



Miracle League of El Paso NEWSLETTER

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EXCITING PLANS AND NEW SEASON FOR MIRACLE LEAGUE THIS SPRING

Spring season starts **THIS week!!**

The spring season of Miracle League baseball begins Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Intermediate games are scheduled Tuesday nights at 7:15 pm and Thursday nights at 7:15 pm. The advanced teams will play on Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm. All non competitive teams play at 9:30 am on Saturdays. As in past seasons, all players must be registered and fees paid 24 hours prior to game time. The guidelines we must follow dictate how we register and conduct our programs. Hope to see you all before Tuesday. We will be in the office Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm, Sunday 1:30 pm to 4 pm, and weekdays 10 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm.

Non competitive game on Saturday, March 22

Mayor Oscar Leeser and First Lady Lisa graciously donated to our League at the first of the year. Our League impressed the Mayor and his wife so much they asked to be invited to the first game of our non competitive division and throw out the first pitch or just be on the field with the players helping in some way. So I am asking all our players and their families to make an effort to come out to the 9:30 am game next Saturday to cheer on the young ones and perhaps meet the Mayor if you haven't already. Now remember the visit is tentative, we will keep everyone informed once we hear back from the Mayor's assistant but do pencil next Saturday in to your calendar.

Coaches note:

At the time of this newsletter, a handful of players have registered for this next season. Please call all your players as many do not have email addresses. We also need for you to take time out to come to the field and go through your equipment bag. It has been sitting on the shelf since last placed and needs to be cleaned out and determined what is needed.

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Monday-Friday
10 am to 2 pm
[Call before heading to
the field, just in case]

Concession Stand
Open during Burges'
school lunch hours
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
~Closed during school
holidays~

PARTNERSHIPS/ASOCIACIONES

We are excited with our new partnerships with the Special Olympics Region 19, YMCA and the Sun City Flag Football League. In the next few weeks there will be some exciting announcements about some future programs for our players and potential players from all over El Paso.

Remember we still are partnered with the Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center, Walgreen's stores at Las Palmas at Zaragoza as well as Montwood Dr. and Loop 375. These stores are still big supporters of our League. Other partnerships include Speak up for Autism, Burges High School student body, City of El Paso Parks & Rec, EPCC Service Learning Program, Exceptional Family Member Program - Ft. Bliss, PRAXIS-UTEP, Simon Properties-Cielo Vista Mall, and UTEP Physical Therapy students. UTEP Softball team and other UTEP athletes. We appreciate the time and effort these groups put in with us as well as the support we receive from them.

Sponsorships / Patrocinios

We have received team sponsorships from OneSource FCU, WestStar Bank, Western Refining, and GECU. ReadyOne and Rocky Mountain Mortgage also donated each towards a team sponsorship. Charlottes and Texas Farm Bureau, agent Luis Gonzalez donated toward the League scholarship fund and CWA Local 6733 donated toward the League as a whole as well as Walmart 2612 and 964. We wish to thank all of these sponsors as they have supported us for several years now. The El Paso's Christian Women's Connection passed the hat for us during the month of February which was applied to program costs.

Fundraising / La Recaudación de Fondos

The League has acquired some fantastic donations over the last few months. We will be selling raffle tickets for First prize to include two round trip tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies and four day passes to Disneyland, Second prize the rock band KISS autographed guitar, Third prize a pair of \$500 Luchesse boots, Fourth and Fifth prize two Big 5 \$25 gift cards, two \$25 CostCo gift cards. Tickets will be \$5 EACH and every player's family must sell twenty. The drawing will be held at the award ceremony on May 17. This will contribute toward the 8 hours of volunteer service each family is required per player.

The League is working on several other fundraising events for this year. We will be finalizing each of them and notifying our families as the planning begins. If anyone is interested in serving on the League fundraising committee please inform the office to be notified of meetings.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES /PRÓXIMAS FECHAS IMPORTANTES

During the month of March, Macy's at Cielo Vista and Sunland Park Mall is conducting the "Heart Your Park Program." For every dollar donated Macy's will match donations up to \$250,000. Ponder Park is one of two parks selected in El Paso to receive donations. Please support this cause. We are already slated to receive lights on the other two baseball fields toward year's end. With the contribution from Macy's, the City will add more benches and seating areas, a small water play area or a zip line attraction ADA accessible. Please pass the word to all friends and family to go in and donate.

Sunday, April 6 at Miracle League field is Autism Awareness Day. Speak Up 4 Autism is hosting an all day event at the field. For more information contact organizer Betty Mata 667-7330.

Registration for summer kickball will be held at the field during April. Information regarding schedules and fees will be announced at a later date.

Beginning Sunday, April 27 ending Sunday, May 18, we will be hosting flag football camps, 2 pm at the Miracle League Fields to instruct players on how to play flag football. The flag football league will begin in June. We will play Saturday mornings, the teams will be 5 member teams according to age. If you are interested in signing up for the camps as a player or volunteer, please contact our office.

We are once again working with the YMCA to bring more sporting activities to persons with disabilities including basketball, volleyball and swimming. We will keep you informed as to the progress and the different sports as we finalize plans.

Activities / Actividades

- Kickball Summer registration to begin April 1st.
- Bowling ongoing Thursday nights 6:30 pm Oasis Lanes, cost is \$1 per game
- Kickball - Registro para la liga del verano comienza el 1ero de abril.
- Las noches de boliche se llevan a cabo todos los jueves a las 6:30 pm en el Oasis Lanes, el costo es de \$ 1 por juego.

Volunteer Hours / Horas de Voluntario

Each season we assign teams to help in the field concession stand. This season the League will once again offer innovative ways to allow Miracle League families the chance to put in their time to the League. The field concession stand uses Gatorade, Water and Coca Cola products. We will accept donations throughout the season of those items from families to offset the volunteer hours if unable to work at any of the volunteer venues.

Cada temporada asignamos los equipos para que ayuden en la concesión del campo. Muchas familias ayudan, muchos no. Esta temporada la Liga ofrecerá una vez más maneras innovadoras para permitir las familias de la Liga de Milagros la oportunidad de poner su tiempo a la Liga. La concesión del campo utiliza Gatorade, productos de Agua y Coca Cola. Aceptaremos donativos a través de la temporada de esos artículos de familias para compensar las horas de voluntarios si incapaz de trabajar en cualquiera de los lugares de actuación de voluntarios.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE IN NEED OF A HANDY MAN TO DO VARIOUS MAINTENANCE ITEMS AT THE FIELD AND AROUND THE COMPLEX. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP WITH PLUMBING, FIELD MAINTENANCE, PAINTING, AND YARD MAINTENANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. WE ARE OPEN DURING THE WEEKDAY 10 AM TO 2 PM AND SATURDAYS 8 AM TO 3 PM

WE ARE IN NEED OF A PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING OUR 9 YEARS OF HISTORY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US GET ALL THE MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, PHOTOS AND OTHER THINGS PLACED IN SCRAPBOOKS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO SET UP, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE SO WE CAN GET TOGETHER AND SHOW YOU WHAT WE HAVE SO FAR.

THE ABOVE ITEMS CAN BE DONE ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS AND COUNT TOWARD THE HOURS NEEDED PER PLAYER.

Concession Stand Coverage / Cubierta de la Concesión

**Need Help Between 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm
Monday thru Friday**



MARCH 24-28 BLUE JAYS, CUBS & RANGERS parents, family members & friends

MARCH 31, APRIL 1-3 DODGERS & WHITE SOX parents, family members & friends

APRIL 7-11 LONGHORNS & PIRATES
parents, family members & friends

APRIL 14-17 FEARLESS & ROCKIES parents, family members & friends

APRIL 21-25 YOUNG GUNS & PHILLIES parents, family members & friends

APRIL 28-30, MAY 1-2 BLUE JAYS, CUBS & RANGERS parents, family members & friends

MAY 5-8 DODGERS & WHITE SOX parents, family members & friends

MAY 12-11 LONGHORNS & PIRATES
parents, family members & friends

MAY 19-23 FEARLESS & ROCKIES parents, family members & friends

MAY 27-30 YOUNG GUNS & PHILLIES parents, family members & friends

JUNE 2-6 BLUE JAYS, CUBS & RANGERS parents, family members & friends

