



2026 Team Parent Packet

Welcome to the 2026 season of Woodcreek Little League Baseball!

Thank you for volunteering to serve as a Team Parent. Your role is key in creating a positive, organized, and enjoyable experience for our players and their families. We appreciate the time and care you are giving to our league, and we hope this packet provides the tools you need for a smooth and successful season.

Team Parents help maintain clear communication between families, Managers, and the WLL Board, assist with coordination of team needs, and help support team operations throughout the season. You are never expected to carry responsibilities alone—our goal is to make sure you always have guidance and support along the way.

If you have questions at any time, please contact:
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We're glad you're here, and we're excited for a great season of baseball!

1. Team Parent Quick-Start Guide

Your Role

Team Parents help support communication, coordinate information between families and the Manager, and assist with team needs throughout the season. You are a key link in keeping the team informed and organized so families can enjoy the season.

Communication

Strong communication sets the tone for a smooth season. We encourage each team to select one consistent method early.

Recommended for 2026: GameChanger (GC)

- GC allows team communication, roster access, and live updates.
- Game & practice schedules automatically sync from Sports Connect (SC) once published.
- Built-in team chat makes it easy to share reminders, updates, and last-minute changes.

- Please keep in mind: Many players—including young children and teens—may have access to team chats if they have their own device. Messages should remain polite, family-appropriate, and respectful in tone, even when discussing concerns or schedule changes.

Other options teams may also find effective

- Text group
- Email distribution list

What you need to do

- Meet with your Manager to align communication methods.
 - Collect and verify parent/guardian contact information.
 - Ensure all families know where to check messages and how to enable notifications.
- Goal: one main communication channel, used consistently so no one misses information.

2. Season Responsibilities Checklist

Communication & Coordination

- Maintain regular communication with families
- Share updates, reminders, and league announcements
- Confirm contact information and ensure all parents are receiving messages
- Use GameChanger (GC) or chosen method consistently

Schedule Awareness

- Monitor team schedule through Sports Connect (SC)
- Send reminders for practices & games
- Notify parents of Picture Day times once published
- Check the WLL website and socials (Facebook/Instagram) for updates, rainouts, etc.

Team Logistics

- Confirm trophy spelling with families — Due March 31
- Track and reference “Important Dates for 2026” throughout the season

Team Culture & Support

- Encourage parent involvement and participation
 - Help foster a positive & supportive environment
 - Direct concerns respectfully to the Manager first
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Optional Team Enhancements

(Do not feel obligated — these are not required by the league.)

Many teams choose to add fun extras — especially in Tee Ball and Farm — but these are completely optional. Please confirm these choices with your Manager and families before proceeding.

Optional items include:

- Team Banner or Individual Pennants

- Popular for younger divisions and Opening Day photos, but not mandatory.
- Hat Embroidery (Player Last Names or Numbers)
Helpful in dugouts; if chosen, please ensure hats are returned before Opening Day weekend.

Vendors used by teams in the past (for convenience only, not league-endorsed):

- OCD Graffix – sales@ocdgraffix.com | (916) 530-9607
- Promote Me – promotemeorders@gmail.com | (916) 774-1616
- Team Mom Designs – ali@teammomdesigns.com
- Sew Cal Embroidery – www.sewcalroseville.com

Consider placing orders early — these items typically take time to produce if teams choose to participate.

3. Opening Day Information

Opening Day: Saturday, March 7, 2026

 A celebration of players, families, and the start of the season!

Arrival & Check-In

- Arrive no later than 8:30 AM for a 9:00 AM parade start
- Bring players in full uniform (hat, jersey, pants, belt, socks). NO CLEATS.
- Teams meet on their assigned field — look for the division/team sign along the fences
- Please do not meet in front of the snack bar or walkways to help with traffic flow
- After drop-off, families may head to Mahany Field 3 for the Opening Ceremony
With over 800 players, early arrival and organized meeting points help tremendously.
- **Pancake Breakfast** will be happening on Mahany Field 1 from 8:00-9:00 and then again from 10:00-11:30. Tickets will be required and the cost is \$12/adult and \$10/children.

Additional Tips

- Parking fills quickly — consider carpooling
- Bring sunscreen, water, and noise makers if desired
- Keep players with the team once checked in
- Families may take photos before/after ceremony

4. Important Dates for 2026

Below are key league-wide dates to add to your calendar. Team Parents are encouraged to send reminders and help families stay informed.

March

 Opening Day — *March 7*

- Parade begins at 9:00 AM (arrive by 8:30 AM)
- Full uniform required
- Not all teams have a game on Opening Day

 Picture Days — *March 8*

- Date/time will be assigned and emailed

- Arrive 15 minutes early in full uniform
- Each player receives Memory Matte + (4) wallets + (1) 3" photo button
- Additional packages available for purchase
- Makeup day for individual photos TBD

King's Game – *March 15*

Trophy Name Submissions Due — *March 31*

- Confirm spelling with families early
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April

Spring Break – No Games — *March 30-April 4*

Rivercats Little League Day — *April 26*

May

A's Little League Day — *May 3*

Spring Fundraiser: Cornhole Tournament — *May 15*

- Each team enters one adult cornhole team (2 people, \$80 entry)
- Flyer with registration details will be provided

★ All Star Player Evaluations (AAA and above) – *May 17*

End of Season Planning Begins — *May (mid-late)*

- Start discussing team party ideas & dates

Fun Fest — *May 26 – June 1*

June

Tournament of Champions (TOC) — *TBD*

- AAA, Majors & Juniors only
- Additional snack bar shifts may be assigned if WLL hosts

End of Year Celebration — *May 31*

5. Picture Day

Team & Individual Pictures

March 8 — location TBD

Your team will receive a specific date and time slot by email once scheduling is finalized.

Before Picture Day

- Confirm your assigned picture time with families
- Remind families to arrive 15 minutes early
- Players should be in full uniform (hat included)
- Recommend clean jerseys, tucked in, socks pulled up
 - We are unable to wait for late players — please encourage punctual arrival so team photos can stay on schedule.

What's Included for Each Player
(Already included in registration fee)

- ✓ 1 Memory Matte (team photo + individual photo)
- ✓ (4) Wallet-size photos
- ✓ (1) 3" button

Parents will receive an email from Ultimate Exposures with ordering details and options for additional prints.

 *Remind families to check their inbox and spam/junk folders.*

Team Copies Provided

Each team receives:

- (2) 5x7 Team Photos — one for Manager, one for Coach

Make-Up Day

- A make-up session for individual photos only will be scheduled and announced later.
Tip for Team Parent: sending a quick reminder the night before helps ensure everyone is picture-ready.

6. Volunteer Hours

Woodcreek Little League relies on volunteers. Each family must complete required volunteer hours during Spring season, and the Team Parent plays a communication support role—not an enforcement role.

Volunteer Hours Snapshot

Division	Required Volunteer Hours per Family
Tee Ball, Farm & Seniors	2 hours (1 shift)
AA, AAA, Majors & Juniors	6 hours (3 shifts)

Each shift = 2 hours.

We ask that families complete at least one snack bar shift, unless they opted out during registration.

Team Parent Responsibilities

- Communicate volunteer expectations to families
- **Share sign-up links when the league releases them**
- Send reminders for volunteer and snack bar opportunities
- **Confirm Scorekeeper & Scoreboard shifts were completed when assigned to your team (because you or the Manager will likely be onsite)**
- Direct volunteer questions to the Volunteer Coordinator

- You do not track total hours
- You do not handle deposits or opt-outs
- You do not enforce volunteer completion

Think of this as: You help organize + remind. The league tracks + verifies.

How to Support Smooth Volunteer Coverage

- Share volunteer links through email or GC
- Encourage families to sign up early

- Send reminders before picture week, events, and tournaments
 - **You may be asked to verify who completed scorekeeping/scoreboard, simply ask Manager/Scorekeeper onsite and mark "Completed" for your awareness only** (League handles formal recording.)
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7. Music During Games

Music can add fun and energy to the ballpark. Please help ensure it is used respectfully and in a way that keeps games moving.

General Music Guidelines

- Music may be played between innings only
- Walk-up songs are allowed (keep clips short — ~10–12 seconds)
- Volume should remain field-appropriate, not park-wide
- If both teams are playing music, alternate innings fairly
- Music must be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages
 - If the volume is too loud or music interferes with gameplay, a Board Member or Umpire may request adjustments.

Recommended App: *Ballpark DJ* — popular and easy to use.

8. Chain of Command

When questions or issues arise, please follow the communication path below. This helps ensure concerns are handled efficiently and by the correct volunteer.

Start Here ↓

Parent → Manager → Player Agent (if needed) → Appropriate Board Member

Team Parents help direct communication — not resolve disputes.

Woodcreek Little League Board of Directors

Position	Name	Email
President	Michelle Joseph	president@woodcreeklittleleague.com
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Player Agent – Juniors/Seniors	Jake Schaff	juniorseniorrep@woodcreeklittleleague.com
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Information Officer	Stephanie Adrian	information@woodcreeklittleleague.com

Where to Find Information

 Website: woodcreeklittleleague.com

 **Facebook & Instagram**

 Sports Connect = Schedules | GameChanger = Team communication

If you're ever unsure, start with your Manager or your Player Agent.

Contact information for all Board Members can be found on the WLL website.

Additional Reminders:

- Safety first..**Please make sure you are releasing players to a parent/guardian.** This means making parents get out of their car to collect players at the field. The parking lot at Mahany can get very dark and with the dog park and the cardboard box deposits on site, there can be a lot of non-WLL foot traffic, so please be sure to not let kids run off to the parking lot. **Warm hand offs only, for ALL divisions.**
- Chick-Fil-A cards will be passed out at the Chick-Fil-A booth. Please send a rep from your team to collect them.
- This year we do not have the fundraising cards or the fundraising basket as a team requirement.

Thank you for volunteering as a Team Parent for 2026!

Your support helps our players, coaches, and families have a successful season — we truly appreciate you.

Thank you again for supporting Woodcreek Little League—let's have a great season!