

Arapahoe Little League



We are excited to bring you information about the upcoming 2012 Baseball season. Thank you to everyone for their patience as we changed websites and registration companies to try to decrease the fees paid by parents.

This newsletter contains information on registration, tryouts, important season dates, coaching, and other essential forms for registration.

Please also visit our new website www.arapahoelittleleague.com and follow us on Facebook under Arapahoe Little League for more information.

Online registration has begun! Go to www.arapahoelittleleague.com and select 2012 Baseball Sign Up.

We are proud to continue our partnership with **Dick's Sporting Goods** on Havana/ Mississippi. Dick's has donated over \$2500 in equipment for baseball and tball, as well as a cash donation to sponsor Arapahoe Little League. We will be having Arapahoe Little League **'SHOP DAY' May 5th** where our players can receive discounts on equipment and buy their pants, socks and belts for the season.

We will have discount coupons click for [10% off](#) apparel and equipment and a flyer in this newsletter good for Arapahoe Little League Shop Day on MAY 5TH only for an ADDITIONAL 15% anything in the entire store including baseball apparel and equipment.

Calendar

April 14, 15, 21, 22, 2012

Player Tryouts Expo Park(Saturday) or Arapahoe Little League (Sunday).
12-12:30 check-in/walk-in registration;
12:30-3pm assessments

April 28, 2012

Drafted Division Uniform Handout

May 5, 2011

Non-Drafted Division Uniform Handout
Dick's Sporting Goods Shop Day

May 14, 2011

Season Begins

May 19, 2012

Opening Day Ceremonies 9am A.L.L. Fields

May 20, 2012

Team Pictures 1pm Arapahoe Fields

June 3, 2012

Arapahoe Little League Day at the Rockies Game v. Dodgers 1:10pm

June 29-July 4, 2012

CO Freedom Invitation Girls Softball Tournament with games at Arapahoe Little League--extra volunteers needed!

EVERY SEASON STARTS AT





PLAYER TRYOUTS

Any player ages 9 and up is required to attend two assessment sessions. During tryouts, a player will demonstrate hitting, fielding, pitching, catching, throwing and other skills regardless of the position desired. Tryouts are for purposes of player placement and not for specific positions. Coaches select players through a player draft based on lottery selection.

Saturday tryouts will take place at Expo Park 10955 E Exposition Ave., Aurora CO 80011.

Sunday tryouts will take place at Arapahoe Little League 17002 E Kentucky Ave., Aurora CO 80017.

Assessment Dates:

April 14: Expo Park 12-12:30 walk-in registration/check-in; 12:30-3pm assessments

April 15: Arapahoe Little League 12-12:30 walk-in registration/check-in; 12:30-3pm assessments

April 21: Expo Park 12-12:30 walk-in registration/check-in; 12:30-3pm assessments

April 22: Arapahoe Little League 12-12:30 walk-in registration/check-in; 12:30-3pm assessments

OPENING DAY CEREMONY WITH CO ROCKIES MASCOT DINGER

We are very excited about the upcoming Arapahoe Little League summery baseball season. Please join us for our opening day ceremonies on May 19, 2012. We have many great things planned for opening day. Dinger from the Colorado Rockies will be joining us along with many of our sponsors. We are always looking for additional sponsors for monetary or in-kind donations for the league. Please contact a board member for more information. We will be running opening day food specials and have other events that you won't want to miss. We are looking forward to a great season.

INFORMATION ABOUT PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND TEAMS

The age of a player on April 30, 2012, will determine in which division he or she will play:

T-Ball 4-6 y/o and under

Farm: 7-8 y/o or if 6 then one year of tball with Arapahoe Little League

Majors: 9-10 y/o

Little League: 11-12 y/o

Juniors: 14 y/o and under

 LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

A player must live with the Arapahoe Little League boundaries and provide proof of residency in order to be eligible to play.

Western Boundary: Quebec St.

Northern Boundary: Denver International Airport/Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Eastern Boundary: Gun Club Road and residences east of there

Southern Boundary: Hampden Ave. on both sides of the Reservoir

Letter from the President

Welcome to another year of baseball at Arapahoe Little League.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that make this league the success that it is. Without the board members that work on the day-to-day operations, the coaches that put forth the effort into molding young kids' lives, and the parents that support their children, none of this would be possible. With a continued effort on everyone's part, we can build Arapahoe Little League into the greatest program in the state.

Arapahoe Little League is a valuable resource for the community. It provides children the chance to mold friendships that can last a lifetime. Baseball will teach children valuable lessons of discipline, sportsmanship, good work ethic and camaraderie with fellow players.

There will be many changes this year in accordance to Little League International's (LLI) initiatives to create a competitive balance in all divisions. We will be requiring all players in the majors (9-10), little league (11-12) and juniors (13-14) to attend two separate assessment sessions and go through the player draft. For those of you familiar with the league, there will be no property players assigned to teams they played for last year. In the farm division (7-8) and Tball (4-6), LLI rules do not allow coaches to bring in complete teams. This will help to create exciting, competitive games on a daily basis. This will create an environment where all teams have the same chance at success.

This year we have entered a partnership with the Colorado Fireworks Tournament. This is a girls' softball tournament for high-school-age participants throughout the world. The tournament will be running the last week of June during the day. The Tournament has donated portable pitching mounds and a generous donation to the League in exchange for using our facilities. These mounds should prove to be a much better surface for our children to pitch from given the unpredictable rain we have seen in the past. There will be ample volunteer opportunities available for parents to fulfill their 10 hour requirement during this event.

Being that this is my first full year as president of Arapahoe Little League, I ensure you that I will put forth every effort to make this league as successful as I can. We have a strong board of directors that feels the same way. If there are ever any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the board, and we will work in the best interests of the children to get the matter resolved.

I look forward to seeing you all at the fields this summer.

Chris Wiensch

President Arapahoe Little League

LEAGUE FEES + DEPOSITS

T-Ball : \$75

Farm: \$130 + \$75 uniform deposit

Majors: \$130 + \$75 uniform deposit

Little League: \$140 + \$75 uniform deposit

Juniors: \$140 + \$75 uniform deposit

With the exception of T-Ball, a uniform deposit of \$75 is required for each family participating in the league. That deposit will be returned at the end of the season if the family has completed 10 hrs of

approved volunteer work. This must be done prior to the end of the season when uniforms are returned.

UMPIRES

Looking for a few good men (or women)...

If you're looking for a summer job with flexible hours and reasonable pay, I have the job for you. Arapahoe Little League is seeking umpires for the 2012 summer baseball season. No experience is necessary, just a love for the game. All applicants must be at least 16 years old and willing to undergo a training course and a background check. 20/20 eye sight is preferred but not required. ☺

Don't hesitate to [sign up here](#) and enjoy the fun!

Arapahoe Little League Director of Umpires



COACHING

A Word from Our Director of Coaches

It's baseball time again, and Arapahoe Little League is prepping for the start of a new season. We've been cleaning out the Field House, ordering uniforms, updating our website, getting new equipment, and taking stock of our most important asset... YOU!

We are once again in need of experienced coaches and assistant coaches to help with all levels of play. We still have a few slots open for coaching. If you are at least 18 years of age, love baseball, and would like to help mold our youth, please consider completing our "[ALL Coaching Application](#)". Simply open the form, fill-in the blanks, and click the "Submit via E-mail" button. Your application will automatically be sent to Robb Sus, director of coaching. Please do this immediately

Please note... Colorado state law now mandates that all youth coaches complete an online concussion course. Upon receiving your application, I will provide more information to you about this required certification.

For questions, comments, or concerns contact Robb Sus, Director of Coaches
ArapahoeLL_Coaching@comcast.net

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VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

The Arapahoe Little League is run entirely by volunteers. To ensure that your child has a quality baseball experience, families are required to volunteer 10 hours during the course of the season. There are many opportunities to earn hours, such as:

- Coaching or managing a team
- Running the scoreboard for games
- Helping prepare and maintain the fields
- Being a team mom
- Helping with concessions
- Helping with the Fireworks Tournament

There are many other opportunities available. Families who do not fulfill their required volunteer hours will forfeit the \$75 uniform deposit.

NEW SPONSOR

The Colorado Freedom Invitational (Formerly the Colorado Fireworks Girls Softball Tournament) is a National caliber tournament. It began in 1973 as a local tourney and was transformed into one of the best invitational tournaments in the country. Arapahoe Little League is proud to be in partnership with the Colorado Fireworks Girls Softball Tournament and hosting some of the games for the 2012 Tournament. Their partnership with our league has provided new portable pitching mounds and other equipment for the league's use.

This is a great new opportunity for parents to get their volunteer hours in for the 2012 season during the week of June 29 through July 4, 2012.