



# Arapahoe Little League 2012 Fall Newsletter

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## Did You Know?

Even though the 2012 season is over, we here at Arapahoe Little League are working hard to improve our organization and to expand our program. Take a moment to read about what's happening and visit [www.arapahoelittleleague.com](http://www.arapahoelittleleague.com) for future updates.

## President's Letter

I would like to thank all those who made the 2012 season successful... the board members that put forth countless hours to get this league moving in the right direction, the coaches that dedicated much of their time teaching children "America's pastime" and the families who spent almost every night at the ballpark. The effort of these volunteers has helped build a strong core to Arapahoe Little League that promises great things in the future.

We are excited to announce a few changes for the upcoming season. A.L.L. is looking to add a softball program for girls ages 7 to 12. We are anticipating enough interest to have three different age groups. The same draft rules will apply to softball as in baseball. Those 9 to 12 years old will be eligible for a chance to play in an all-stars tournament at the end of the season.

If enough players are interested, we may also test out the new 50/70 program for 11 to 13 year olds. This division would bridge the gap between Little League (46/60) and Juniors (60/90). More information will be

available as Little League International decides on official rules and eligibility.

District 5 is in the planning stages for two tournaments to be held on Memorial Day and the 4th of July. These events would be open to anyone interested and would give kids the chance to experience tournament style play on some of the other fields around the district.

As always, we are continually looking for more volunteers to help this league run successfully. We still have a number of open board positions and committee slots. We also have a need to help promote the league through sponsorships, donations and most importantly word-of-mouth. If you have any questions as to how you can help, please contact a board member or myself.

Once again, thank you for all your hard work in making Arapahoe Little League what it is today and what it will be in the future.

*Chris Wiensch*

President of the Board

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Chris Wiensch  
President of the Board

## What's New For 2013

- 6 New Board Members
- Softball For Girls Ages 7-12
- 11-13 Year Old 50/70 Program
- District 5 Tournament Talks



Thate Wilmes  
Director of Coaches

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## Board Member Spotlight

I was recently asked why I would want to be an Arapahoe Little League Board Member. The obvious answer is "for the kids", and although that's true, it's not enough for me. It shouldn't be enough for anyone!

This past year, I had the opportunity to be an assistant coach for one of our all-star teams. It quickly became clear that we are not doing enough to solidify ourselves as an elite league. If we want our kids to be the best then we should give them every opportunity to be the best. We, as the leaders, must give them the keys to be successful.

As a Board Member, I want to challenge our coaches and parents to teach our kids how to play **AND** love the game. They should understand the history and fundamentals of baseball while learning that pride and hard work lead to success. Yes, I'm doing this "for the kids", but I'm also doing it for myself. It is my opportunity to teach life lessons that will ultimately benefit everyone.

*Thate Wilmes*

Director of Coaches

## 2013 Board Members

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## Congratulations All-Stars

Congratulations to Arapahoe Little League's 2012 all-stars. You represented us to the best of your ability, and (win or lose) we are very proud of you!

### 9-10 Division

Anthony Pucciarelli  
Jesus Madrid  
Gabriel Muniz  
Diego Velasquez  
Carlos Estrada  
Tony Sus  
Noah Barnett  
Dawson Burch  
Steffen Porter  
Brayton Wilmes  
Matthew Lloyd  
Alex Wiensch

### 10-11 Division

Jonathan Alfaro  
Nalu Angoco  
Jeremy Ferm  
Raymond Johnson  
Isaac Jones  
Holden Root  
Adrian Sanchez  
James Wasick  
Joseph Wasick  
Anthony Wiensch

### 11-12 Division

Jared Clanton  
Marcos Garcia  
Rosario Garcia  
Jacob Gieseke  
Joshua Maldonado  
Alan Marquez  
Freddie Canales-  
Marquez  
Brandon Martinez  
Justin Morris  
Joey Salazar  
Jacob Sangiuliano  
Langston Smith  
Maurice Steele

### Juniors Division

Jaylen Allen-  
Durousseau  
Chinai' Germany  
Diego Jimenez  
Daylon Jones  
Cody Lyster  
Joseph Miller  
Alejandro  
Miramontes  
Tyler Peoples  
Austin Prince  
Quentin Raad  
Christopher Warren  
AJ Weaver



From left to right: Tony Sus, Brayton Wilmes, Alex Wiensch and Dawson Burch  
2012 A.L.L. All-Stars (9-10 Division)



Mirella Garcia  
Scholarship Recipient

## Sponsorships and Donations

We are looking to expand our sponsorship program and have some exciting opportunities that are sure to be a win-win for everyone! If you know of, or work for, a company that might be interested in supporting us, please contact our Fundraising Chair, Kristen Wilmes ([kristen.wilmes@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.wilmes@gmail.com)). Simply provide her with a contact name, phone number and e-mail address, and she will handle the rest.

Also, please consider donating to the Arapahoe Little League Scholarship Fund. Every year, we waive the registration fee for many of our young players demonstrating extreme financial need. If you are able to donate a few dollars towards this worthwhile cause, please contact our Treasurer, Dan Vestecka, at [dvestecka@yahoo.com](mailto:dvestecka@yahoo.com).

Finally, please remember to spread the good word. Word-of-mouth advertising is more influential than any other form of marketing. People will believe what you tell them. The real question is, what are you saying about Arapahoe Little League?