



LITTLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/Volunteer_App_09.pdf

All Little League volunteers age 16 or older are required to complete a volunteer application. A link to this form is above or may be found in the *Information for Buddies* section of the Bridgewater Challenger web site (<http://coe.jmu.edu/hutchisi>). The application should be mailed as soon as possible to Philip and Sue Hutchinson, 209 Dinkel Avenue, Bridgewater, VA 22812. **Please note that in order for the application to be complete it must be signed and a copy of your driver's license must be attached.** Do not be alarmed if you receive a letter notifying you that your name has been identified in one of the background searches. The agency does a first-name/last-name initial search that frequently locates persons with the same name. Despite the "optional" notation, social security numbers are required for accurate identification and will be protected by League officials who handle the forms.

NEW BUDDY TRAINING

Sun., March 29, 7:00-8:15 PM

Bridgewater Church of the Brethren*

A training session for NEW buddies will be held Sunday, March 30, 6:30-8:00 pm, at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The focus of the training will be on ways of assisting and protecting athletes during specific game situations. All buddies are welcome, but attendance is especially critical for volunteers who will be serving as buddies for the first time. If you are a new buddy and cannot attend the training, please notify the Martins (879-2380) or the Hutchinsons (828-3502) in advance.

SEASON KICKOFF EVENT – “UNIFORM NIGHT”

Wed., April 1, 6:30 PM

Mountain View Elementary School Cafeteria*

All buddies are urged to join the athletes and their families for this special season kickoff event. We will make ice cream sundaes, introduce the 2009 Challenger athletes and buddies, and distribute uniforms. The evening will present an important opportunity for you to meet your athlete and his or her family. And...it is an evening that is fun for everyone. You don't want to miss it!

SENIOR DIVISION PRACTICE

Monday, April 6, 6:30-8:00 PM

Oakdale Park*, Field 2 or Pence Middle School in Dayton*

The **Express** and **Owlz** will practice at Oakdale, weather permitting. If it is too cold to be outside, we will practice indoors at a location to be announced. (Check the web site if the weather is questionable.) Several stations will be available for the Challenger athletes to practice throwing, catching, running the bases, and hitting from a tee. We will conclude the evening with a short practice game.

JUNIOR DIVISION PRACTICE

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-8:00 PM

Oakdale Park*, Field 2 or Nininger Hall (Bridgewater College Gym)*

The **Bees** and **Grasshoppers** will practice at Oakdale, weather permitting. If it is too cold to be outside, we will practice at Nininger Hall, the Bridgewater College gym. (Check the web site if the weather is questionable.) Several stations will be available for the Challenger athletes to practice throwing, catching, running the bases, and hitting from a tee. We will conclude the evening with a short practice game.

OPENING NIGHT
Wednesday, April 15
Oakdale Park*, Field 2

6:00 PM Bees vs Grasshoppers **7:00 PM Express vs Owlz**

Team pictures will be taken and a brief opening ceremony will be held before each game. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to game time so you can assist with getting the athletes lined up and ready for the ceremony. The athletes will be introduced during the ceremony as they will before each regular season game. If your athlete needs your company or assistance, it is fine for you to go to the baseline during introductions.

GAMES AT JMU STADIUM*

Wednesday, May 6

Rain date - Wednesday, May 13

6:00 PM Bees vs Grasshoppers **7:00 PM Express vs Owlz**

Games on May 6 will be played at JMU's baseball stadium (directions are on the Challenger web site). Junior Division buddies will work with their athletes as usual. Members of the Dukes team will serve as buddies for the Senior Division game. Senior buddies are welcome to join families in the stands for the games to cheer for your athlete.

* **Directions to these locations are available at <http://coe.jmu.edu/hutchis/Directions.htm>**