



Good afternoon! Here is your weekly update from Sparta Little League for the week of March 3rd, 2025.

Meet the Coaches!

One of the biggest challenges for young players is not knowing what to expect when they show up to a practice. This year, we invite ALL boys and girls signed up to play coach/machine pitch or tee-ball to meet your coach. While not mandatory, meeting your coach before your first practice helps alleviate some anxiety your player may have before their first practice. It also allows the coach and parent/guardian to hopefully get the season off on a good note. Representatives from Sparta Little League will be in attendance.

Where: Early Childhood Center (ECC) Cafeteria, please enter at the D4 entrance on the SE corner of the building.

When: March 13th

Tee-Ball: 6:00p-6:45p

Coach/Machine Pitch: 7:00p-7:30p

Registration is not necessary. Simply show up when you can.



Coaches

Speaking of coaches - when your team is complete, thank your coaches. Seriously. While we had urgent needs for both head and assistant coaches, the Sparta community stepped up in a big way. We still have some room for interested assistant coaches, but at this time, all head coach positions have been filled. In particular, **we still need an assistant coach for Girls Minors 1 (coach pitch)**. Girls coach pitch plays on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Please reach out to us if you are interested in being an assistant. Thank you coaches for donating your time and energy to our wonderful community.

Little League Draft

The draft to fill rosters will be held on Tuesday March 4 at The Garden Patch. Coaches are expected to reach out to their team within 48 hours of the draft. If you have not heard from your player(s) coach(s) by Friday morning March 7th. Email us at spartalittleleague@gmail.com.

Umpires Needed!

Interested in becoming a Little League umpire? Sparta Little League and our Umpire in Chief (UIC) Jim Gleason are looking for umpires. Umpiring games can be a rewarding experience. Umpiring helps build confidence and social skills. Must be at least 12 years old to be an umpire. All umpires are paid and also enjoy a free food item and drink from the concession stand for their hard work. Persons interested in becoming an umpire can reach out to Jim directly at (616) 990-0230. The first meet & greet for umpires is Monday March 17, 2025 at McDonald's in Sparta from 6:30pm-7:00pm. The meet & greet is an informal opportunity to meet UIC Jim Gleason and register as an umpire.

Concessions

Sparta Little League, Sparta AYSO, and Sparta Youth Football all enjoy access to the Sparta Area Recreation Authority (SARA) complex. In the spring, Little League and AYSO split concession responsibilities. Each baseball, softball, and tee-ball team will be expected to sign up for a time to run concessions. Coaches will pick the date and communicate that to their teams. There also is a need for general concession volunteers. This year we added Emily Duverney to the Board as Concession Coordinator. Look for more information as the season nears!

Website Refresh

We know, we know. The website was rough for a long time. This winter the Board made a committed effort to refresh our website to have more information and resources on it. While its not finished, there is a lot of work going on every week to make it more user friendly and a place that you can go to for information. If you haven't, check it out at spartalittleleague.org.

Bowling Fundraiser

Spots are still available for the Sparta Little League bowling fundraiser on Saturday March 29th from 2-5pm at Sparta Lanes. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to Sparta Little League. This is a fun opportunity to get out of the house and support our kids. Funds raised will go toward equipment, field maintenance, umpires, and more. So invest in your youths future and register for a great event. Cost is \$25/person (includes shoes) for unlimited bowling from 2-5pm. Registration is required in advance. Please follow the link below to sign-up before spots are gone!

[Register Now!](#)

We are still looking for donations for raffle opportunities. If you or your company would like to donate an item or sponsor a lane, please use the registration form or contact us at spartalittleleague@gmail.com.

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Become a Little League Sponsor!

Interested in expanding your business's visibility while giving back to your community? Sparta Little League offers a variety of options including team (jersey) sponsors and banner sponsors. Questions can be directed to Andrew Sundstrom at spartalittleleague@gmail.com.

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Training Tip!

Weather is starting to warm. The kids are going to get antsy to start throwing the ball around. We recommend starting off playing catch with soft tosses just a few feet apart. It's easy to get a sore shoulder from throwing too far too early. Start out easy - we have plenty of time to add in long toss.

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