



## Laurel Little League 2023 Newsletter & Updates

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### Welcome to another season of Little League Baseball and Softball!

Our program begins as early as age 4 (their age as of Aug 31, 2023-Baseball & Jan 1, 2023-Softball).

#### BASEBALL CLASSIFICATION

**\*League age as of August 31, 2023**

**T-ball:** Co-ed teams start at age 4 & season starts beginning of May

**Baseball: Coach Pitch** (5-7) and **Machine Pitch** (age 6-8) begin in May; home games are played at Nutting Park or South School

**Minors:** (8-11) Games begin late April, with home games at Nutting Park, South School or Thomson Park

**Majors:** (9-10), (11-12), **Juniors** (13-14), **Seniors** (15-16) Opening day is in April (TBA) To be on a majors team, you must complete an evaluation and be drafted to a team. Home games for Majors 9-10 & 11-12 play at Thomson Park, Juniors (13-14) & Seniors (15-16) play on Dodger Field at Thomson Park

#### SOFTBALL CLASSIFICATION

**\*League age as of January 1, 2023**

**Minors:** (age 6-10) Machine Pitch

**9/10 Majors:** Player Pitch, players 8 years old may try out

**11/12 Majors:** Player Pitch, players 10 years old may try out

**Juniors/Seniors:** (ages 13-16) These leagues are organized by the district and may be combined. There is a link on our website to register for Juniors and Seniors.

#### BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PLAYER EVALUATIONS

**ALL** Laurel players League Age 9+ wishing to be considered for a Majors teams **MUST** attend 1 player evaluation!

Coaches will evaluate whether players will be placed on Major or Minor League teams. League age 8 players are welcome to attend if they wish to attempt to be placed on a Majors team. Evaluations are held at:

**Triple Play Academy**  
2795 Enterprise Ave, Ste 3  
Billings, MT | Ph 406-969-3969

#### Baseball Evaluations:

**9/10 Majors:** Tues., Feb. 28, 6-8 pm & Sat., March 4, 1-3 pm

**11/12 Majors:** Mon., Feb. 27, 6-8 pm & Sat., March 4, 11-1 pm

**Juniors:** Weds., Feb. 29, 6-8 pm & Sat., March 4, 3-5 pm

**\*\*Seniors** tryouts will follow American Legion Dodger tryouts in mid-March and registration will remain open for Senior's only!

#### Softball Evaluations:

Thurs, March 2, 6-8pm; Sat, March 4, 9-11am

#### 2023 REGISTRATION

**\*\*ONLINE ONLY\*\***

Registration is **solely online**. You may pay with your credit/debit card online or mail in a check after completing your registration.

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#### T- Ball thru Minors Player pitch BB

- Register January 1 – February 26, 2023
- A \$40 late fee will be assessed after Feb. 26th
- Registration **officially** closes March 5th

#### Majors and Juniors BB, All SB Divisions –

- Register January 1 – February 20, 2023
- A \$40 late fee will be assessed after Feb. 20th
- Registration **officially** closes Feb. 26th

#### 2023 REGISTRATION FEES

Our fees help pay the costs of the Little League program: equipment, fields and maintenance, and administrative costs for insurance, rentals and national dues.

#### Laurel-based team registration fees for 2023:

- T-ball/Coach Pitch \$80.00
- Machine Pitch \$130.00
- Minors/Majors/Juniors/Seniors \$140.00

#### DISCOUNTS, REBATES, & SCHOLARSHIPS

While our rates are more reasonable than many in our area, there are ways to save on registration costs. Serving as Majors plate umpire can offset registration by up to 50% by attending training and acting as plate umpire for 4 games. Manager (head coach) approved by LLL can receive a rebate of up to 50% of registration fee for the level of play coached (to be dispersed at the end of the season). **Family discount after the first registration is \$20 off for each additional registered player.** Service to Little League as an umpire or field maintenance can be offered as scholarships to offset registration fees.

#### ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK

Please bring the following to one of the Document Drop-offs or to your child's baseball/softball evaluation:

- **Medical Release Form** (download & print during online registration)

**DROP OFF LOCATION & TIME -TBD**

**WATCH Website and Facebook for Updates**

## 2021 LAUREL LITTLE LEAGUE OFFICERS

- President: Chad Eastlick 860-6567
- VP Baseball: Craig Berube 690-7517
- Secretary: Blaise Lodermeier 647-1609
- Treasurer: Matt Naasz 491-7025
- BB Player Agent: Jake Haan 672-0328
- Majors BB Coord: Phil Cramer 281-2808
- Minors BB Coord: Jake Haan 672-0328
- T-Ball/Coach Pitch: Chris Weber 671-0441
- Baseball Equip. Coord: Ben Mossman 208-7519
- Umpire in Chief: Jon Knaub 672-8709
- Safety Officer: Lanny Orr 698-8206
- Field Maint. Coord.: Jeff Seymour 850-1399
- Sponsorships: Dannielle Burrows 855-1527
- Facebook Coord.: Bethany Haan 697-9569
- At Large: Trent Crookston 696-2596
- At Large: Josh George 208-5431
  
- VP Softball: Holly Anderson 698-7517
- Softball Player Agent: Nate Temple 670-0610
- Softball Coord: **VACANT**
- Softball Equip. Coord.: Scott Linger 633-3633

### Laurel Little League Regional Board

- Bridger: Dustin & Jessica Thomas 861-4332
- Fromberg: Bill Coty 668-9142
- Joliet: Molly Lipka 839-1628

## LAUREL LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings take place on the second Sunday of every month at 6:00pm at KC's Palace in Laurel. Additional meetings are held as needed. The Board must approve all expenditures, coaches, volunteers, policies, and schedules. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate at these meetings.

## HOW IS THE MONEY SPENT?

Annual program costs are about \$67,300 a year. Registration fees alone do not cover our costs, and that is why team sponsorships are so valuable to offset the amount a family has to pay. The breakdown of expenses includes:

- 25% uniforms
- 25% equipment (baseball, softball and field)
- 10% Little League International fees
- 30% field maintenance (baseball maintains 5 fields and assists with the Legion field; softball maintains 4 fields)
- 10% misc. (electric, garbage, tryouts, toilets, administrative supplies).

## CONNECT WITH LAUREL LITTLE LEAGUE

Stay up to date on the latest happenings by following us on Facebook at Laurel MT Little League:

[www.facebook.com/Laurel-MT-Little-League](http://www.facebook.com/Laurel-MT-Little-League)

Laurel Little League webpage:

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Email:

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## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Sponsors are a vital part of keeping the cost of playing in Little League affordable. Sponsors are recognized on our League website and in other promotions. Their logo is displayed on uniforms, and each sponsor will receive a team photo. Equipment and general donates are always welcome!

If you would like to sponsor a team or make a general donation to Laurel Little League, email us your contact information and interest.

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**Team Sponsorships:** \$300 per team

**Field Banner:** \$200 1<sup>st</sup> time (2 banners), \$100 to renew each year

1 banner at Thomson Fields & 1 at Woods Softball complex

## VOLUNTEERS

Without parent and community volunteers, we would not be able to make Little League available to the youth of our community.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Coaches, managers, scorekeepers, umpire, field maintenance, concessions and team parents

Background checks are completed on all volunteers. This requires your Date of Birth and Social Security Number (your SSN is securely destroyed upon completion of your background check).

Please sign-up to volunteer during online registration or contact a board member directly.

