



# 2025 Welcome Letter from the President

Parents & Guardians,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you and your family to another season of softball and baseball with Mill Creek Little League. Whether you are a returning participant or new to the league, I am certain this season will be a memorable one.

Just as we ask our players to give their best at each practice and game, we ask our parents and families to lean in and engage with the league as volunteer opportunities arise. This is the cherry on top for your player(s)!

We have enclosed a checklist and information regarding certain season-opener tasks that will help you prepare for the season ahead. All of the information we have included in this packet is available on our website at [www.millcreeklittleleague.com](http://www.millcreeklittleleague.com).

All our best,

*Preston Kallshian*

President – Mill Creek Little League



# Key Dates

The key dates for the season are listed below. Be sure to check the [MCLL Calendar](#) regularly for updates.

## December

- Spring Season registration opens (12/1)

## January

- T-Mobile “Call Up Grant” Applications due

## February

- Spring Season Registration closes (upper divisions)
- Baseball Skills & Drills
- Softball Pitching Clinic
- Fan Gear Store Opens
- Player evaluations - Minors/Majors

## March

- Upper divisions begin practices
- Registration closes for lower divisions
- Coaches Clinic
- [Tee Ball Day](#)

## April

- Lower divisions begin practices (after Spring Break)
- [Farm Jamboree](#)
- Little League Day parade banners (team parents must order orders due (4/4)
- [Little League Day](#) / Picture Day (4/19)

## May

- Tapped Mill Creek Fundraiser
- Softball All Stars – Registration, Tryouts, Celebration & Tournaments begin

## June

- Baseball All Stars – Registration, Tryouts, Celebration & Tournaments begin
- [12's Celebration](#)
- [Invitational Tournaments](#) - first 2 weeks of June

## July / August

- All Stars tournaments may continue
- Fall Ball Registration Period: (mid-July to mid-Aug.)
- Little League International World Series

## September / October

- Fall Ball Season begins (~9/3 - 10/19)
- Annual Membership Meeting

# Prepare to Volunteer

## Why Volunteer

Volunteers are the heart of Mill Creek Little League (MCLL)! The league is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, operated entirely by volunteers, and is funded through registration fees, Snack Shack proceeds and donations.



## Who Can Volunteer

All parents are encouraged to get involved in one thing or another. Anyone can volunteer - community members, grandparents, siblings, students, friends, neighbors, high school students.

## Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities span a wide range of duties and vary in duration of commitment. Board members, coaches, score keepers, scoreboard operators, announcers, umpires, safety parents, team parents, concessions workers, special events, fundraising, community outreach, field preparation and takedown, coach support at practices. Learn more about these roles on our [Volunteer Webpage](#) on [www.millcreeklittleleague.com](http://www.millcreeklittleleague.com).

## Volunteer Application / Background Check

For the safety of our kids and to maintain compliance with Little League International policy, all volunteers who will have regular/recurring interactions with players must complete a volunteer application and background check before assuming his/her duties.

How to apply: If when you registered your player, you selected a volunteer role (coach, umpire, safety or team parent, or general volunteer box), this completes the application. If not, log in to your [MCLL Sports Connect account](#), scroll down to the “My Roles & Certificates” section and click “Register as a Volunteer”. The application initiates the background check, and you will receive an email to complete the background questionnaire.



## Required Training

All volunteers must complete the [Abuse Awareness Course](#) annually. (Note: Coaches have additional training requirements listed on the [Volunteer Training Webpage](#).) Send proof of completion to the [MCLL Safety Officer](#).

## Concessions Training

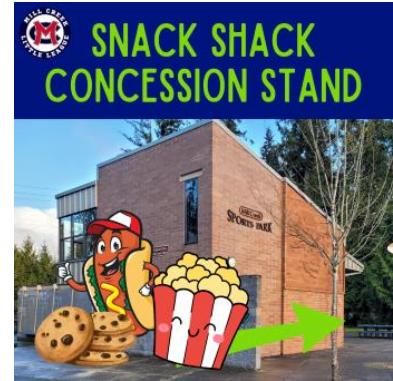
We encourage all families to help in the Snack Shack. If you can help, volunteers are asked to have a current WA Food Handler Card. The card is obtained by completing a brief [WA Food Handler Card course](#). Training is offered free-of-charge (using MCLL class code “7C87”). Initial cards are valid for 2 years, and renewals are valid for 3-5 years. (Check to see if your card is valid before re-taking training.)

## Identification Badge

Once the Volunteer Application and Background Check are complete, and the [MCLL Safety Officer](#) has received a copy of the Abuse Awareness Training Certificate, an identification badge will be generated for you, and should be worn anytime you are volunteering.

# Snack Shack Concession Volunteers

The Snack Shack at Mill Creek Sports Park (aka Freedom Field) provides a convenient and enjoyable way for families to purchase refreshments during Spring Season games. What makes our Snack Shack truly special is that it's entirely run by MCLL volunteers, just like every other aspect of our organization. The proceeds from the Snack Shack help fund the league, in lieu of doing a large fundraiser.



## Menu

We offer Freedom burgers, giant hot dogs, corn dogs, soft pretzels w/ cheese sauce, loaded nachos, grilled cheese sandwiches, soup, fresh baked cookies, ice cream, coffee, hot cocoa, candy and more. Cash (small bills preferred), Apple Pay and credit cards are accepted.

## Volunteer Sign-Up

Anyone can volunteer (community members, high school students, siblings, grandparents, etc.). The only requirements are that volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and that at least one staff member per shift has a current WA Food Workers Card. Volunteers between the ages of 12 and 16 must be paired with another volunteer who is at least 18.

## Scheduling Volunteers

The operation of the Snack Shack Concession Stand at Freedom Field is a labor of love shared among our community and divisions. This season, to allow divisions more self-management and flexibility, the league has assigned concessions operations, by week, to the various divisions. The number of weeks assigned to a division considers the extent to which the division has access to Freedom Field. Staffing requirements during a given week may vary, but in general, will consist of two games (beginning at 5:00pm and 7:00pm) Monday through Friday and a few games on Saturday. Each shift is the duration of one game (roughly two hours), and we ask that there are two volunteers for each shift.

## Division Assignments

Each team of their respective division should be timely and proactive to secure staffing for their assigned week(s). The schedule will be published at the beginning of the season.

## Obtain WA Food Workers Card

Volunteers are asked to have a current WA Food Handler Card. The card is obtained by completing a brief [WA Food Handler Card course](#). Training is offered free-of-charge (using MCLL class code "7C87"). Initial cards are valid for 2 years, and renewals are valid for 3-5 years.

# Snack Shack FAQ

## Q1. Will I be assigned shifts, or can I pick what works best for my own schedule?

- Our goal is to use an equitable and flexible scheduling method. Individual shifts will not be assigned.
- All our divisions will be assigned a week. Families within that division can choose which shift works best for their schedule within that week. Of course, you can always volunteer during other times as well.
- With more than 550 players participating, if every family worked one shift, this would mean that it's a one-time commitment for most. Although, it is not uncommon for families to volunteer multiple times.
- Our board members and other community volunteers (i.e., high school students) will also be helping.

## Q2. What are the age requirements to work in the Snack Shack?

- There should be two volunteers working each shift.
- Volunteers must be at least 12 years old (per City of Mill Creek policy). Volunteers between the ages of 12 and 16 must be paired with another volunteer who is at least 18.
- There is a second floor in the Snack Shack building (announcer's booth). Anyone that goes upstairs must be at least 16 years old (per City of Mill Creek policy).

## Q3. My kids don't play at Freedom Field, so why should I have to volunteer?

- We rely on volunteers to operate every aspect of our league. Without them, we wouldn't exist. Board members and coaches put in countless volunteer hours year-round, to ensure the league is successful and that players and parents have the best little league experience possible.
- The league does not do any large fundraising activity. Instead, we depend on the proceeds from the Snack Shack to help pay for operating expenses for the entire league (special events including Tee Ball Day, Farm Jamboree and Little League Day; field rentals, utilities, equipment, training, fees, insurance, etc.). Registration fees only cover a portion of operating costs.

## Q4. I heard that the league used to pay volunteers to work in the Snack Shack. Is this true?

- No, this is not true. In the past, shifts used to be assigned to certain people. If the person that was assigned a shift didn't want to work, they could refer to a list of students that were willing to take that shift, and the assignee would compensate them with their own money to work their shift.
- MCLL is operated entirely by volunteers (coaches, board members, etc.) who are un-paid.

## Q5. Do I need a WA Food Handlers Card?

- Generally, yes. However, since we like to have two volunteers working each shift - one person is to cashier, and to prepare food, only one of the volunteers needs to have a WA Food Handler Card.
- The card is obtained by completing a brief WA Food Handler Card course.
- Training is offered free-of-charge (using the MCLL class code "7C87"). Initial cards are valid for 2 years, and renewals are valid for 3-5 years. (Check to see if your card is valid before taking the training again.)
- Go to [www.foodworkercard.wa.gov](http://www.foodworkercard.wa.gov) to get started.

## Q6. Do I need to complete a background check to work 1-2 times in the concession stand?

- No. You only need to do the background check if you will volunteer 3 or more times.
- See page 2 for instructions on how to complete the Volunteer Application/Background Check.

## Q7. Does the league own the Snack Shack facility?

- No, the league leases the facility from the City of Mill Creek. All of the equipment is owned by the league. The league also pays for utilities, point of service software, internet service and supplies.
- MCLL is contractually obligated to pay a percentage of proceeds to the City, and the league is obligated to adhere to regulations set forth by the City and the WA Department of Health.

# Uniforms & Equipment

## Uniforms

### All Players

- Parents are reminded to LABEL ALL GEAR.
- If a player wears glasses, “Safety/Sports Glasses” are recommended.
- Sunglasses are permitted.
- Watches, rings, pins, jewelry, and hard cosmetic decorative items are not to be worn.

### Shoes

- Players (Tee-ball through Majors Divisions) wear regular athletic shoes or molded rubber cleats.
- Players in Intermediates, Juniors and Senior Divisions can wear metal spikes or cleats.

### Athletic Supporter Cup

- It is recommended that boys wear an athletic supporter cup.
- It is mandatory that all boy catchers wear a cup.

### Baseball (and Tee-ball)

- The league provides each player with a jersey and hat.
- Parents provide baseball pants, belts, and socks (coaches will tell the team what color/style).
- Tee-ball and Rookies may not need a belt, depending on pant style (some don't have loops).

### Softball (Rookies)

- The league provides each player with a jersey and visor.
- Parents provide softball pants, belt, and socks (coaches will tell team what color/style).

### Softball (89ers/Minors/Majors)

- The league provides each player with a jersey and socks.
- Parents provide face mask, belt, and softball pants (coaches will tell team what color/style).
- Parents can opt to purchase a MCLL visor or hat.

## Equipment

### Batter's Helmet

- Most players provide their own batter's helmet. Helmets must [fit properly](#) and bear the NOCSAE stamp.
- Learn more on our [Equipment Webpage](#) on [www.millcreeklittleleague.com](http://www.millcreeklittleleague.com).

### Bats

- Most players provide their own bat, which must comply with [Little League Official Bat Rules](#).

### Face Masks (Softball - Minors/Majors)

- Most players provide and wear a face mask.

### Glove

- Players provide their own properly sized glove.

### Catcher's Equipment

- The league provides each team with catcher's gear/equipment.
- Catchers must wear catcher's helmet (w/ face mask and throat guard), chest protector and shin guards.

# Parent Checklist

Parents are encouraged to use this checklist to prepare for the season.



## Safety

- Equipment & Uniforms**
  - Prepare and/or gather equipment and uniform items (see page 8).
- MCLL Safety Awareness Plan**
  - Review the [Safety Awareness Plan](#) to learn about emergency preparedness, what to do if your player is injured, inclement weather, pitch count rules, and more.
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Pamphlet**
  - Review the [Sudden Cardiac Arrest Pamphlet](#).
- See Something - Say Something**
  - If you see anything that is unsafe (i.e., behavior, facilities, etc.), please say something to your coach, who can help address the concern.

## Communication

- Game Changer**
  - Download the Game Changer App, which is used to manage player RSVPs, schedules, keep score, track stats, communicate as a team and stream game video online.
  - Parents/guardians must download the “Game Changer” App / check it regularly (<https://gc.com>).
  - Please RSVP for players for games, so that the coach can develop game plans.
  - Learn more on our Communications Webpage at [www.millcreeklittleleague.com](http://www.millcreeklittleleague.com).
- Calendar**
  - Review the [MCLL Calendar](#) on a regular basis. Key dates are listed on page 2.
- Social Media**
  - Follow MCLL on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) and tag us in your posts!
- Sportsmanship**
  - All players (and parents) must treat their teammates, opponents, umpires, coaches, and other parents with respect. Bullying, hazing, or harassment will not be tolerated.
  - Spectators are reminded to cheer positively and support all players, regardless of team affiliation.
  - Spectators must respect the calls of umpires and coaching decisions. Do not coach from the bleachers.
- Newsletter Distribution**
  - Ensure all parents/guardians are listed as account holders within [MCLL Sports Connect account](#).
  - This will ensure that all parents/guardians receive the league’s monthly newsletter.
  - To add another account holder, log into your account at [www.millcreeklittleleague.com](http://www.millcreeklittleleague.com). Once logged in, click on the cog icon in the upper right corner to “Edit Account Info”. On the “Account Holder Settings” page, go to the bottom and click (+) to “Add Additional Account Holder”.

# Get Involved

- **Team Snacks**
  - Sign up to bring team snacks (Team Parents will distribute a sign up list).
  
- **Fan Gear**
  - Families are encouraged to show their support by wearing fan gear.
  - Purchase your fan gear at <https://www.vindicodesign.com/mcll>.
  
- **Volunteer Application w/ Background Check**
  - If you will be a regular volunteer, please complete the Volunteer Application process (see page 3).
  
- **Abuse Awareness Training**
  - If you will volunteer, complete the Abuse Awareness Training (see page 3).
  
- **Volunteer in Concession Stand**
  - If you will help with concessions, ensure you have a current WA Food Handler Card (see page 3).
  - Sign-up for at least one shift to help with concessions.

