

# North Sunrise Little League Parent Participation Program – 2015 Season

North Sunrise Little League (NSLL) has a formal program to encourage volunteerism within the league. The reason is simple, we need your help! NSLL is a non-profit organization that exists and operates by the cooperative efforts of many volunteers; from its Board of Directors to its managers, coaches, umpires, team parents and a large body of other supporting volunteers. This network of volunteers requires continuous growth with a common purpose and goal: *to provide a positive baseball learning experience for all NSLL players.*

The Parent Participation Program allows NSLL to maintain reasonable registration fees by providing parents the opportunity to volunteer within their community. We know that this will be a fun and easy way to contribute to a quality baseball experience for all. Simply put, the more involved you are, the more fun both you and your child will have!

The Parent Participation Program is a responsibility in addition to the registration fee. During the scheduled baseball season, parents are required to fulfill 4 volunteer points per family playing in North Sunrise Little League.

For those who think they simply do not have the time to volunteer, a \$150 “buy out” fee is required (in addition to registration fees). When registering online, the volunteer must sign up for activities or pay for the “buy out” to complete registration. For parents signing up in person, a volunteer sign up station will be present as well as the opportunity to do the “buy out.” This program is designed so that all volunteer sign ups or “buy outs” are completed at registration.

The Board of Directors has made a commitment to account for completed volunteer points. The Parent Participation Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining an accounting of completed volunteer points and will work with the Treasurer directly to ensure volunteer points or “buyouts” are fulfilled. The Parent Participation Coordinator will apprise managers and team parents of completed volunteer points from time volunteered, buyouts and sponsorships on a regular basis— approximately every 2 weeks via email.

Review the attached list of volunteer opportunities. Sign up at Registration or contact the Board Member listed to volunteer for the jobs that are of interest. After completing volunteer service, participants must complete a volunteer time report form, have it approved and signed by a Board Member and submit the form in the Volunteer Box located in the Snack Bar.

For questions regarding Parent Participation Points, please contact Julie Sutton at [volunteer@northsunrisell.org](mailto:volunteer@northsunrisell.org)



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## Questions & Answers

*Is a background check required to volunteer?*

Yes, for the safety of all of our children, all Little League volunteers must pass a background check. Background checks are conducted by the league and are free for all volunteers. Approved volunteers will receive a photo ID badge which must be worn at all League activities.

*Can I volunteer **and** pay a portion of the "buyout?"*

The volunteer "buy out" for points is \$150.00 per child. You may choose to volunteer for some points and pay for some points. For example, you may volunteer your time for 2 points and pay \$75.00, whatever works for you!

*What happens if I don't fulfill my points for the season?*

If you do not fulfill your points through volunteering, sponsorships or "buyouts" by whichever date comes first — May 15th or by post season determination date, your child will not be eligible for post season play. Additionally, if volunteer points are not fulfilled before season end, a fee will be added to your fee for the following year and must be paid if your child intends to play for the following season.

*What if I can't make my scheduled volunteer commitment?*

If you cannot make your scheduled volunteer commitment, please email or call your contact person at least 48 hours in advance (or as far in advance as possible) of your scheduled volunteer time and explain your situation. Your assistance is important and coordinators need time to find a replacement. Volunteer activities that are missed/forgotten volunteer due to family emergency, accident or sickness will be excused, but need to be made up in a timely manner. Unexcused absences from a volunteer commitment may be subject to a \$75 fee.

*Can I transfer points to another player?*

The intention of the program is for all families to be involved in the league and assist in its operation. Since the PPP requirement is per family rather than per player, we are discouraging the transfer of points this season. Managers/Team Moms will have 4 points available to allot to families who assist with team-related activities. There are ample opportunities for participation throughout the season in which families can earn their 4 points.

## **Your Participation and Input Are Important To the League**

*We are interested in your opinions and encourage your contributions in regard to improving this program throughout the year!*

*- 2015 NSLL Board of Directors*

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## Volunteer Position Descriptions and Points

### **League Approved Team Manager (1 per team): 4 points**

#### **League Approved Coach (2 per team): 4 points**

Being a manager or coach requires time, patience and basic knowledge of the game of baseball. You will be required to attend meetings, instructional sessions or seminars. You will communicate with the parents/guardians of your players to inform them of game schedules, rainouts, events and activities. As a manager or coach, you have more interaction with young people than anyone else in Little League. Therefore, it is important that you understand the goals and virtues of the Little League program in order to effectively communicate them to your players. To gain better understanding of what those goals and virtues are, visit Little League's website page or speak with a member of the NSLL Board. For more information, contact John Ward at [president@northsunrisell.org](mailto:president@northsunrisell.org)

### **Team Parent (1 per team): 4 points**

The responsibilities of Team Parent include distributing information to parents, updating team members and their families regarding game schedules, practices, meetings, activities and league events. Plan the end of the season party. Collecting money for and purchasing team banner and gifts for managers and coaches. Coordinating distribution of team uniforms including having player names and numbers imprinted as well as patches attached. Coordinating and collecting paperwork for the league including proof of residency (utility bills), pancake breakfast sales information, raffle tickets, Angels Day ticket orders and other events throughout the season. For more information, contact Judy Williams at [teammoms@northsunrisell.org](mailto:teammoms@northsunrisell.org)

### **Umpire: one league game = 1 point**

Aside from calling balls or strikes, safe or outs umpires are responsible for teaching players good sportsmanship and the rules of the game. Umpires are also called upon to interpret rules and help settle minor disputes that may occur during games. Most AA, AAA and Major games have one home plate umpire and a minimum of one field umpire. Umpires are required to participate in training clinics. For more information, contact Mike Redfern at [madzo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:madzo@sbcglobal.net)

### **Snack Bar: 3 hour shift = 1 point**

Fulfill your childhood dreams of playing shop keeper. Volunteers will assist Snack Bar staff with various snack bar duties. Some snack bar jobs include: opening and set up, customer service, taking and filling orders, handling cash, BBQ prep, and cooking on the BBQ. For more information, contact John Ward at [president@northsunrisell.org](mailto:president@northsunrisell.org)

### **Merchandise Sales: 3 hour shift (Saturdays only) = 1 point**

Promote and sell NSLL merchandise and apparel at table set up near Snack Bar. For more information, contact Greg Stock at [greg.stock@att.net](mailto:greg.stock@att.net)

### **Picture Day: 1 point**

Duties consist of helping organize teams for their pictures and ensuring forms are correctly filled out. Duties may include assisting with other pancake breakfast / opening day activities. Photos generally occur during pancake breakfast or opening day. For more information, contact Erika Ward at [erikaward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erikaward@sbcglobal.net)

### **Field Day: 3 hours = 1 point**

This is a great way meet other parents involved in the league. Volunteers meet and groups are dispersed to the fields for various types of grooming and clean up. By the end of the day you've made some new friends, the fields look great and are ready for opening day. For more information, contact John Ward at [president@northsunrisell.org](mailto:president@northsunrisell.org)

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### **Field Maintenance: 3 shifts = 1 point**

North Sunrise is required to maintain the fields on which our children play. As a part of the field maintenance crew, your skill and abilities may be used to line fields, rake dirt and execute minor repairs on fences, benches and dugouts. For more information, contact John Wad at [president@northsunrisell.org](mailto:president@northsunrisell.org)

### **Scorekeeper: one league game = 1 point**

Scorekeepers are in charge of official scorekeeping for the game. This includes picking up the official scorekeeping book at the Snack Bar, getting line up cards from each manager at the start of the game, as well as having scorebooks signed by each manager at the end of the game. Scorekeepers need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the game to set up score book and ensure the game starts on time. A free half-day scorekeeper's clinic is offered by the league preseason to learn scorekeeping or simply as a refresher for the season.

### **Laundry – Snack Bar Towels and Umpire Uniform Shirts: 1 month = 1 point**

On a weekly basis, a volunteer will pick up snack bar towels or umpire shirts from the Snack Bar, launder, fold them and return them. For more information, contact Julie Sutton at [volunteer@northsunrisell.org](mailto:volunteer@northsunrisell.org)

### **Pancake Breakfast: 1 shift = 1 point**

There are various ways to help out at the annual Pancake Breakfast: set up, handing out breakfast coupons and raffle tickets, selling raffle tickets, cooking food, serving food, cleaning up after the event. This is another great opportunity to meet other parents in the league. For more information, contact Erika Ward at [erikaward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erikaward@sbcglobal.net).

### **Board Member: 1 year commitment = 4 points**

Do you have ideas about how you would like to see the league run? Do you want to be an integral part of making decisions for the league in the coming season? Are you well organized, committed and a team player? The Board is looking for additional members to help make this the best season yet for our children! For more information, contact John Ward at [president@northsunrisell.org](mailto:president@northsunrisell.org)

### **Special Talent or Projects: 1 - 4 points to be determined**

Do you have any special talents, skills or training that you think could be of use to the league? Volunteer your time, expertise or equipment and earn volunteer points. For more information, contact John Ward at [president@northsunrisell.org](mailto:president@northsunrisell.org).

### **Sponsorships: points vary by level**

Each team is responsible for securing a minimum of three \$150 sponsors. Sponsorships are one of the main fundraisers for NSLL. Sponsorships are a low time commitment way for you to earn your points. Help your player's team and earn your points at the same time. For more information, contact Cristina Rodriguez [softballcrazy7422@gmail.com](mailto:softballcrazy7422@gmail.com)

#### **Sponsorship Levels**

- Team (\$150) = 2 points
- Division (\$300) = 4 points
- League (\$500) = 6 points
- Home Run Banner (\$500) = 6 points
- Diamond (\$1,000) = 8 points

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## Parent Volunteer Agreement

I (We), \_\_\_\_\_, parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren) (# of kids in league) playing for NSLL understand the Parent Participation Program and will abide by NSLL's rules for earning PPP points. Furthermore, I understand that not meeting the terms of this agreement will affect my child's eligibility for post-season play and future registration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Little League Volunteer Pledge

- I will teach all children to play fair and do their best
- I will positively support all managers, coaches and players
- I will respect the decisions of the umpires
- I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game