



# Arapahoe Little League 2012 Winter Newsletter

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## Take A Second Look

Arapahoe Little League is changing. Maybe it's time to take a second look at who we are and what we do. Read the latest news, and for more information, visit our website at [www.arapahoelittleleague.com](http://www.arapahoelittleleague.com).

## 2013... A New Start For ALL

It's the start of another year, and like many of you, the Arapahoe Little League Board is making some New Year's resolutions.

This year we're committed to...

- Expand our program to include both baseball and softball.
- Improve our communication with all members of the League.
- Fully train and better select our umpires, coaches and support staff.
- Secure more sponsors to allow for improved facilities and equipment.
- Develop players of worth, both on and off the field.

If successful, we can reestablish our League as one of the premier youth sports programs in Colorado and regain the support of our community at large.

But we can't accomplish these goals alone. We need your help to create lasting change.

Perhaps this year you could consider...

- Referring your friends and family to Arapahoe Little League.
- Volunteering to help with registration and League coordination.
- Applying to be a coach, assistant coach or umpire.
- Donating to the A.L.L. scholarship fund or suggesting a company sponsorship.
- Committing to "Honor the Game" in both word and action.

Please help make 2013 a new start for ALL!

*Robb Sus*

Vice President of the Board

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## Upcoming Umpire Clinic

Our new Director of Umpires has been hard at work over the past few weeks. In an attempt to address some of our umpiring issues, he is planning an instructional clinic which will be held in late February or early March. This clinic will be a rare opportunity for existing and aspiring umpires to learn the rules of the game and to gain confidence as an official. For more information, please contact David Burch at [djb1170@msn.com](mailto:djb1170@msn.com).

...and don't forget to complete the [Umpire Application](#) on our website. It takes just a few minutes and will ensure you consideration for employment this summer. The hours are flexible and the pay is fair. Be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem!

## Save the Date

**Spend Father's Day with Arapahoe Little League and the Colorado Rockies!**

"Day at Coors Field" is an easy way for families to support our league. By simply enjoying an MLB game, you can help raise funds for scholarships, new equipment, field maintenance and much more.

On June 16th, the Colorado Rockies will battle the Philadelphia Phillies. If you order tickets using our [online form](#), 20% of all sales will benefit Arapahoe Little League. In addition, all players who wear their uniform hat and jersey can participate in a special pregame parade. Don't miss this opportunity to see your child on a Major League field!

Order forms with payment are due back to Arapahoe Little League by June 2nd.



## League Boundaries

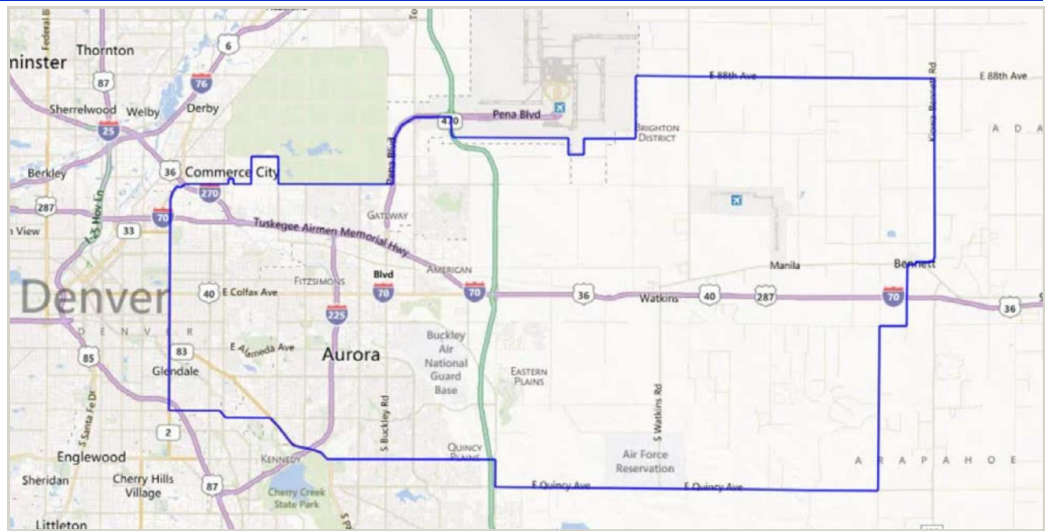
When registering your child for the 2013 season, please keep our league boundaries in mind. They are roughly...

North: DIA/Rocky Mountain Arsenal  
South: Hampden Avenue  
East: Gun Club Road  
West: Quebec Street

The exact boundaries are provided to the right.

According to Little League policy, a player must live within this area and provide proof of residency in order to be eligible to play.

**Softball is the exception.** Since we have the only District 5 summer softball program, out-of-district players will be allowed to register with Arapahoe Little League.



### Arapahoe Little League Boundaries

Starting at Colorado Blvd. to Vasquez Blvd. to 56th Ave. along the Adams County/Denver County Line to Pena Blvd. to E-470 to along the Adams County/Denver County Line to 88th Ave. to Kiowa-Bennett Rd. (CR 79) to US 36 to CR 133 to CR 6 to CR 129 to Quincy Ave. (CR 30) to Gun Club Rd. to Hampden Ave. (US Highway 285) to Parker Rd. to Liff Ave. to Evans Ave. to Colorado Blvd.

## Guidelines for Honoring the Game

Brought to you by the [Positive Coaching Alliance](#)

### Before the Game

- Make a commitment to Honor the Game in action and language no matter what others may do.
- Tell your children before each game that you are proud of them regardless of how well they play.

### During the Game

- Fill your children's "Emotional Tanks."
- Don't yell instructions during the game. Let coaches coach.
- Cheer good plays by both teams.
- Mention good calls by the umpires to other parents.
- If an umpire makes a "bad" call against your team, Honor the Game -- be silent!
- If other parents yell at the umpires, gently remind them to Honor the Game.
- Don't do anything in the heat of the moment that you will regret after the game. Ask yourself, "Will this embarrass my child or the team?"
- Remember to have fun! Enjoy the game.

### After the Game

- Thank the umpires for doing a difficult job for little or no pay.
- Thank the coaches for their commitment and effort.
- Remind your children again that you are proud of them -- win or lose.

## Home Run Photo Contest

Enter your best photo from Arapahoe Little League's 2012 season for the chance to win our "Home Run Photo Contest". The winning photo will be announced on February 11th and will be featured on our website. To submit your entry, please send a 4x6 digital copy to Robin Sus ([robinsus@comcast.net](mailto:robinsus@comcast.net)) before February 8th, 2013.



## 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?

