



Arapahoe Little League 2013 Spring Newsletter

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Welcome Baseball Fans

We're excited for the start of the 2013 season, and hopefully you are too! Put on your cap, take out your glove and read the latest and greatest Arapahoe Little League news. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.arapahoelittleleague.com/>.

Letter from the President

I would like to thank everyone that makes this league the success that it is. Volunteers have been putting forth great effort to improve our league. We have instituted new coaches training through the Positive Coaches Alliance, secured donations and funding to do some long over-due remodeling to the clubhouse and secured new sponsorships that are helping us get our new softball program off the ground.

Last season we were able to watch some very competitive baseball at all levels. We are looking to improve upon that competitiveness this year. Going forward with the intent of Little League International, we will once again redraft all teams in each division this year. In addition, we will now require 6-8 year olds in the farm division to try out also. This will allow us to make that division as competitive as the rest.

We are continuing our 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 first week of July during the daytime hours. This is a great chance to get out and watch some top notch high school players from around the world. Last year we were fortunate enough to host teams from as far away as Australia. We will be looking for several volunteers to help out with this tournament while enjoying great softball.

I look forward to continue with my promise of doing everything in my power to make this league great. We have many new volunteer board members this year that will be helping me bring back a positive atmosphere this year. I can't thank them enough for all the hard work they have already put in. If there are ever any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the board and we will work with the best interest of the children to get the matter resolved. I look forward to seeing you all at the fields this summer.

Chris Wiensch
President of the Board

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Be Prepared

You will need to provide the following to Arapahoe Little League in order to complete player registration.

- Player Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency
- Medical Release Form
- Code of Conduct

These documents can be returned to the League at (or before) uniform pickup.

You will also need to verify that you live within the League's boundaries. A [Boundary Map](#) is available on our website, or you can contact our Player Agent, Carlos Jimenez, at arapahoellplayeragent@gmail.com to have your address mapped and verified.

Registration Information

Online registration has begun and will end on April 20th. Simply go to our [website](#) and click on "Baseball Registration" or "Softball Registration" to sign up.

Our new sponsor, Sports Authority, will also be hosting in-person registration on March 16th and 23rd from 10 am - 2 pm at their Aurora (14140 E Ellsworth Ave, Aurora, CO 80012) and Glendale (370 S Colorado Blvd, Glendale, CO 80246) locations. Stop by, sign up and enjoy special discounts. Save 15% off using the coupons found in our [League News](#).

Please keep in mind that divisions are based on a child's age as of 04/30/13. Birth certificates are required. If you wish for your child to "play up", please contact the Director of Coaching, [Thate Wilmes](#).

A player must also live within the [League Boundaries](#) and provide proof of residency in order to compete. Our boundaries are roughly DIA/Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Hampden Avenue, Gun Club Road and Quebec Street.

The fees for 2013 are posted on our website. All pricing includes a \$50 uniform deposit. This deposit will be returned at the end of the season if the player's family completes at least 10 hours of volunteer time. Please contact [Chris Wiensch](#) if you would like to apply for a scholarship.



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Player Tryouts

All players Farm Level and higher are required to attend one of four assessment sessions. During these tryouts, a player will demonstrate various skills including hitting, throwing and fielding. Each child will be scored, and these ratings will be used in the final player draft.

Tryouts will take place at the Arapahoe Little League Complex ([Map](#)) on April 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th. Times are as follows. Please show up 30 minutes early to register.

Saturday, April 6th and 13th

4 pm–5 pm (Ages 7 and 8)
4 pm–6 pm (Ages 9 to 12)
5 pm–6 pm (Ages 13 and up)

Sunday, April 7th and 14th

1 pm–2 pm (Ages 7 and 8)
1 pm–3 pm (Ages 9 to 12)
2 pm–3 pm (Ages 13 and up)

Calendar of Events

March 1st

Online Registration Begins

March 16th and 23rd

In-Person Registration (10 am–2 pm)
Aurora & Glendale Sports Authority Stores

April 6th and 13th

Player Tryouts (4 pm–6 pm)
Arapahoe Little League Complex

April 7th and 14th

Player Tryouts (1 pm–3 pm)
Arapahoe Little League Complex

April 20th

Online Registration Ends

April 21st

Player Draft

May 2nd and 3rd

Uniform Handout
Aurora Sports Authority Store

May 18th

Opening Day Ceremonies

May 19th

League Picture Day



...all families are required to volunteer at least 10 hours of their time.

A Message from Our Director of Coaching

Arapahoe Little League is currently seeking coaches and assistant coaches for all ages of baseball and softball for the summer 2013 season. If you are interested, please take a moment to fill out our coaching application at ArapahoeLittleLeague.com, and submit to thate.wilmes@gmail.com. Please do not delay, as coaches' clinics and player assessments are right around the corner.

This year we are really excited to be partnered with Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA), through a grant from the Daniels Fund. PCA is a national non-profit with the mission to provide all youth and high school athletes a positive, character-building youth sports experience, through working with coaches and parents. We want to ensure that our players are getting the best experience from playing Little League- this is one of the many steps that we are taking to make this a reality at Arapahoe Little League.

Again, if you have a desire to be part of the baseball story for our youth, fill out the coaching application today and get it back to me- I look forward to working with you this summer!

Thate Wilmes

Director of Coaching

Umpires Needed

Arapahoe Little League is seeking experienced baseball and softball umpires for the upcoming summer season. You must be at least 16 years old to start, but for the younger and less experienced, training and mentoring will be offered. All umpires, returning and new, must complete a 2013 application. You can find one on the [Documents & Forms](#) page of our website, or you can contact our Director of Umpires, [David Burch](#), for more information.

Parent Volunteer Requirement

Arapahoe Little League is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. To ensure that your child has a quality experience, all families are required to volunteer at least 10 hours of their time. If these hours are not completed, your uniform deposit will not be returned.

There are many opportunities available to earn your volunteer hours. Some of these include...

- Scorebook or Scoreboard Operator
- Field Maintenance
- Team Parent
- Concessions Stand

Contact [Heidi Wiensch](#), Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator, for even more ideas on how to help.



World's Finest® Chocolate

The World's Finest® Chocolate will be hitting the sugar shack in just a couple of weeks. Come check out our personalized chocolates and decide which one is your favorite: Crisp, Milk Chocolate Almond, Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate Almond or Caramel. Each bar can be purchased for only \$1, with proceeds benefiting our league.

Once the season gets underway there will be opportunities for the teams in each division to compete to see who can raise the most money to help purchase new equipment. If you are interested in purchasing chocolates or in getting a head start on selling them before the season begins, email our Fundraising Chair, Kristen Wilmes at kristen.wilmes@gmail.com.

Show Your Support

This year Arapahoe Little League will be providing each player with a car decal. This small sticker can go a long way in showing your support of the league. Display it proudly, and tell everyone you know the meaning behind the big red "A". You can also purchase additional stickers for only \$1. Consider buying one for grandma's car, uncle's truck or the neighbor's SUV. Who do you know who might be willing to show their support too?



Rockies Tickets

Don't forget to buy your Rockies tickets for the June 16th game against the Phillies. "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. I

f you order your tickets through us, 20% of all sales will benefit our 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.



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](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 [Kristen Wilmes](mailto:kristen.wilmes@gmail.com) at kristen.wilmes@gmail.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?

Thank You Sponsors



We are proud to announce that Sports Authority is now a League sponsor. Sports Authority is dedicated to providing its customers with the best shopping experience possible by consistently providing great brands at great values.



Dick's continues to offer the finest quality products at competitive prices, backed by the best service anywhere. Every season starts at Dick's. Go to <http://app.dcs.com/couponsheet/?s=728424> to save on your next purchase.



This will be the 44th annual Fireworks Tournament. Arapahoe Little League was honored to host games in 2012 and is eager to do so again. For more information, go to www.triplecrownsports.com.



GreenSheen was established in 2010 as a latex paint recycling facility for the purpose of collecting and processing latex paint that would otherwise be destined for the landfill. This year, they generously donated paint for our Field House.