



2006 Saratoga Little League Information Package

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Get Ready For Another Great Year

October 12, 2005

Dear Little League Parents,

For generations, Little League baseball has been a tradition in Saratoga. For the 2006 Season, the goal of the SLL Board of Directors is to extend that tradition through continuing investment in coach training including our affiliation with the Positive Coaching Alliance, player skills clinics, field and facilities improvements, and the introduction of a new Minor League division called Mini-ball.

The Mini-ball Division is especially designed to develop individual baseball skills of kids at least 6 years of age or in 1st grade. Skills training in the Farm Division will enhance the player's individual skills through emphasis on team defense in a pre-competitive environment for children 7 to 8 years of age or in the 3rd grade. T-ball will continue to focus upon baseball fundamentals for children 5 years of age.

Please keep in mind that Little League® has changed the age-cutoff effective for the 2006 Season to April 30th. Therefore, children born after May 1, 1993 and before April 30, 2001, are eligible to play. There is special exemption for the 2006 Season only, permitting children born during the three month period from May 1, 2001 through July 31, 2001 to play in our T-ball program. For more information regarding SLL divisions or age eligibility requirements, please visit our website at www.saratogall.org.

Saratoga Little League is a non-profit enterprise run entirely by parents and community volunteers. Every family's time commitment counts to ensure a well-run season. In fact, many parent volunteers are already working hard to organize registration and other logistics necessary for a successful baseball season. Our children are counting on each of us to make the time commitment to ensure all the necessary functions are delivered with pride. Please give thoughtful consideration to your volunteer role during the 2006 season.

On-line registration commences Saturday, October 23rd through Sunday November 13th – please sign-up early. On-line registration is followed by walk-in verification and volunteer sign-up nights on November 15th & 16th. So, please help us spread the word to new families and friends, especially those kids starting out in T-ball, Mini-ball and Farm divisions, so that we can continue to pass along the rich baseball tradition that has been so much a part of our lives to the children of our community.

*Mike Tidd
2006 Season President
Saratoga Little League
Board of Directors*

Online Registration with In Person Verification

Open through Sunday November 13th, 2005 at midnight.

Online is the only way to register this year; you must then come in person to VERIFY your residency, players age, try outs, and sign up for a volunteer job.

FEES:

Division/Level	Cost per Child	Additional Children/family
T-Ball	\$175.00	\$170.00
Mini-Ball (click for info)	\$175.00	\$170.00
Farm	\$215.00	\$170.00
AA	\$215.00	\$170.00
AAA	\$215.00	\$170.00
Majors	\$215.00	\$170.00

After November 16th registration will be on a wait list basis and registration fees increase \$50.00. T-ball and Mini-ball will except late registration with no extra fee as best as possible.

REFUND POLICY:

In the event a player elects to withdraw from the program, refunds will be provided as follows:

- Player withdrawal prior to verification night - 100% minus \$15.00 (registration fee)
- Player withdrawal prior to try outs - 75% of Registration Fee.
- Player withdrawal after try outs - 50% of Registration Fee.
- Player withdrawal after team formation NO REFUND.

Refund(s) for player withdrawal due to unforeseen circumstances (injury, moving, etc.) will be considered by the Board of Directors on an individual basis.

All refunds will occur by the end of the 2006 season. Please request a refund in writing.

BEFORE REGISTERING:

Many parents (league members) indicated that the registration process in the past was less than enjoyable with long lines, many different forms and requirements. This year the league has worked hard to streamline the process by putting registration online. There is no walk in registration, you must fill out the forms and register online. Children ages 5-12 (as of 4/30/06) are eligible. You will still need to come sign up for volunteer positions and bring proof of age and residency. Registration will consist of 3 requirements; Online Player Registration (including medical and participation waivers) and payment via credit card, Online Mandatory Volunteer Registration (including necessary legal waivers) or opt out payment and lastly, an in-person sign up confirmation. The goal is to automate the process online for registration and payment and make the in-person confirmation process as simple, efficient and stress free as possible. No more forms with little boxes – everything is on the web. You can register online from home, work or any place that you can get online. All details below. **There is no scheduled walk-in registration.**

Please [email the registrar](#) if there is some reason you cannot register online. Late registration will cost more and is often made up of wait lists.

Verify: That you live within the League Boundaries (unchanged from last year). [A map and information can be found here](#). If there is any question concerning eligibility or in what Division your child(ren), should register/try out for, especially for families new to the league, please contact [the Player Agent via email](#). For returning players you may wish to consult your manager/coach from last year.

STEPS FOR REGISTRATION - All 3 Steps are Mandatory

1. Register and Pay ONLINE for all Participant Registrations
 - o All forms online for one or more children.
 - o The URL for registering is: http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1262135
2. Mandatory family volunteer registration ONLINE or buy out donation.
 - o This is separate from #1 (Very important)
 - o The Volunteer URL is: http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1262133
3. In Person Sign Up Confirmation: **(Required after Online Registration)**
 - o **Where and When:**
 - Location: Argonaut School Cafeteria - Multi Purpose Room ([MAP here](#))
 - Dates: Tuesday November 15th and Wednesday November 16th
 - Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00pm
 - o **What to Bring:**
 - Birth Certificate of each player
 - Proof of Residency: A recent utility bill, car registration.
 - A **copy** of Driver's license of Volunteer (both parents if possible)
 - Please also bring an original for verification.
 - o **What to do:**
 - Verify Residency within League Boundaries - **mandatory**
 - Volunteer Job sign-up and ID verification/copy - **mandatory**
 - Try out sign up - **mandatory**
 - Fundraiser Information - Sponsorship banners and custom engraved bricks
 - Meet with Board Members and other league volunteers to learn about Saratoga Little League.

About Volunteer Job Sign Up - new this year

No coach, manager or board member can assign or delegate a volunteer job unless the parent or guardian has signed up through the registration process or with the Volunteer Coordinator. Only approval by the Volunteer Coordinator will be accepted. When you register your player you will be agreeing to these terms and those of our volunteer requirement.

2006 Season Change in Little League Age Determination Date

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (May 9, 2005) - The Little League International Board of Directors, governing body for the world's largest organized youth sports program, has accepted a recommendation from USA Baseball to change the league age determination date for its players starting in the 2006 season.

The league age determination date is the age a player has attained as of a specific date, for the purpose of placing the player in a particular division. For more than 55 years in Little League, that date was July 31st.

"The changes in the league age determination dates for Little League Baseball and Softball were approved unanimously by the Little League International Board of Directors," said Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball and Softball, and a Director of USA Baseball. "More than four years of study went into this decision, along with years of discussion with our senior volunteers at the local level. I congratulate the board on taking this progressive step."

Little League has prepared a list of questions and answers regarding all changes made in conjunction with the new league age determination date.

Question: What exactly does "league age determination date" mean?

Answer: The league age determination date is the age a player has attained as of a specific date, for the purpose of placing the player in a particular division. For more than 55 years in Little League, that date was July 31st.

Question: What is the new league age determination date for baseball?

Answer: Starting in 2006, the age of a baseball player as of April 30 of the current year will be that player's league age for the current season.

Question: What is the reason for the change in baseball?

Answer: The chief reason is so that most players on a team will spend the majority of the regular season at the same chronological age as their league age.

Question: Could this help our league retain more 13-year-old players in the transition to the Junior League Baseball Division where the diamond is the standard size?

Answer: Absolutely. One-fourth of those players who would have been moved up to the Junior Division would have another year of eligibility in the major division, and thus may be better prepared for the larger diamond.

Important note: What about **PONY**? As many of you know due to regional competition, the size of our program and the desire of coaches/parents to offer a stage between Little League fields and High school (which is what Jr. Division plays), Saratoga offers [Pony league baseball](#) - Pony division (13-14 year old) at Congress Springs Park.

Pony's Executive Committee voted at their recent meeting 4-0-1 to not change the age cutoff date to April 30th for all baseball programs. This change was approved by USA Baseball's Board in January and was to be adopted by all its youth league members for implementation in 2006 or 2007.

Pony Headquarters is soliciting feedback from its members on this proposed change. A final decision will be made by Pony's Board of Directors at their annual meeting October 2005. SLL will notify players of their options around the time of registration.

Question: What about those players born in May, June or July who would have been league-age five in 2006 (eligible for T-Ball), but now will be considered league-age four (not eligible)?

Answer: For one year only, those players will be permitted to register and play in the 2006 T-Ball division. They also will be eligible to be placed on a machine-pitch or coach pitch division in the minor league in 2007 if they have completed a year of T-Ball.

Note from the Player Agent about special acceptions for 2006 season:

Due to the new age cutoff dates the Commissioners and Player Agent will review the players who have birth dates in April, May or June and who desire to move to the next division, but may not meet all of the ["Move-up" policy rules \(per # 4\)](#).

For example: A 7 year old player who turns 8 on May 3rd may be allowed to move to AA this year. Criteria to be reviewed: Previous year player evaluation, this year's tryout data and player's strong desire to play with peers.

Thank you,
Player Agent

Divisions Descriptions 2006 Season

Divisions

Saratoga Little League is divided into 6 separate Divisions. A distinct developmental charter defines each Division to ensure players are appropriately placed depending upon their age and skill level. Each Division is progressively more competitive than its predecessor and is intended to advance player development and enhance player skills in the game of baseball.

T-Ball

T-Ball is an introductory Division for children ages **5 to 6** who are new to the game of baseball. T-Ball is NOT intended to be competitive but fun. Game scores and individual team standings are not recorded. Players will be exposed to the basics of baseball including hitting, catching, throwing and base running. Players hit balls placed upon a tee (coach/manager or parent pitching is forbidden). There are no practices and teams play 2 to 3 inning games twice a week. Participation trophies are given to all players at the end of the season. (See age guidelines below)

T Ball Division Skill Goals:

- Learn which direction to run the bases.
- Learn bat/equipment safety.
- Learn basic throwing skills.
- Introduction to positions (infield, outfield, bases)
- Introduction to team sports and getting along with others.
- Have Fun!

Mini-Ball

Mini-ball is a division for 1st grade children ages 6-8*(Little League age) that have basic knowledge of the game and some t-ball experience (but this experience is not necessary). *8 year olds will be required to try out for Farm and only allowed to play Mini-ball if it is determined that they are not ready for Farm division by the player agent and other league officials.

Like T-ball, Mini-ball is NOT intended to be competitive, but more instructional and a transitional division to Farm. Game scores and individual team standings are not recorded and there are no playoffs.

For the first two weeks hitting be done off the tee. During this time, players will work on the following:

Mini-Ball Skill Goals:

- Proper plate positioning
- Comfortable stance
- Swing mechanics
- Their zone

When this two week period is completed, live, coach pitching (or, the Manager can elect to have parents help with this) will begin with the following skill goals being focused on:

- Specific defense positioning
- they should rotate positions throughout the game
- Proper fielding
- Where and when to throw the ball

A 1-hour practice per week will be allowed to go over specific game type situations if the Manager & parents desire this. Plans are for there to be 2 one hour and thirty minute games per week depending upon field availability.

Note: The creation of this division season to season is dependent upon enrollment. If the Mini-ball division cannot be formed then players will remain in T-Ball unless cleared for a position in the Farm division pursuant to the [league move up policy](#)

Farm

Farm is a developmental Division and is composed of children ages **7 - 9** years old. All players are evaluated prior to team formation in the areas of hitting, catching, throwing, and base running. Each player is assigned an individual and overall rating. Once the assessment is completed, balanced teams are formed based on player assessment ratings and then assigned to a Manager and Coach. Farm is a semi competitive Division, however, coaching emphasis is upon player instruction and development. Children hit from a pitching machine to provide the greatest consistency possible. Each child must play a minimum of three innings in a six-inning game. Division rules are in-place to encourage player rotation in a variety of positions. Ten players are assigned to field positions each inning, and all roster players bat whether assigned to a field position or not. Game scores and standings are recorded. While the top teams in both the regular and post-season play receive awards, all Farm participants receive a year-end participation trophy. (See age guidelines below)

Farm Skill Goals:

- Learn the fundamentals of batting with emphasis on proper stance, grip and swing.
- Learn the fundamentals of how to hold, aim and throw a ball.
- Learn the fundamentals of fielding ground balls with emphasis on proper stance, glove and hand position.
- Learn the fundamentals of catching fly balls with emphasis on moving to the ball location and proper glove and hand position.
- Learn the fundamentals of base running.
- Learn basic baseball rules and strategy and how to apply these in offensive and defensive situations.
- Learn the importance of respecting the Umpires (as representatives of the rules, order and fair play necessary for fun and sportsmanship).
- Learn to love the game of baseball and come back next year!

AA - Minors

AA is also considered a developmental Division with an increased level of competitive play compared to the Farm Division. Coaches' are again encouraged to emphasize player instruction and development. Players range from **8* - 10** years old. Live pitching is introduced with walks being limited to 2 per inning per team. Coaches draft players based upon tryout ratings and their individual team needs. Each player must play a minimum of three innings in a six-inning game. Ten players are assigned to field positions each inning, and all roster players bat whether assigned to a field or not. Game scores and standings are recorded. The First place team is awarded a Trophy. Upon completion of the regular season, a post-season playoff tournament is held. The First and Second Place teams from this tournament receive trophies. (See age guidelines below.)

AA Skill Goals:

- Develop batting skills through proper stance and determination of pitches to swing at.
- Develop fielding skills (infield and outfield positions, making the play at the correct base, backing up plays at the plate and in the field).
- Develop base running savvy (when to run and listening to 1st and 3rd base coaches).
- Develop proper sliding technique.
- Develop tracking skills for catching fly balls.
- Pitchers learning proper throwing mechanics.
- Develop good sportsmanship and respect for umpires.

AAA – Minors

AAA is the highest level of competition in the Minors Division. Players range from **9** - 12** years old. The league introduces new rules including; the number of players on the field is reduced from 10 to 9, base stealing is permitted, and there is no limitation regarding the numbers of batters that can be walked per inning. All 12 players on the team bat. Managers draft players based upon tryout ratings and their individual team needs. Each player must play a minimum of three innings in a six-inning game. Coaches focus on developing individual and team skills to field a competitive team and prepare them for the Majors Division. Game scores and standings are recorded. The First place team is awarded a Trophy. Upon completion of the regular season, a post-season playoff tournament is held. The First and Second Place teams from the tournament receive trophies. The First Place team from the tournament advances to the District Level Tournament of Champions (TOC's. See age guidelines below)

AAA Skill Goals:

- Continued focus on good sportsmanship and team play!
- Batting skills development including bunting, pitch selection and reading signals from Manager/Coach.
- Increased development of catchers (signals, blocking, pass balls, making the throw from home to second, good throws back to pitcher on the mound and when pitcher is covering home plate) as importance of position increases at this level.
- Pitching emphasis on good mechanics, injury prevention (ice), and development of pitching variety (fastball, change-up, location).

- Develop base running skills for situational play.
- Fielding emphasis on getting behind the ball and setting up the throw, getting ball to the correct position for the out or to keep the runners from advancing.
- Arm strengthening through practice (long toss).

Majors

Majors is for children **11 to 12** years old and is considered a highly competitive Division. Managers draft players based upon tryout ratings and their individual team needs. Each player must play a minimum of three innings in a six-inning game. Coaches focus on developing individual and overall team skills to field the most competitive team. Nine players are assigned to field positions and all 12 players bat with the exception of inter-league games where local rules may vary. Game scores and standings are recorded. The First place team is awarded a trophy. Upon completion of the regular season, a post-season playoff tournament is held. The First and Second Place teams from the tournament receive trophies. The First Place team from the tournament advances to the District Level Tournament of Champions (TOC's)

Majors Skill Goals:

- Develop batting mechanics (bunting, driving, making adjustments to speed etc.) and pitch selection.
- Develop accurate throws from outfielders to proper cutoff person.
- After fielding the ball knowing where to make the throw and getting it there. Develop fielding strategies based on skills.
- Reading signals from Coach/Manager and implementing directives.
- Arm strengthening and accuracy thru practices (long toss).
- Working as a team to get outs.
- Pitching emphasis is to continue developing pitch variety with good mechanics (fastball 2 seam/4 seam, change-up, cutter, slider etc.) and injury prevention/arm care.
- Catcher skills include developing pitch calling skills, accurate throws to all bases, minimize pass balls, etc.
- Good Sportsmanship!

SLL Division Age Guidelines

T-Ball	5 – 6
Farm	7 – 9
AA	8* - 11
AAA	9**- 12
Majors	11 – 12

NOTES:

- “Little League Age” is determined by the age of the player on or before July 31 of that Season year.
- *AA is predominantly a 9 year old division and newer to baseball 10 year olds. Players who are Little League age 8* year olds should be highly skilled, mature, knowledgeable of the game and considered to be impact players. Approximately 10% of 8 year olds will play at this level.
- **AAA is predominantly a 10-year-old division with 11 and 12 year olds who are continuing to develop their baseball skills. Players who are Little League 9** year olds should be highly skilled, mature for their age, and considered to be impact players. Approximately 10% of 9 year olds will play at this level.
- A few 10 year olds may play at the Majors level. They should have very developed skills and are mature for their age. Only 1 or 2 (if any) 10 year olds play at this level.
- All player placements in divisions will be based upon coach evaluations from previous years and tryouts.

Tournament & All-Star Teams

At the end of each season twelve players from each of the 8, 9, 10, and 11-year-old age groups are selected by the managers and coaches to participate on a post-season tournament team. Players are selected based on skills and baseball knowledge demonstrated during the regular season. This is a highly competitive environment.

In addition to the tournament team, twelve players (age of 12 with few exceptions) are selected to participate on the Saratoga All-Star team. The Players and Managers from the Majors Division select team participants. This level competes in the international Little League All-Star competition. The All-Star team initially competes with other teams in District 12 and can advance to Section, Regional and National play based upon competitive success.

Positive Coaching Alliance Parent's Workshop

Support your Little Leaguer by being their best coach!

At the end of the day, you're the one that will encourage, console and be there for them. Do you know what to say when they're upset? How do you help your child get through losing or making an error? How do you teach them good sportsmanship? You'll know exactly what to do after this workshop! **One adult from each family must attend a session.**

You owe it to your child to attend the Positive Coaching Alliance Parent's workshop.

The objective of this workshop is to give parents a clear understanding of their role as a "Second Goal" parent – supporting their child so that he or she has a fun, positive experience in sports. The workshop begins by asking parents what THEIR goals are for their child in youth sports. Spirited discussions spring from this exercise. Parents often reaffirm that their objectives include wanting their child to have fun, make friends, gain increased self-confidence and learn life lessons. We ask them to think about how their goals compare to their child's goals, and we discuss if their own behavior on the sidelines reflects their answers to this question.

Parent specific scenarios are presented to encourage discussion and interaction. This leads to:

Principle #1 - Redefining "Winner"

This section discusses how parents can help their kids redefine what it means to be a "Winner." One major point here is that the questions we ask our kids reflect what we care most about, so if the first question we ask after a game is, "Did you win?" that tells our kids that we think winning is most important. We talk about better questions to ask, such as, "What was your best play of the game?" "What did you learn at today's practice?" We also talk with the parents about developing mistake rituals (like the flush), so that when their kids make a mistake in a game and look at them on the sidelines, they will have something positive to signal to their child.

Principle #2 – "Filling the Emotional Tank"

Like coaches, parents need to meet the 5:1 ratio so that their child will have fun and perform better. We discuss specific steps parents can take to achieve this 5:1 ratio.

Principle #3 – "Honoring the Game"

As in the Coaches Workshop, we explain the PCA acronym of ROOTS. We ask parents to seize teachable moments with their kids (to discuss instances of honoring and dishonoring the game that they see live, or on TV). Strategies such as waiting for the right opportunity for discussion, asking open-ended questions rather than yes-no questions, and listening to your child rather than doing all the talking are reviewed.



PCA Parent Workshops

Saturday, March 4th

9:00 am – 11:15 am

Foothill Multi-purpose room

Or

Wednesday, March 8th

7:00 pm – 9:15 pm

Foothill Multi-purpose room



Youth Umpire Program



- Age 11 and up
- Earn money \$\$!
- Rules and field training made simple
- Adult Umps also needed!
- Positive environment strictly enforced
- Register online at www.saratogall.org
- See the umpire table on sign-up/verification night

Chris Borch
Chief Umpire
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Saratoga Little League is a 100% Volunteer Organization

Imagine a Little League experience for the children with confusing try-outs, few coaches, no uniforms, unsafe fields, umpires who show up late and no score keepers - this is what it would be like with no volunteers. Training and support are available . To keep our program of 500+ children running, your help is necessary. The jobs can be fun if you make them, you'll get to meet families in the community, and you'll set a good example for our children by showing the importance of community service and volunteering.

Given that most children in our league will be at the fields for an average of 100 hours, it should not be difficult to understand the amount of work necessary. Board Members, Managers and Coaches often volunteer over 150+ hours of their time per season . The average volunteer job is a small fraction of that commitment. The reward for all volunteers is not only helping to build a better community based program, but watching the children enjoy the experience of participating in a first rate program.

Please study these positions and be prepared with multiple choices at the in-person sign up after online registration. After each description is an estimate of the total volunteers needed for that volunteer position. Board Members and experienced volunteers will be available during the in-person verification/sign-up to answer questions about volunteer jobs. Once your job is assigned, **ONLY THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CAN APPROVE A JOB CHANGE**. This allows us to keep our database updated and ensure that all functions of Saratoga Little League are adequately manned.

Please note that the contact information you provide at registration will be used to contact you about your volunteer job - please confirm it when you come to verify and sign up. If your contact information changes, is incorrect, or is illegible, we will not be able to contact you! If you have not been contacted about your volunteer position by Opening Day, it is your responsibility to contact the Volunteer Coordinator (email address is posted on the SLL website, and can be reached via the link below). If you have any questions or suggestions based on your past experience, please contact the volunteer coordinator via email volunteer@saratogall.org

Thank You,

The Volunteer Coordinator & Board of Directors

Saratoga Little League Volunteer Position Descriptions

Board of Directors

Descriptions of all of the volunteer Board of Director positions can be found on the saratogall.org website.

Team Manager

Reports to Division Commissioner. ALL managers must attend mandatory coaching and first aid clinic(s) regardless of years of experience. The Team Manager is responsible for running the team including practices and games. Must learn division playing rules. Instruct players in proper baseball skills. Involve parents with the team and league activities. Must attend all try-outs for their division and team draft or assignment meeting in January. Make sure players and parents have fun. Managers (or their coaches) will take on the following team safety officer responsibilities: inspecting player's equipment, bringing team first aid kit and safety manual to each practice and game. **Managers are subject to board approval.** One manager per team per division. All managers and coaches in AAA and Majors will be required to umpire at least 3 games of the other upper division.

Team Coach

Reports to Team Manager. ALL coaches must attend mandatory coaching and first aid clinic(s) regardless of years of experience. The Team Coach helps to instruct players in baseball skills. Helps at practices and games. Required to attend divisional try-outs in January. Coaches, if designated by the manager, will take on the following team safety officer responsibilities: inspecting player's equipment, bringing team first aid kit and safety manual to each practice and game. **Coaches are subject to board approval.** One coach per team per division. "Assistant Coach" is not a position that qualifies as a volunteer job. All managers and coaches in AAA and Majors will be required to umpire at least 3 games of the other upper division.

Head Divisional Scorekeeper

Reports to Head Scorekeeper and Division Commissioner. Accumulates scores & standings from team scorekeepers. Communicates scores & standings to division commissioner. Major's scorekeeper must also track pitching and interlock scores and publish in an easy to understand format. Access to the Internet for email and publishing of information will be required. Posts scores & standings to the League Webmaster (4)

Team Scorekeepers

Reports to the head scorekeeper, Team Manager, and Umpire in Chief. Keeps accurate scores and statistics for team during games. (Majors, AAA, AA, and Farm only). Training is available and encouraged before the season begins. Scorekeepers are to be provided by the home team at games. Please sign up only for the division that your child will play in. It is possible after the formation of the teams that multiple scorekeepers will be on the same team. **IN THIS EVENT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO FULFILL A DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER JOB FROM THE REMAINING JOBS AVAILABLE OR PAY THE \$250 BUY-OUT.** If there are no scorekeepers on a given team, the manager will meet with the parents to determine the best candidate and then work with the Volunteer Coordinator to formalize a possible position change. (One scorekeeper per team for Majors, AAA, AA, Farm divisions)

Team Representatives

Reports to the Team Manager. At the team level, the team representative coordinates uniform distribution, fundraiser communication and ticket sales, social activities (snack schedule and parties), pictures and team manager needs with parents. Must attend a mandatory informational meeting in February and a first aid clinic. The Team Representative is in charge of completing and submitting a team roster with confirmed contact information. Some of the team safety officer responsibilities have

been added to those of the team representative: Keeping a safety log of all injuries that occur on the team. Help manager or coach give first-aid if needed. Fill out an accident report if an injury occurs, and report injury to SLL Safety Officer within 12 hours of occurrence. This requires team representative to be present at each game or make arrangements with the team manager/coach to fulfill the aforementioned responsibilities. Sign-up only for a division that your child will be playing in. It is possible after the formation of the teams that multiple team representatives will be on the same team. **IN THIS EVENT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO FULFILL A DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER JOB FROM THE REMAINING JOBS AVAILABLE OR PAY THE \$250 BUY-OUT.** If there is no team representative on a given team, the manager will meet with the parents to determine the best candidate and then work with the Volunteer Coordinator to formalize a possible position change. (One team representative per team for all divisions)

Equipment Assistants

Reports to Equipment Manager. Helps the Equipment Manager inspect and inventory equipment (Pre & Post-Season). Passes out and collects playing equipment for the season and tournament play. Requires availability in December to inventory the equipment and set-up the equipment shed, in February to sort, stuff bags and distribute the equipment, and end of season collection and inventory. (5)

Uniform Manager

Reports to Equipment Manager. The uniform chairperson is responsible for the purchase and distribution of uniforms for the teams and umpires. Requires timely communication with uniform assistants, team representatives, and SLL board of directors. May need to comparative price shop and potentially negotiate pricing. (1).

Uniform Assistants

Reports to Uniform Chairperson. Uniform assistants are responsible for pre-season counting, sorting, and distribution of uniforms including exchanges throughout the season. Requires good communication to team representatives and possibly team managers. (5)

Assistant Safety Officer

Reports to the Safety Officer. Provide assistance to the Safety Officer in management of the team safety issues (i.e. First Aid Kits etc.). This also includes filing of injury or incident reports for team representatives and game monitors. In addition, you will assist in and coordinate the volunteer background checking process. (1)

Game Monitor Supervisor

Reports to the Assistant Safety Officer. Responsible for the Assigning Games to Game Monitors and Compliance checking via automatic email Game Monitor Reports from the Game Monitors.(1)

Safety Assistants

Report to Safety Officer. Responsible for assisting in processing/performing background checks for volunteers as determined by the Safety Officer. Requires that you are available to assist during all evenings/days (up to 3) of SLL registration/sign-up. (2)

Game Monitors

Responsible for attending 5 games assigned by the safety officer that are not in your son or daughters division. You are required to check the field prior to play to assure there are no safety hazards on the field or in the dugouts. You are then required to watch the game and file a report within 24 hours via the SLL Web Site. This report will include field and dugout safety, an overview of managers, coaches, umpires and players and their conduct as outlined in the Code of Conduct Policy.(20)

Umpire Scheduler

Reports to Chief Umpire. Maintains an up-to-date umpire schedule (using established templates). Gathers 'Umpire Game Cards' from Umpire Shack, reviews and prepares a bi-weekly report for the League Pay Master; records umpire performance and Team conduct scores and issues a weekly report. Recommends "Umpire of the Week" for each division. Receives communication / directly communicates with Division Commissioners on game or schedule changes (not through Managers or Coaches). (2)

Umpire Equipment Coordinator

Reports to Chief Umpire. Establishes, organizes and maintains an "Umpire Shack" (minimum twice weekly inspections). Ensures that Umpire shack is equipped with sufficient equipment, forms, pens and other supplies at all times. Repairs or replaces equipment promptly as required. Communicates directly with umpires (and the League Equipment Manager) to resolve quickly any equipment or uniform issues. (1)

Volunteer Umpires

Reports to Chief Umpire. Umpire games as scheduled & agreed upon. Effort is made to avoid umpire assignments in your own players division. You will be required to attend a volunteer umpire clinic and manager/umpire workshop. Open number of volunteer positions. (6 game package + training)

Opening and Closing Day Assistant

Reports to the league secretary. Executes all Opening and Closing Day activities, decorating, and presentations, PA system etc. Create a schedule for photography assistants and call to remind them of opening day responsibility. Coordinate with team representatives. (1)

Photography Assistants

Reports to league secretary. Helps in the execution of Opening Day picture session. Duties include assisting teams in filling out photography package forms and coordinating lines. Must be available the entire morning of opening day or longer if needed for all teams to have team photos taken! You will miss your child's practice game that morning. When team photos come in, photography assistants will sort photos by division and by team and then distribute them to the team representatives. (2)

Handbook Editor

Reports to the Publicity Director and is responsible for preparation (layout and pre-press) and printing of the Handbook. (1)

Sports Reports

Reports to Publicity Officer. Take photos of, write up of game, and provide box score information for 5 regular season games and at least 2 playoff games (in which your child does not play). Photos, write-up and scores to be submitted to Webmaster/IT Director. **Must have access to digital camera and access to the Internet** . (9)

Banner Coordinator

Reports to the Fundraising/Business Agent. This committee is responsible for soliciting, designing, purchasing, and delivering sponsor's banner to the fields preferably before opening day. Supervise initial hanging of banners. (1)

Banner Assistants

Reports to Fundraising/Business Agent and Banner Committee. Responsible for hanging all banners prior to opening day (approximately the last weekend in Feb. and/or first weekend in March). Need to proactively check banners during the season and re-hang, clean and/or fix as necessary. The banners need to be moved to the Majors and AAA field areas for All-Star season (end of June). Banners need to be removed, cleaned and properly stored at the end of the season after the last tournament game and before the fences come down (end July or beginning of August). (4)

Brick Committee

Reports to the Fundraising/Business Agent. This committee is responsible for soliciting, purchasing and ensuring carving of new family and business customized bricks of at least 20 bricks during the season. Must create a plan and execute the sales and turn in all checks and order forms provided to the Fundraising Business Agent by the end of the season. (2)

Field Material Supply Committee

Reports to the Fields Commissioner. Responsible for the care and maintenance of one field during the season, to ensure safety and play-ability of that field. Ensures fields are properly maintained after games and practices and that each field is equipped with the necessary tools (rakes, drags, hoses, Turfix, etc....). Communicates any concerns or issues to the Fields Commissioner to be addressed with the city. Will need to help pick-up, transport and stack the materials needed for field maintenance over the course of the season. (i.e., paint, "Dry-up" compound etc.). Requires providing material transport (i.e. truck with at least one-ton hauling capacity) for a single weekday commitment (for a few hours) and **involves physical activity (e.g., unloading and stacking approx. 50-lb sacks, etc.)**. ACCESS TO A TRUCK IS PREFERRED. Assistance required for 4 hours on 2 separate days for fence set up before and tear down after the tournament season. (5)

Merchandise Sales Coordinator

Reports to Business/Fundraising Agent. Responsible for selling merchandise at Opening Day, Closing Day, and during tournament play. This includes set-up and tear down of table and merchandise display, taking orders, collecting money for orders and then distributing orders. Also responsible for tracking and processing online merchandise orders throughout the regular season. Schedule merchandise sales assistants shifts and provide cash box/sales reconciliation form. (1).

Merchandise Sales Assistants

Reports to the Merchandise Sales Coordinator. Dynamic, gregarious sales of SLL logo merchandise and fundraiser tickets. Responsible for turning in custom orders and reconciled cash box to the Merchandise Sales Coordinator at the end of the sales shift. This includes help set up and tear down sales table. Properly store unsold merchandise. (10)

Spring Fundraiser Committee

Reports to Fundraising/Business Agent. Plans and promotes the major spring fundraising event with targets for participation to meet the financial needs of the league. Assists Fundraising/Business Agent with all aspects of spring fundraiser (2)

Spring Fundraiser Assistants

Reports to Fundraising/Business Agent and fundraising committees. Fundraising assistants will be asked to assist in a variety of fundraising activities including: promoting the event at the field as requested by fundraiser committee and selling tickets at the field on three or more occasions. Must commit to working from 5pm to Midnight on the night of the event. Must be a gregarious go-getter! (6)

Try-Out Field Assistant

Reports to Try-Out and Training Director. Required to work all regular, rain out and make up try-out days. **Must be able to consistently hit groundballs and fly balls** . Performs assigned tasks at try-outs (in January) such as warm up the kids, assist with instructing kids and leading the try out activities. Flexibility required in case of rain. (10)

Try Out Administration

Reports to Try-Out and Training Director. Required to work all regular, rain out and make up try-out days. Must be responsible, caring and able to manage a large group of children. Responsible for checking in kids, managing kids within groups and keeping them together and escorting them to the first try- out station. Should be able to help with any first aid needed during try-outs. (4)

Try Out and Training Hospitality

Reports to Try-Out and Training Director. Must be organized and able to plan and execute small events. Should be outgoing and friendly. Responsible to plan, purchase, set-up and clean-up of refreshments for training and try-outs. Will be reimbursed for expenses, but must stay within a budget. (2)

Webmaster Assistant

Assists IT Director in maintaining and improving SLL website. Must have extensive computer and web page experience. Requires Information Officer approval. Must talk with the IT Director prior to signing up. (1)

ALL-STAR REQUIREMENTS—AS A SEPARATE POST-SEASON VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT EACH ALL-STAR FAMILY (1 MANAGER AND 1 COACH PER TEAM EXEMPTED) WILL NEED TO WORK AT LEAST TWO (2) GAMES. The buy-out for this post-season volunteer requirement is \$100.

Tournament Assistant Director

Reports to Tournament Director. Assist Tournament Director in preparing for and executing all activities necessary for “All Star” and Tournament of Champions games hosted by SLL. Games are tentatively schedule for a two-week period starting around the **end of June and finishing around the third week of July** . The dates of the tournament will be available around April 2006 . Job duties include supervising (and when necessary assisting) Scorekeeping, Announcing, Set-up, Tear-down and selling of Merchandise. The commitment will be for half of the roughly 27 games of the tournament or about 30 hours of effort. Assist the Tournament Director as needed. (3).

Tournament Volunteers

Reports to Tournament Director. Assist Tournament Director in preparing for and executing all activities necessary for “All Star” and Tournament of Champions games hosted by SLL. Games are tentatively schedule for a two-week period starting around the **end of June and finishing around the third week of July** . The dates of the tournament will be available around April 2006 . Job duties include but may not be limited to: Scorekeeping 3 games, or Announcing 3 games, or set-up, tear-down and selling of merchandise at 3 games, or set-up scorekeeper/announcer booths for 6 or more games, or tear-down scorekeeper/announcer booths for 6 or more games, or preparing the fields (drag and wet in-field and paint lines) for 6 or more games. Assist the Tournament Director as needed. (16-20).

Tournament Merchandise Coordinator

Reports to Tournament Director. Must be available during the tournament season (June-July). Responsible for tournament merchandise purchase and management of merchandise sale at tournament games hosted at SLL fields. Responsible for interface with team representatives for All Star and Tournament of Champion teams to order and deliver tournament team merchandise. This includes communicating to the team merchandise available to order, collecting funds for orders, submitting orders to and communicating with vendors, delivering product to team representatives, and handling all mistakes/issue regarding team merchandise. (1)

2006 Fundraising

Welcome to the 2006 Saratoga Little League Season! We had a record-breaking year in fundraising in the 2005 season and it's all thanks to the local businesses and especially the parents that got involved in all the various fundraisers!

Banners

- Sold an all time high of 60 last year
- Displayed on the new outfield fences paid for with a portion of the monies raised.
- Goal this year is 75 (we're hoping to surpass this with all the renewals and new comers).
- Banners are \$350.00 for the 1st year and \$250.00 every year there after.
- Exposure is phenomenal and the support is noticed daily by all!



Go to SLL web site select fundraising, and download the order form today! Your banner can be up by opening day if ordered by February 15th!

Casino Night Fundraiser

- Huge hit last year
- Back by popular demand, "Rock Hard" is scheduled to make a repeat performance at the Opera House in Los Gatos on May 5th to celebrate Cinco De Mayo.



Don't miss this fun-filled event. Mark your calendars now and sign-up at Verification Night!

Brick Fundraiser

Great Manager/Coach and Family gifts.
Only \$100.

Info & order form on Saratogall.org website under Fundraising.





2006 Merchandise Order Form

NAME: _____ Date: _____

Division/Team: _____ / _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone number: _____

Quantity	Order Number	Description	Size/Color (circle)	Unit Price	Total
	WNS05-Y	Youth Wind Shirt	Youth - XS, S, M, L, XL	\$45.00	
	SWS05-Y	Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt (children)	Blue only Youth - XS, S, M, L, XL	\$30.00	
	SWS05-A	Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt (Adult)	Blue only Adult - S, M, L	\$35.00	
	SBBC05	SLL Ball cap	One size Red, White or Blue	\$20.00	
	VSR06	Visor Embroidered with Saratoga Little League	Blue Only	\$15.00	
	CPO05-A	Adults Casual Pull-Over Blue with White Stripes	Blue with White Strips S, M, L, X-Large	\$50.00	
	WNS05-A	Adult Wind Shirt Blue with Red & White Stripes	S, M, L, X-Large	\$45.00	
	SEAT05	Stadium Seat Cushion Embroidered with SLL Logo	Black lean back	\$25.00	
	BLKT05	Fleece Blanket	Red,, Royal Blue	\$30.00	
	DECAL05	SLL DECAL		\$2.00	

Instructions:

1. View the Merchandise List—photos and description are on the website.
2. Carefully fill in this order form with all the information requested. Mark any item clearly for personalization (your name), write clearly in the space provided.
3. Fill out the order form. Calculate the total.
4. Payment Options:
 - Bring Completed order form with check to Verification Night
 - Bring to Snack Shack/Merchandise Location during the season
 - Mail to: **J. O'Flaherty,**
Attn: SLL Merchandise, 20541 Leonard Rd. Saratoga, CA 95070
Make check payable to Saratoga Little League

*Add Total for
Personalizing*

Total:

Paid (date)

Delivered:

Personalize item with your Name (Per Item) Please List Item you would like to personalize				
Item	Please Write Clearly	Up to 20 Characters	\$5.00 each	Total

Saratoga Little League 2006 Season Safety Program

Dear Saratoga Little League Participants:

Welcome to another fun and exciting season of Saratoga Little League Baseball!

Saratoga Little League's Board of Directors has focused on the improvement of the overall safety of our league. We are addressing the well being of our Players both from a physical and psychological standpoint. From the physical standpoint, we have improved our fields, posting Safety Signs regarding batting and we are purchasing new player equipment to keep our players safe. From the psychological standpoint, this will be the third year of implementation of our Code of Conduct Policy with a Three Strikes and You're Out implementation.

The Code of Conduct Policy is for the most part, standard throughout the Little League. A copy of this Policy can be found on our Web Site. What is unique in our Saratoga Little League is the implementation of our Three Strikes Policy. Game Monitors will attend one out of every four games that are played this season. Game Monitors, Managers, Coaches, Umpires or Members of the Board can file a Code of Conduct Incident Form to be later reviewed by the Code of Conduct Review Committee. If the Committee determines that the Player, Manager, Coach, Umpire or Volunteer did not adhere to the Code of Conduct, a Strike will be assigned to his/her record as outlined below. Strike One is a Warning; Strike Two requires forfeiture of Position and Strike Three is suspension from the League. In addition, Umpires have been instructed to halt a game until an abusive Fan or Parent leaves the field if they are directly involved in a Code of Conduct violation. Strikes were assigned last year, and many parents have commented on the change in the behavior exhibited by many of our Little League members.

In an effort to help our managers and coaches comply with our safety standards, the Board of Directors has put forth a mandate of safety rules to be followed as outlined in our Saratoga Little League Safety Manual. Each team will appoint a Team Representative who will assist the manager and the designated coaches of that team to insure that the safety guidelines are met whether at practice or during a game.

National Little League mandates that all Volunteers must fill out a Volunteer Application Form. They are only allowed to volunteer after the Safety Officer, based on requirements put forth under Megan's Law, has made a background check for Sex Offenders. All information must be filled out on the form (less Social Security Number) and a photocopy of the Volunteers Drivers License must be attached. There are no exceptions to this rule. This is to protect our children and our ability to hold Little League Tournaments at our facility is at stake. This information will be secured by the Safety Officer and shredded at the start of the next season.

I have also included an overview of Saratoga Little League's Insurance Policy on the Web Site. Please do not hesitate to email me at jgalvin@saratogall.org if you have any questions regarding insurance or any other safety related issue.

In closing, remember that safety rests with all of us, the volunteers of Saratoga Little League. Always use common sense, never doubt what children tell you, and report all accidents or safety infractions when they occur. Now, let's play ball and play it safe!

Very truly yours,
Safety Officer SLL

SARATOGA LITTLE LEAGUE "CODE OF CONDUCT"

(For Parents, Volunteers, and Fans of the Saratoga Little League)

1. I will not force children to participate in Little League.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform a league official of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of children or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the Saratoga Little League.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, managers, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach youth to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that athletes treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing ones' best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise athletes for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my youth or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit athletes over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my players to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

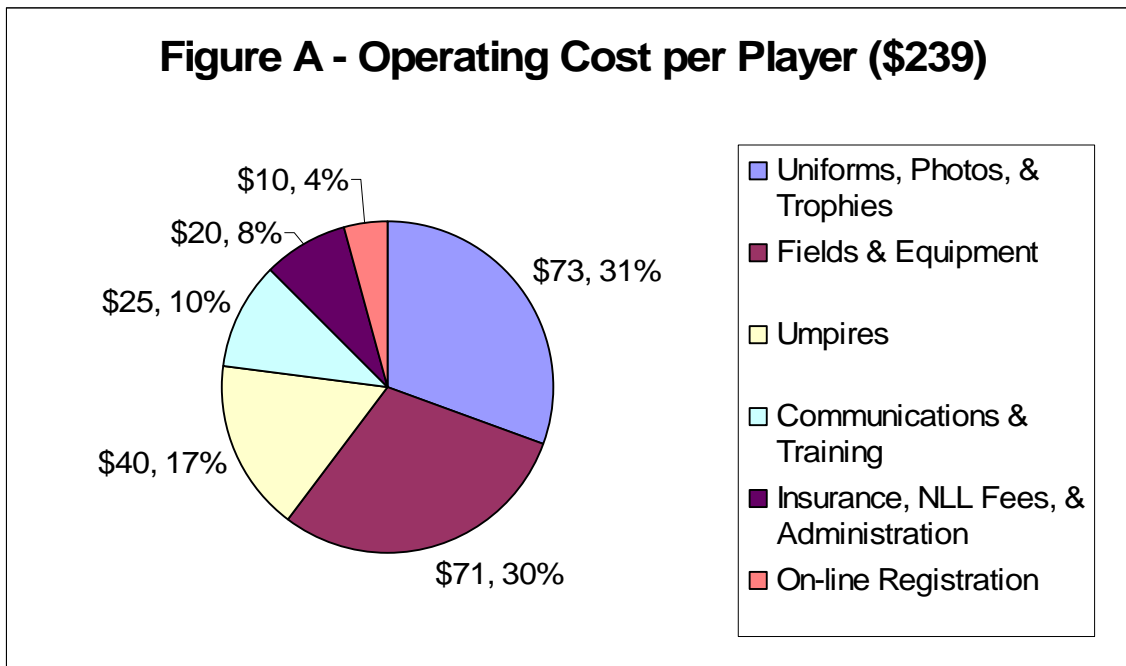
2006 Saratoga Little League Board of Directors

The Board is made up of parents that volunteer countless hours to improving the experience for both players and parents. The board welcomes parents to participate improving the development of the program. Meeting agendas are posted before the meetings, and the minutes published afterwards.

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2006 League Financials

The Saratoga Little League Board is pleased to announce that registration fees have been reduced for T-ball for the 2006 season, while the other levels have remained unchanged. As has been the case in past seasons, the Board's intent for 2006 is that registration fees (along with snack shack proceeds) will cover league operating expenses. In 2006, we anticipate that operating expenses per player will be \$239 with the costs of high quality uniforms and equipment; our unique youth umpire program; and the city of Saratoga's maintenance of the fields accounting for nearly 80% of the total. (Please see Figure A for a breakdown of per child costs).



In addition to registration fees and snack shack proceeds, ongoing fundraising will remain critical to ensure that Saratoga Little League can meet its financial obligations and fund significant improvements to the facilities at Congress Springs Park.

Thanks to the hard work of past Saratoga Little League board members and the city of Saratoga, Congress Springs Park provides excellent baseball facilities for our children. Major facility improvements made in 2001 were made possible by funds borrowed from the city. Saratoga Little League is obligated to repay this loan through five annual payments of \$18,000 each. The 2006 payment will be our fourth, with our final payment due during the 2007 season. The league is also working closely with the city to make additional facility improvements for 2006, including additional batting cages, shade coverings, and a higher fence on the majors field (ala the "green monster" at Fenway Park) to make the distance from home plate a "true" 200 feet. In order to make our loan payments, to fund these additional field improvements, and to pay the portion of our All-Stars Program that is not covered by family contributions, the league will undertake significant fundraising activities in 2006 such as banner advertising sales, merchandise sales, and our annual spring party. (Please see Figures B and C for details on our "Special Programs" budget and our fundraising objectives)

Figure B - Special Programs Budget (\$53,500)

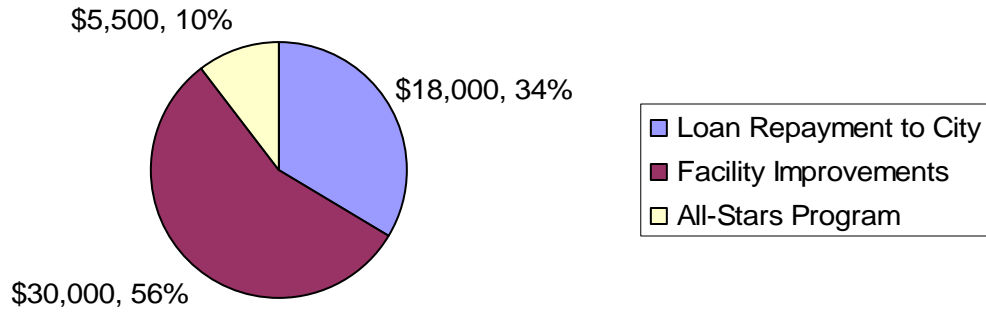
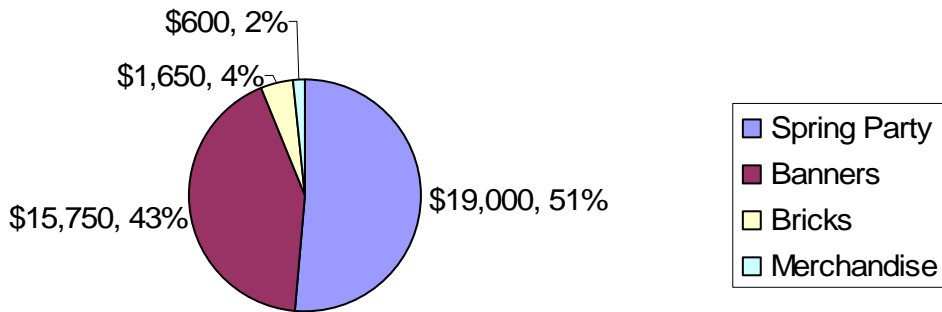


Figure C - Anticipated Proceeds from Fundraising Initiatives (\$37,000)



2006 Saratoga Little League Calendar

(check the website for updates on specific events)

September '05	
6th	7:00 pm - Last 2005 Season BOD Mtg at Saratoga Elementary Library. 2005 Season wrap-up, Officer Reports
13th	7:00 pm - 2006 Annual Membership Meeting at Saratoga Elementary School. Elect 2006 Officers.
20th	7:00 pm - Finance Committee (President, Treasurer, Paymaster, Equip & Fields, Tournament)
21st	7:00 pm - Information & Registration Committee Saratoga Elementary. Agenda - Registration (Safety, Registrar, Volunteer Coordinator, IT)
28th	7:00 pm - Baseball Operations Committee (VP, Commissioners, Player Agent, Tryout & Training Coordinator, Chief Umpire)
October '05	
3rd	7:00 pm - BOD Mtg . Review Committee recommendations, establish 2006 Key Initiatives and Policy Changes, Review Preliminary Fiscal Budget and Key Contracts, Approve Calendar of Events, & Publicity Review, Officer Reports
23rd	On-line Registration Begins
November '05	
7th	7:00 pm - BOD Mtg Saratoga Elementary. Officer reports on Finance, Registration, Fundraising, Fields, Coach Training, Umpire Program, Officer Reports
13th	On-line Registration Ends Midnight (Sunday night)
15th	7:00 to 9:00 pm - Walk-in Verification at Argonaut School
16th	7:00 to 9:00 pm - Walk-in Verification at Argonaut School
23rd-25th	SUSD Thanksgiving Holiday
December '05	
5th	7:00 pm - BOD Mtg Saratoga Elementary. Fiscal Opening Day format, Commissioners deliver preliminary Division Rules, Officer Reports
12th	7:00 pm - Board Meeting Saratoga Elementary, Fiscal 2006 Budget, Uniform, Photos, Training & Tryout plans. AA, Farm and T-ball manager Selections
19th-31st	SUSD School December Recess
January '06	
1st - 2nd	SUSD School December Recess
3rd	7:00 pm - BOD Mtg Saratoga Elementary. Fiscal Opening Day format, Commissioners deliver preliminary Division Rules, Officer Reports
4th	4:00 - 5:00pm - Umpire Training "Rules, Rules, Rules ... Made Simple" at Saratoga Oak Street School Library(tentative)
7th	Coach Training - Upper Divisions (Majors & AAA), Safety & Umpire presentation, Equipment Distribution
11th	7:00 - 8:00pm - Umpire Training "Rules, Rules, Rules ... Made Simple" at Saratoga Oak Street School Library (tentative)

16th	Martin Luther King Holiday - All Saratoga Schools
18th	4:00-5:30pm - Players tune-up
19th	7:00 - 8:00pm - Umpire Training "Rules, Rules, Rules ... Made Simple" at Saratoga Oak Street School Library (tentative)
21st - 22nd	Tryouts - All Divisions
23rd	4:00-5:00pm - Makeup Tryouts, All Divisions
24th	7:00 pm - Majors Draft
26th	7:00 pm - AAA Draft
28th	8:00-9:00 am Umpire Training "Applying the Rules ...Made Simple" at Congress Springs fields Rainout Makeup - Tryouts - All Divisions
29th	3:00 - 4:00 pm - Umpire Training "Applying the Rules ...Made Simple" at Congress Springs fields Rainout Makeup - Tryouts - All Divisions
30th	7:00 pm - AA Draft Rainout Makeup - Makeup Tryouts - All Divisions
31st	Rainout Makeup - Majors Draft 7:00 PM
February '06	
1st	7:00 pm - Farm Team Assignment
2nd	7:00 pm - Rainout Makeup - AAA Draft
	First Practice for Majors and AAA Divisions
4th	Coach Training - Lower Divisions (AA, Farm), Safety & Umpire presentation, Equipment Distribution
5th	Pitchers & Catchers clinic
6th	First Practice for AA and Farm Divisions 7:00 pm - Rainout Makeup - AA Draft
8th	7:00 pm - BOD Mtg at Saratoga Elementary. Player Agent Roster Presentation, Commissioners present Division Rules, Division Calendars, and List of coaches, asst. coaches, & practice coaches, Safety Plan Approval, Officer Reports Mini-Ball & T-Ball Team Assignments 7:00 pm - Rainout Makeup - Farm Team Assignment
10th	7:00 pm - Rainout Makeup - Mini Ball & T-Ball Team Assignment
11th	First Practice for Mini-Ball
15th	Uniform Distribution Night, Team Rep. Meeting
16th	Scorekeeper's Clinic
18th	First Practice for T-Ball
20th-24th	SUSD & St. Andrews Winter Break
March '06	
4th	9:00 am - 11:15 am - PCA - Parent's workshop

6th	7:00 pm - BOD Mtg at Saratoga Elementary, Opening Day, Photo Day, Umpires, Appoint All star Selection Committee, Officer Reports
8th	7:00 pm -9:15 pm - PCA - Parent's workshop
9th	Scorekeeper's Clinic
11th	Opening Day Ceremonies Congress Springs - TBD. Season Begins. Photo Day
15th	7:00 pm - 9:15 pm - PCA - Coaching the Mental Game
17th	Sacred Heart No School - 3 day weekend
April '06	
3rd	7:00 pm -BOD Mtg at Saratoga Elementary, Final Roster for Submission to NLL, All star Selection Process, Officer Reports
8th	SLL will play games as scheduled
10th-14th	SUSD Spring Break - No Games SLL Spring Break
10th-17th	NO GAMES: SLL Spring Break
17th-21st	Sacred Heart & St. Andrews Spring Br
18th	Regular Season Games Resume
22nd	SLL will play games as scheduled
May '06	
1st	8:00 pm - BOD Meeting at Saratoga Elementary, Officer Reports
5th	Cinco de Mayo FUNDRAISER
20th	Regular Season Closing Day Ceremonies and 11 & 12 year old player voting for All Star & Tournament teams
21st	Minors Tournament Team Selection Combines
23rd	8:00 pm - 8's Tournament Teams Selection Meeting
24th	8:00 pm - 9's & 10's Tournament Teams Selection Meeting
25th	8:00 pm - 11's & 12's Tournament Teams Selection Meeting
29th	Memorial Day
June '06	
5th	8:00 pm - BOD Meeting at Saratoga Elementary All star Managers, Post-Season Tournaments, Officer Reports Playoff Tournaments begin
6th	8:00 pm - 2007 Annual Membership Meeting at Saratoga Elementary School. Elect 2007 Officers.
9th	St. Andrews last day of school Sacred Heart last day of school
15th	SUSD Last Day of School
17th	SLL Playoffs Completed
24th	Tentative Date: District 12 Tournaments Begin
July '06	
Tentative: Tournament Play Continues	