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"It's the fans that need spring training. You gotta get 'em interested. Wake 'em up and let 'em know that their season is coming, the good times are gonna roll."

-Harry Caray

Tis the season to be jolly!!!!

Its beginning to look like baseball season. Tryouts have begun and we will soon be drafting teams. We are getting closer to opening day! We are looking forward to a great season.

Parking spots

Last call for parking spots before the season starts. They are on sale now for the Spring/Fall season for \$400. They can be purchased direct from our online store on mpll.org. If you have any questions, you can send an email mcallisterparklittleleague@gmail.com. Spaces are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Tryouts schedule

Our majors division tryouts continue tonight Feb 7th at 6pm on field 1.

The last tryout session for majors will be this Saturday Feb 9th at 10am on field 1. Majors teams will draft early next week. All undrafted 10 and 11-year-olds will be moved into the minors division. Parents will receive a notification that their player has been moved to the minors.

Those players will be required to attend one of the minors division tryouts.

Minors baseball and machine pitch baseball will host tryouts starting next weekend. All players in these divisions must attend a tryout.

Minors baseball and machine pitch baseball tryout times:

- Sat Feb 16th at 10am
- Tues Feb 19th at 6pm
- Wed Feb 20th at 6pm

Field locations:

- Machine pitch field 4
- Minors baseball field 1

Juniors baseball division will be conducting mandatory workout sessions:

- Tonight Thurs Feb 7th at 6:30pm on field 10
- Monday Feb 11th at 6:30pm on field 10

Softball will be hosting a free player development clinic on Wed Feb 13th at 6pm.

Tryouts for all softball divisions will be on field 6 on the following dates:

- Wed Feb 20th at 6pm
- Sat Feb 23rd at 10am

There are no tryouts for the tball division.



Keep **YOUR** Park clean!

We are not Minute Maid Park nor Wolff stadium. We do not have fulltime janitors on staff. The cleanliness of each and every field **DEPENDS UPON YOU**. We ask that everyone please drop their trash in the trashcans at the conclusion of every game.



Concessions volunteers needed

Our concession stand is our primary source of income throughout the season. One of our biggest needs in the concession stand is workers. If you know of any service organization who is looking for service hours, please contact Marissa Gilbert at mpllconcessions@yahoo.com for further information. There are a lot of nights in a spring season, we need all the help we can get.



Win A 2019 Camaro!

Our third annual Hall of Fame raffle is up and running. Tickets will be sold for \$10 a chance and we will have multiple prizes.

Among the prizes:

- Roundtrip travel voucher for 2 on Southwest Airlines
- \$1000 Visa gift card
- **GRAND PRIZE: A 2019 Chevy Camaro**



Buy 1 or buy 100.....there is no limit nor will you need to be present to win!

We will be encouraging every member of McAllister Park Little League to participate in the sale of the raffle tickets. A member of our raffle committee will be getting in touch with our team moms and team managers at the start of the season to discuss the details. Tickets will also be sold throughout the season at the concession stand.

The grand prize raffle drawing will be held on our 2019 MPLL Night at the Park on Friday night May 10th at 7:30pm. We will again host the popular HR derby from last year for both the kids and “kids at heart.” More to come on this event! Mark your calendars now and plan on supporting this great event!

A big thank you to our raffle sponsor

Thank you to Josh McCooey and ownership at Bee Clean Car Washes for sponsoring the raffle tickets. On the back of the ticket you will find a QR code for a single \$10.00 wash at any of the Bee Clean locations in San Antonio.

You heard that correct, with every chance you buy in our raffle for \$10, you can take that raffle ticket and redeem it for a \$9.99 Queen Bee car wash!

**Once you buy a raffle ticket,
YOU ARE ALREADY A WINNER Thanks to Bee Clean Car Washes!**



Be sure to share this with everyone who buys a raffle ticket!



MVP Raffle

To reward our players for selling tickets, we are going to have a player-prize drawing, "The MVP Raffle." For every 20 tickets that a player sells, he/she will have their name entered into the MVP raffle for an Xbox One. This will be for just the players, sorry parents. There is no limit to the number of entries a player may have in the raffle. The only rule is that a player will receive a chance into the MVP raffle for every 20 tickets sold.

Volunteer at YOUR Little League

I say this often, "this is YOUR Little League." We are all a big family trying to build and maintain a great facility and community for our kids to grow up in. It takes a momentous amount of time and volunteers to successfully do this. I ask everyone to consider to get involved. We do need YOUR help. Everyone has time and talents that can be utilized.

Get involved today!

McAllister Park Little League Apparel

Get your own 2019 MP shirts!
We are now offering a couple of designs for everyone to purchase. You can pick from long sleeve or short sleeve as well as gray or navy. We also are offering a women's "V-neck" style as well. A limited number will be in concession stand. We will sell them in our online store at MPLL.ORG where you can order. We will then have them printed and you can pick them up at the concession stand when they are ready.





Ten Tips for First-Time Sports Parents

Rather than concern with scoreboard wins and losses, PCA hopes that you, as a sports parent, keep your eye on the Big Picture – the life lessons in teamwork, resilience, overcoming adversity, communication skills, etc., that sports can uniquely teach.

Here are 10 tips for parents of kids new to organized sports.

1. It's easy to get wrapped up in the excitement of youth sports – we all want our children to succeed. But before your child's season starts and emotions run high, write down your goals for your child in sports. Keep this list close by and refer back to it throughout the season to help maintain your focus on the bigger picture.
2. There are a lot of youth sports organizations out there. Take the time to evaluate options for where your child may play. Look at various organizations' websites to understand their mission statements and what kind of training they offer their coaches. Talk to other parents whose kids have played in those organizations to learn what kind of experience they had. You may want to take as much care in this matter as you would in selecting the school your child should attend.
3. Learn the names of the other kids on the team, and during a game cheer positively for all the players...even the other team! You can try "no-verbs cheering" or otherwise limit yourself to shouts of encouragement. Either way, let coaches coach, and don't confuse or overwhelm your child by shouting instruction from the sidelines or stands.
4. Sometimes, parents or other spectators behave in a way that feels out of place or just too intense for the situation – berating officials or screaming at their children or other players. You may be unsure how to respond. One key is to consistently model the appropriate behavior. Then, if you want to help an over-exuberant spectator, sometimes all it takes is a glance or a gesture, such as lowering your palms to indicate "calm down." You might choose to distract them with conversation about another aspect of the game, or if you feel comfortable, you can remind them about the role of parents in upholding a positive sports culture.
5. After the game, resist the temptation to critique. Ask open-ended questions that elicit longer responses, "What was your favorite part of today's practice?" Kids love sports so much they will even talk to their parents about it! When they do, listen. Put the phones away. Maintain eye contact. Nod and interject and smile so your child knows you're engaged.



6. When you do have that conversation with your child about their teams or games, focus on the life lessons available from the experience. If your child seems discouraged by his or her performance, reinforce a sense of self-worth with “You’re the kind of person who...” statements: “I know you are disappointed with the loss, but one thing I like about you is you’re the type of person who bounces back and tries hard the next time.”
7. Coaches put a lot of time into planning practices and ensuring a successful season, so be sure to acknowledge their efforts often! Encourage your child to thank the coach after each game or practice. Offer to help the coaches however you can. That may mean anything from occasionally helping out at practice to creating the snack schedule or coordinating carpools. Coaches need parents’ support, and your children may appreciate seeing how enthusiastically you support their team.
8. One key to a positive relationship with your child’s coach is a pre-season parent meeting, where the coach explains his or her philosophy and goals for the season to the parents or guardians of all the players on the team. If any of your children’s coaches do not call such a meeting, be sure to ask about their goals so that you know what to expect.
9. If you’re asked to coach, or to be an assistant, strongly consider accepting! You do NOT need to be a sport- specific expert to provide a fun environment for kids to participate. Good organizations provide training and resources to coaches to help them do great work with their players. Remember, the top goal of a coach at this age is to be positive and create a fun and safe place for kids to play!
10. At every possible turn, let your children know that you love them unconditionally (by saying it!), regardless of their athletic performance.

Enjoy your child’s time in youth sports. It is fleeting, and you will want to look back, in conversation with your grown children, on the good old days.

For more insight on sports parenting, subscribe to PCA’s *Sports Parent Conversation Starters*, a weekly e-mail series with advice on talking to your children about their youth sports experiences.

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