

LOMBARD PARK DISTRICT



TEE BALL

2017

Parent's Manual

Dear T-Ball Parents,

Welcome to the Lombard Park District T-Ball program! We are excited to have you in the program and we look forward to working with your child. The number one objective of the Lombard Park District T-Ball program is for your child to have fun, and the fun factor is what we try to emphasize throughout the program. We hope that your child has an enjoyable experience, and we will strive to teach your children basic T-ball skills including batting, fielding, catching, throwing, and running the bases (in the correct order), in a fun, friendly atmosphere. In this manual, you will find a variety of helpful information that will help clarify everything you need to know about the 2017 T-Ball program. We are excited about the opportunity to provide this recreational program to your child, and we are confident that he/she will have fun in this program. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions please ask one of the instructors at practice, or contact Jim Huetson, Athletics Program Manager, at (630) 953-2371 or jhuetson@lombardparks.com

Best wishes for a great summer and positive experience,

Jim Huetson
Program Manager
Lombard Park District

Lombard Park District Contacts

Sunset Knoll Registration Office (630) 620-7322
Hours: M-F 7a-7p; Sat 8a-1p; Sun: Closed

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Rainout Line

For cancellation information you can:

- View online at rainoutline.com and search for the Lombard Park District
- Download the free app, rainoutline.com, and search for the Lombard Park District
- Call the rainout line automated phone message at 630-995-9491

***Notice!** The Lombard Park District provides a staff of coaches to instruct this program. This staff of coaches will rotate around to different groups of participants during games and practices. You may volunteer to help coach, but there is not a specific coach assigned to particular teams.

Your assistance is needed!

Our instructors will be very patient with your child, however, if your child is having a tough day and repeatedly not listening to the instructors or being disruptive, we will ask for your assistance in removing your child from the game/practice for a short period of time. The instructors need to be able to devote their efforts and energy toward all participants, rather than most of their energy on one participant who is having trouble listening on a particular day. Please be understanding and helpful in these situations.

Important T-Ball Information

What to bring:

- Your child should bring a **water bottle** and a **baseball mitt**. All other equipment for the program is provided. We prefer that participants don't bring their own bats, helmets, etc, so that they do not become a distraction or get lost.

Location:

- T-Ball will take place at fields 12 and 13, located in the Northeast portion of Madison Meadow Park (near the corner of Madison and Ahrens Ave.) Practices and games will take place on both fields.

Volunteering:

- We welcome the assistance and participation of parents! We will provide an opportunity for parents to sign up to be assistant coaches during the first week. If you are interested, please speak to one of the instructors. During practices, we would like any parents who are interested to join one of the instructors once they break into smaller groups for the day. Follow the instructors' lead with the activity that is being instructed. Your help will allow for more individualized attention to each child. For games, the assistant coaches will generally assist instructing in the field on defense, and act as the bench coach when their team is at-bat or as a base coach helping to instruct the players.

Rainouts & Cancellations:

- If it has been raining at any point during the day or the heat index is particularly high, your first step is to check out new cancellation reporting app, rainoutline.com, before reporting to practice. The app will generally be updated around 4:00pm. Please bear in mind that the field status can change after 4pm as conditions change. Please check shortly before practice begins for the most up-to-date message. Generally, makeups for rainouts will be scheduled on Fridays at the same time as the normal schedule. If there is more than one day rained out in a given week, then the 2nd makeup will take place the following Friday. If in doubt, please call Sunset Knoll. You will receive an email with information on makeup dates.

Uniforms:

- Your child will receive his/her uniform on July 5th or 6th. If he/she is not at that practice, the uniforms will be available for pickup at subsequent practices or games. The uniform consists of a T-shirt & hat. The uniforms are included at no charge as part of the program.

Teams:

- We begin the team formation process the 2nd week of the program. You will receive an email with your child's team and the game schedule no later than Tuesday, July 5th. If you would like to make a friend request before we form teams, please submit this request to us no later than July 1st.

What to wear:

- For practices, your child should wear comfortable clothing (ie pants or shorts and a t-shirt), and gym shoes. Don't forget sunscreen! For all games, your child should wear their uniform with pants or shorts and gym shoes (that are allowed to get dirty since they'll be on the infield).

Game Schedule & Times:

- Games begin July 10th and 11th. Game Schedules will be emailed to you on June 29th, and will also be posted online at lombardparks.com/youth-athletics. **Please note that for the evening classes some games will be at 5:30 and some will be at 6:30, regardless of which time you signed up for.**

Withdrawal & Refunds:

- While we make every effort to provide a fun program for your child, some children just do not take to the sport of T-Ball. If you call the Sunset Knoll Registration Office during the first two weeks of the program (by July 1st), you may receive a partial pro-rated refund. After this date, no refunds will be given. There is a \$10 processing fee for all refunds.

Questions:

- Please ask one of the T-Ball Instructors on-site, or you may contact Jim Huetson, Program Manager at (630) 953-2371

T-Ball Timeline

	<u>M/W</u>	<u>Tu/Th</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Week 1:	June 19, 21	June 22, 24	Practice/Skill building
Week 2:	June 26, 28	June 27, 29	Practice/Skill building

No Classes on July 3rd and 4th

Week 3:	July 5 th	July 6 th	Practice Games
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***Please note that starting July 5th/6th your child will be placed on a team and practice with that team.**

You practice time can be at 5:30 or 6:30pm regardless of which section you registered for.

Week 4:	July 10, 12	July 11, 13	First week of games
Week 5:	July 17, 19	July 18, 20	Second week of games
Week 6:	July 24, 26	July 27, 29	Third week of games

Friday Fun Night: July 28th for all teams – More details to come

*If games are rained out in Week 6, they will be made up the week of July 31st.

Procedure for Practices

On practice/skill building days, please follow the following procedure:

-Arrive to the playing area near the backstop of field #12 and check in with the T-Ball Supervisor (Because of the size of the program, we recommend arriving at least 5 minutes prior to the class time so that we can maximize the time we have for T-Ball activities). If you arrive late, please make sure you check in with the T-Ball supervisor after the practice/game is over.

-If you'd like, take a ball from the bucket and warm up with your child

-When the class is ready to start, we will call "balls in." Please return balls to the bucket.

-Each class will begin with a group stretch, in which the instructors will lead the class in stretching

-Once stretching is finished, the class will be broken down into smaller groups. Each instructor will take a group of kids over to a designated area and work with the small groups on whatever skills/activities are planned for the day

-Once every 10-15 minutes, instructors will call for a water break.

***Please note that practices for the week of July 5th and 6th will take place with your child's team, and your practice time can be at 5:30 or 6:30pm on these days, regardless of which section you registered for.**

Procedure for Games

Please Note: Once Games begin, your child games may start at 5:30pm or 6:30pm, regardless of which time you're registered for.

On game days, please follow the following procedure:

-Arrive to your designated field and check in with the team's Head Coach/Instructor (Because of the size of the program, we recommend arriving at least 5 minutes prior to the game time so that we can maximize the time we have for T-Ball activities).

-If you'd like, take a ball from the bucket and warm up with your child. Please stay near the rest of the team and the coach.

-When the class is ready to start, we will call "balls in." Please return balls to the bucket and gather with the coach for stretching

-After stretching is completed, the game will begin.

-Each player will get the chance to bat each inning. They will also get to run to all four bases each inning. The emphasis is on FUN and score is not kept.

-Water breaks will be taken between each inning.

-Games will end approximately 5 minutes before the end of class. Kids will then perform their team cheer and have an opportunity to run the bases.

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

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