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LUNADA BAY LITTLE LEAGUE

Challenger Division

Lunada Bay Little League, which has served the children of the local community for more than 50 years, is announcing its first Challenger Division for Little League Baseball. The Challenger Division was founded by Little League International in 1989 and now numbers nearly 1,000 chartered leagues in 7 countries. The program has grown to more than 30,000 participating children. The goal of the program is to provide all youth the opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of Little League in an environment structured to their abilities.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any boy or girl between the ages of 4 and 18, or anyone up to age 22 that is still enrolled in a high school program, that faces a physical or mental challenge. There is a Challenger Division tab on the Lunada Bay Little League website at www.lbll.us which has a link to a YouTube video of a Challenger baseball game.

HOW ARE THE GAMES STRUCTURED?

Games are typically an hour long with one or two innings depending on the size of the teams. There will be an announcer on the microphone and an umpire with most games played on the Lunada Bay Major Field. Everyone bats every inning, everyone scores and everyone plays defensively. Games are non-competitive and no score is kept.

WHAT IS THE "BUDDY" PROGRAM?

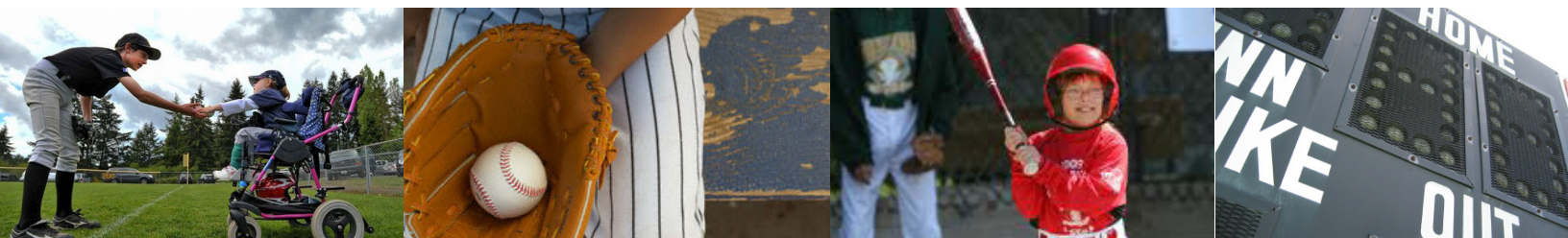
Every player will be paired up with a Buddy. The Buddy will play in the field with the player assisting in fielding and throwing if necessary. The Buddy will also run the bases with each player. When possible, the Buddy will stay with the child for every game of the season.

ARE THE PLAYERS SAFE FROM BATTED OR THROWN BALLS?

The Buddy is there for safety and encouragement. Each Buddy will stand next to or slightly in front of each player to ensure that all players are safely participating. Safety is our most important concern.

HOW ARE THE TEAMS STRUCTURED?

Depending on the number of participants, players will be assigned on a team based on abilities. If we are fortunate enough to have enough players, we will have different teams of different abilities. Steve Gherardi is the primary coach and can be reached at (310) 377.0840 or at sgherardi@hotmail.com.





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HOW MANY GAMES WILL BE PLAYED?

The season will start Saturday, March 12, 2011. Games will be held every weekend through the end of May at typically the same time mid-day every Saturday. Challenger Players will lead the annual Lunada Bay Little League parade through town and lead all other players onto the field. The parade will be Saturday, March 5, 2011.

WHERE ARE THE GAMES HELD?

Most all of the games will be held at Lunada Bay Little League in Palos Verdes Estates on the Major Field. Depending on participation from the other local little leagues, we may have "road" games held at other local fields at a future time.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no cost to the participants. Each player will receive a jersey, cap and baseball pants. The players will get to keep the uniforms at the end of the season. All equipment (bats, balls and gloves) is provided if necessary. Each parent will need to provide transportation to and from the field. Every player will also receive a trophy at our closing day ceremonies. The cost associated with Challenger Baseball are paid for the strictly by donations.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

To register your child, visit our website at lbll.us and click on the Challenger Baseball tab. There is a link there to our online registration site. Please contact Bill Foltz at (310) 444-2496 to sign up. You may also contact Bill via e-mail at billfoltz@cox.net. When e-mailing, please refer to the Challenger Division and include your name, your child's name and your contact information.

HOW CAN I HELP?

If you are interested in participating as a Buddy, please contact Bill Foltz at billfoltz@cox.net. No special training is required. Just a lot of enthusiasm and a commitment to some great kids. All we ask is that you come to one training meeting and commit to staying with your player for the season.

HOW DO I DONATE?

If you would like to donate to Lunada Bay Little League Challenger program, please contact Bill McBride at (310) 541.0511 or email at wmcbride@clrinc.com and mention the Challenger Program when donating.

Please join us in the inaugural season of this very special program.

PLAY CHALLENGER BALL!

