

Redford/ Livonia Little League Volunteering FAQ

Why Should I Become a Volunteer?

Little League Baseball is an organization designed to build good citizens. It is a program of leadership, preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders. *The Redford/ Livonia Little League relies on a devoted legion of adult volunteers to help ensure that the organization remains structured and runs smoothly. We are always looking for responsible and enthusiastic individuals to support and coordinate Little League events and activities.* As a volunteer, you should have a keen interest in the safety, well-being, and overall development of children.

Who Can Volunteer?

Anyone can apply to become a volunteer. Whatever talents or skills you have, we can use them! *All parents of children involved in Little League Baseball are strongly encouraged to volunteer.* As a parent, volunteer, you have the opportunity to spend quality time with your child in a safe, fun-filled environment.

What Can I Volunteer To Do?

No experience is required to become a volunteer. Most of the volunteer opportunities require little or no training. Your local league will provide you with any necessary training (as well as support and encouragement), as they deem necessary. *The best volunteers are those who are able to bring added enjoyment to the game simply by being themselves.* What you see during Little League games is a mere fraction of what you can do as a volunteer. You can volunteer to help in virtually any aspect of Little League Baseball and here are a few common areas:

- **Team Manager or Coach**

Being a manager or coach requires time, patience, and basic knowledge of the game of baseball. You may be required to attend meetings, instructional sessions, or seminars. You will communicate with the parents/guardians of your players to inform them of any schedule changes, rainouts, and Little League 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.

- **Assistant Coach or Base Coach-**

Volunteers will assist the Head Coach as needed during games and practices. You will interact with players in the field and dugout to help teach various baseball skills. You could fill in during the Head Coach's absence.

- **Umpire**

Aside from calling ball or strike, safe or out, 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 Little League games have one home plate umpire and a minimum of one field umpire. Before becoming a home plate umpire you may be required to participate in training sessions and seminars.

- **Selling Concessions**

The job can simply involve standing behind a counter and filling orders and many people are needed to help out with the different games during the season. There are also one to two Concessions Coordinators who are responsible for buying, preparing, transporting and/or storing various concessions items.

- **RL3 Baseball Boosters**

This fundraising committee helps to provide such things as equipment, tournaments, umpire fees, training facility rentals, and team parties/ rewards. This may require planning and attending meetings, organizing and participating in fundraising events.

- **Team Parent**

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls informing players and their parents of team meetings, parent meetings, and cancelled or rescheduled practices and games. Volunteers will assist the coach with communicating team needs, organizing team for the parade and picnic.

How Do I Become A Volunteer?

Parents, take a minute to fill out the volunteer form while registering your child. If you are not a parent and would like to volunteer, take a minute to fill out the form while visiting your local registration location.



*On rare occasions, Little League, through District Administrators and your local Board of Directors, may deny individuals the privilege of volunteering for reasons, past or present, that may be detrimental to the positive development of young people, other volunteers, and/or Little League International. When you apply to become a volunteer, you give the local Little League organization the right to conduct necessary background checks.