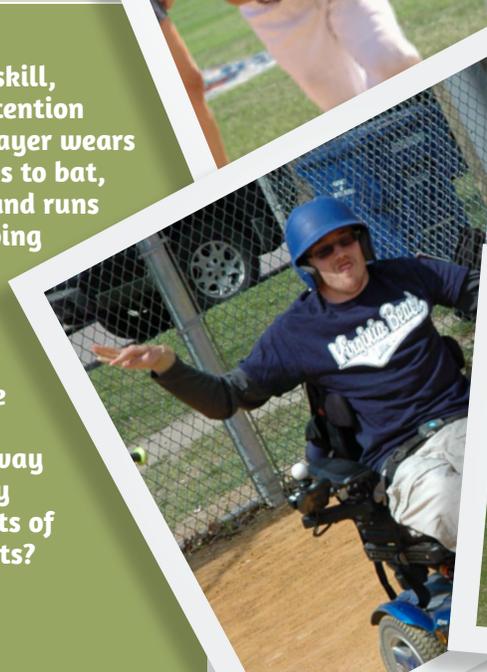
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About us!

CHALLENGER LITTLE LEAGUE® GIVES KIDS A CHANCE TO ... PLAY BALL

The Little League Challenger® Division was started in 1989 by Little League International and is the fastest growing division in Little League today, fielding more than 1,800 teams and serving nearly 27,000 players worldwide. This division provides boys & girls with disabilities the opportunity to experience therapeutic fun and sportsmanship playing baseball, giving them a chance to succeed in sports, community and life. Pretty cool right?



Regardless of skill, mobility or attention span, every player wears a uniform, goes to bat, gets on base, and runs to home. Keeping score is less important than keeping things fun and positive. Come to think of it, isn't that the way it should really be in all aspects of children's sports?

Event Schedule

The JHM Jamboree Committee is pleased to invite you to attend the 34th Annual Challenger Jamboree to be held May 8th - 10th 2026

Location:

Games will be played at Azalea Little League Complex 1130 Pineridge Rd Norfolk, Virginia 23502. In the event we reach the capacity of this location, other field locations will be available.

Participation in this event will:

- Generate support for the development of future programs for children with disabilities.
- Give children with disabilities a chance to participate in Little League Baseball, to excel in certain facets of the program, and to have fun at the same time, similar to regular Little Leaguers.
- Allow children with disabilities from other states and countries to enjoy team spirit and good sportsmanship while having fun.



Friday, May 8th-Express Check-In:

Check-In for all managers/coaches will be held on Friday evening, May 8th beginning at 4:00 pm at Azalea Little League.



* Friday, Evening May 8th- Picnic:

A picnic will be served on Friday evening from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Azalea Little League, Tickets for Players and Coaches will be given to each team. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the price of \$15.00 each

Credit cards are of course accepted!!

** NOTE: This event will be catered and advance notice is required for planning purposes. Please use the roster to let us know how many will be attending.*



Friday, Evening May 8th

Flower Power Dance:

Join us at Azalea LL to dance the night away in a "Groovy Way"



*Saturday, May 9th-Opening

Ceremonies:

Opening Ceremonies start at 9:45 am All Teams must be in line by 9:30 am at the Azalea Little League complex. Parade of Teams will be at 9:45 am with a "Banner Contest" Please have teams participate in the "Flower Power" banner contest to include; Team Name and District.

** NOTE: All though we understand everyone attending this event have some special needs; We try to make sure our players who need wheelchair accessible parking have a place to park... Unfortunately we can not accommodate all handicap accessible parking needs.*



*Saturday, May 9th-Games Begin:

Games will start 11:00 am and run throughout the day at the fields on the Azalea Little League complex. A draft schedule will be emailed to all participants prior to the event.

** NOTE: This year's games will have a 1:15 time limit that must be strictly enforced.*

*Saturday, May 9th-Lunch:

Each Player will receive a ticket for a bag lunch. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am -1:30 pm.

** NOTE: Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate special dietary needs.*



Sunday, May 10th-Games Continue:

~Happy Mothers Day~

A Continental Breakfast will be available from 9:00-10:00 am.

Games will continue beginning at 10:30 am

Lodging:

Hotel rates will vary, but to ensure availability and secure the best possible rates, we advise you to book your room as early as possible. Please understand stipends are based on the funds that the Jamboree committee is able to raise each year

- **A minimum of 1,000 miles\$350.00 per team**
- **600-999 miles \$300.00 per team**
- **300-599 miles \$250.00 per team**
- **151-299 miles \$200.00 per team**
- **100-150 miles \$100.00 per team**

Mileage will be determined by the JHM Challenger Jamboree Committee with the starting point being the address of your Little League complex to the Jamboree fields (1130 Pineridge Rd, Norfolk, VA 23502). Miles will be determined by using Waze App. Hardship cases will be handled on case-by-case basis.

Safety Equipment

All teams are required to bring their own safety equipment; this is to include NOCSAE approved batting helmets and full catcher gear which must include a dangling throat guard on all catcher masks. All bats must be "USA" bats. Per Little League rules all Batters must wear a batting helmet.

Medical/First Aid

The Sports Medicine staff from the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters has graciously volunteered their time and will be onsite to administer medical attention to any injury or illness that may occur.

Scheduling:

In order to provide a game schedule to teams in advance of the Express Check-In, we need your help in the following areas:

1. Please visit www.jhmcj.org to register your teams. If you need assistance please email info@jhmcj.org.
2. Be sure to answer all questions including if you need buddies, wish to play on Sunday and how many people will be attending the picnic Friday night.
3. Registrations are due no later than April 16, 2026.

Rosters with complete information including League ID# will receive an email confirmation.

If you wish to change your scheduled game time for either Saturday or Sunday, you are responsible for contacting another team to make changes. This change will not be approved until reported and accepted by the Schedule Coordinator during the Express Check-In on Friday, May 8th. Any questions, contact Gary Owens at rosters@jhmcj.org.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Your team **must be chartered and approved by Little League International Headquarters**. If your team is not chartered please visit <http://www.littleleague.org/charter.htm> to register your team. Note: Your team will not be added to the game schedule without a league ID number and charter verification.
2. Your team must have charter insurance.
3. Medical release forms (*same as regular tournament form*) must be filled out, and in the possession of the manager at all times when they are at the complex, (*for all team members*) in the event that medical treatment is necessary.
4. **ALL TEAMS POSITIVELY ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR ALL SAFETY EQUIPMENT AS SPECIFIED BY INTERNATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS.**
5. Registration for this event is due on or before **April 16, 2026** in order for proper planning and scheduling. To register your team(s) visit our website, www.jhmcj.org
6. If your league registration did not include a media waiver option, you will need to download the form at <http://www.littleleague.org/assets/formsepubs/media/modelreleaseform.pdf> Please fill out a media waiver form for each player and bring with you to the Jamboree (*the media waiver does not need to be submitted with the roster and event form*).
7. All uniforms must include Little League Patch.



GAME ANNOUNCERS



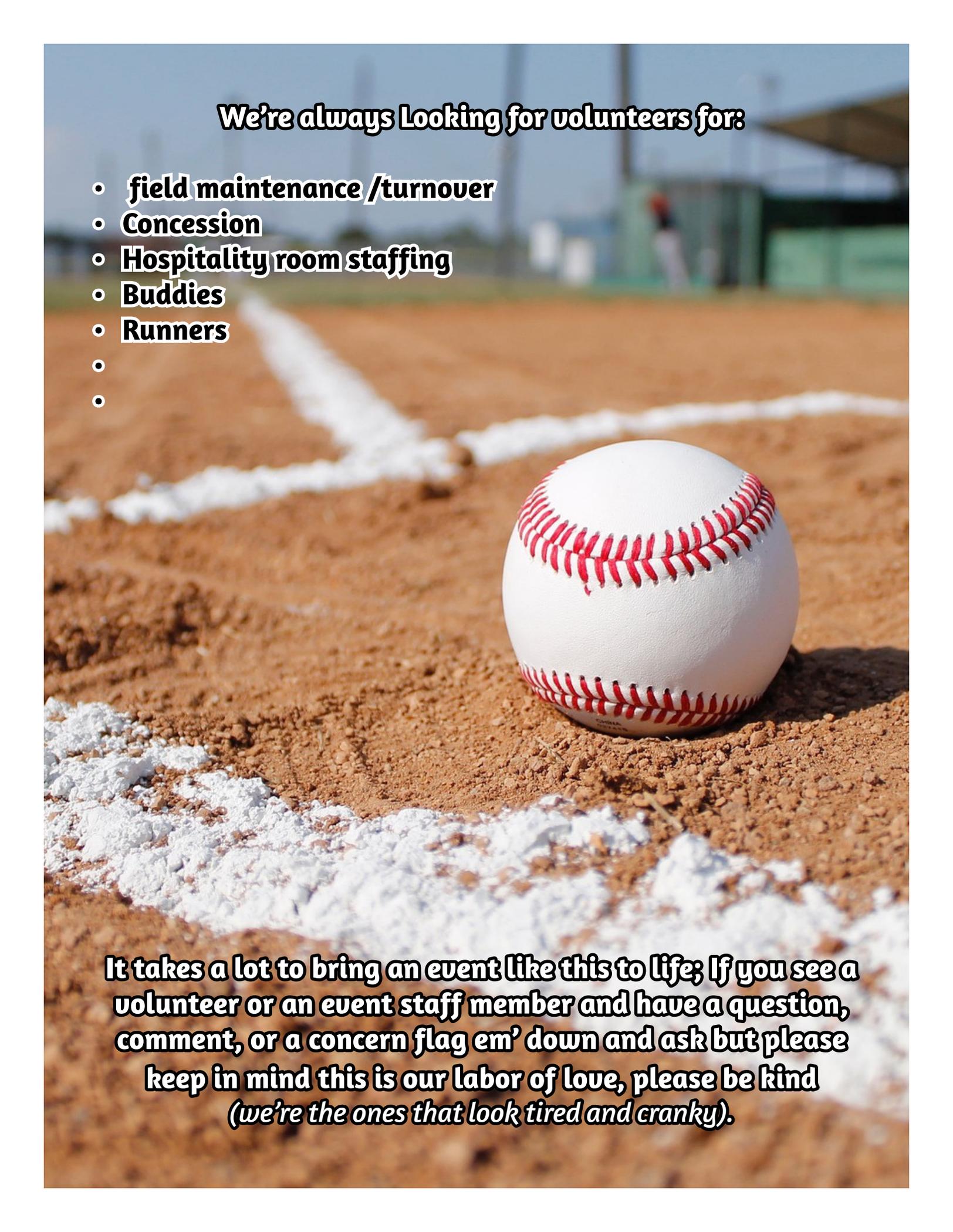
The Jamboree committee attempts to provide volunteer announcers for all games. We contact many local high schools and ask their baseball and/or softball teams to assist us, but we often fall short in covering all the games of the Jamboree. To help overcome this, teams are encouraged to provide their own announcer for the games. This could be a parent, grandparent or someone who knows the players on your team very well. Our goal is to make sure that every player hears their name announced!



To assist the announcers with making this a fun and memorable time for your players, we are asking for fun facts about your players on the Registration form. This will help to “jazz up” the announcers’ commentary.



Lasalle Blanks (local television personallity) and Azalea’s CLL team “The cubs” take a Selfie in 2016.

A close-up photograph of a white baseball with red stitching resting on a dirt baseball field. The baseball is in sharp focus, while the background, showing a blurred stadium and other players, is out of focus. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

We're always Looking for volunteers for:

- **field maintenance /turnover**
- **Concession**
- **Hospitality room staffing**
- **Buddies**
- **Runners**
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It takes a lot to bring an event like this to life; If you see a volunteer or an event staff member and have a question, comment, or a concern flag em' down and ask but please keep in mind this is our labor of love, please be kind *(we're the ones that look tired and cranky).*

Our **BIG** thank you's for all that you do!!

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