



2025 Volunteer  
Opportunities



On behalf of the Starkey Little League Board of Directors, I would like to extend a warm welcome and heartfelt thank you for considering volunteering with us in 2025. Your willingness to give your time, energy, and enthusiasm is deeply appreciated, and it means the world to our players, families, and community.

Volunteers like you are the heartbeat of Starkey Little League. From coaching teams to organizing events, managing concessions, and maintaining our fields, every role you take on contributes to the growth and success of our league. But beyond the tasks, your efforts provide a safe, supportive environment where children can learn the value of teamwork, develop their skills, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Starkey Little League's mission is to instill values of character, courage, and loyalty in our players through the joy of baseball and softball. This mission would not be possible without the commitment of passionate individuals like you who dedicate their time to enriching the lives of our young athletes. As we prepare for an exciting 2025 season, we are grateful for your interest in being part of this journey. Whether this is your first year volunteering or you've been with us for many seasons, please know that your contributions make a meaningful difference—not just to the league but to the community as a whole.

We are here to support you every step of the way. Should you have any questions or need guidance in your volunteer role, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of our Board of Directors. Together, we can ensure another successful season for our players and families.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with Starkey Little League. We are excited to work alongside you to make 2025 an unforgettable year for everyone involved!

With gratitude,  
Marie Bettinger  
President, Starkey Little League  
president@starkeyll.org  
On behalf of the Starkey Little League Board of Directors

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# *Starkey Little League Volunteering Guide*

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Thank you for considering volunteering with Starkey Little League in Odessa, Florida! Volunteers are our organization's heart, helping create an enjoyable and successful experience for our players, families, and community. We have various opportunities for you to make a difference during our Spring and Fall Ball seasons. Below is a guide to how you can help in each area.

## Team Manager or Coach

Managers and coaches are vital to the development of our players. They provide guidance, teach fundamental skills, and foster a positive team environment.

### **How You Can Help:**

- **Team Leadership:** Oversee team practices and games, ensuring players learn the rules and strategies of baseball.
- **Skill Development:** Teach sportsmanship, teamwork, and the fundamentals of the game.
- **Communication:** Serve as the primary liaison between the league, players, and parents, keeping everyone informed about schedules and league events.

## Field Maintenance

Well-maintained fields are crucial for the safety and enjoyment of our players. Volunteers assist in preparing and preserving the quality of our playing surfaces.

### **How You Can Help:**

- **Pre-Game Preparation:** Set up bases, line the field, and ensure the playing area is safe and ready for games.
- **Ongoing Maintenance:** Assist with mowing, raking, and general upkeep to keep the fields in top condition throughout the season.
- **Repairs:** Help with minor repairs to fences, benches, and other facilities as needed.

## Scorekeeping and Pitch Count Tracking

Accurate record-keeping is essential for fair play and game management. Volunteers in this role ensure that game statistics are properly documented.

### How You Can Help:

- **Scorekeeping:** Maintain the official scorebook during games, recording runs, hits, and player statistics.
- **Pitch Count Tracking:** Monitor and record the number of pitches thrown by each pitcher to ensure compliance with league pitching rules.

## Umpiring

Umpires are crucial for enforcing the game's rules and ensuring fair play. This role is ideal for individuals with a good understanding of baseball.

### How You Can Help:

- **Officiating Games:** Call balls and strikes, safe and out, and make other officiating decisions during games.
- **Rule Enforcement:** Ensure that games are played according to Little League rules and maintain the pace of play.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Address disputes on the field in a calm and authoritative manner.

## Opening Day Events

Opening Day is a celebratory event that marks the beginning of the season. Volunteers are crucial in ensuring everything runs smoothly and creating lasting memories for the players and their families.

### How You Can Help:

- **Event Setup:** Arranging tables, decorations, signage, and equipment before the event starts.
- **Registration and Check-In:** Assisting families with checking in and distributing schedules or event information.
- **Activity Stations:** Managing fun activities like face painting, games, or photo booths.
- **Clean-Up Crew:** Helping to dismantle and pack up decorations, collect trash, and ensure the area is left clean after the event.

## Concession Stand

The concession stand is a vital part of our league, offering refreshments to fans and players while generating funds for the league's operations.

### How You Can Help:

- **Stocking and Inventory:** Organizing and restocking supplies before and during the game days.
- **Food Preparation and Sales:** Serving snacks and beverages to attendees and handling cash or card transactions.
- **Clean-Up:** Wiping down counters, storing unused supplies, and taking care of trash disposal after shifts.

## Uniform Order and Distribution

Uniforms are a key part of creating team spirit, and timely distribution ensures players are ready for the season. Volunteers assist in this logistical process.

### How You Can Help:

- **Sorting Uniforms:** Match uniforms to team rosters and ensure sizes are accurate.
- **Distribution Days:** Handing out uniforms to players and families during designated pickup times.
- **Issue Resolution:** Assisting families with any size exchanges or missing items.

## Team Photos

Team photo day is a cherished tradition that captures memories for players and their families. Volunteers help organize and streamline the process.

### How You Can Help:

- **Scheduling Assistance:** Ensuring teams arrive on time for their designated photo slots.
- **Coordination:** Guiding teams and families to their photo locations and assisting the photographers as needed.
- **Distribution:** Handing out photo packages once they are ready for pickup.

## How to Get Involved

These roles provide a positive and enriching experience for our players and the community. No prior experience is required for most positions, and the league will provide any necessary training and support.

By volunteering in any of these capacities, you contribute to the development of young athletes and help foster a strong, community-centered environment at Starkey Little League.

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these roles, please visit our website at [StarkeyLL.org](http://StarkeyLL.org) and navigate to the "Volunteer Registration" section to complete an application.

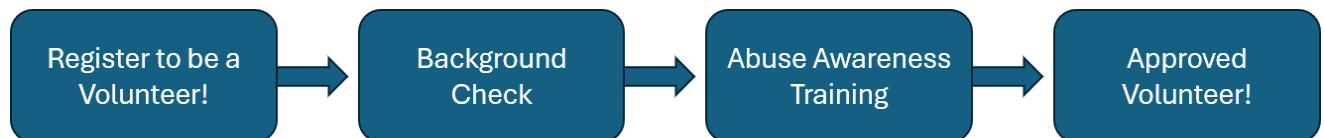
## Volunteer Screening and Training

Once your application is received, you must complete a mandatory background check through the Little League background check vendor, JDP. You will be e-mailed from "**automation@instascreen.net**" with the subject line "**Starkey LL Background Questionnaire Notification.**" If you have not seen this e-mail, please check your junk mail or spam folder, as it may have been filtered there.

Once your background check has been completed, you must complete the mandatory Little League Abuse Awareness training online.

[Little League Abuse Awareness Training Course](https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/) -  
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Select Create an Account, and once that is completed, you will receive an e-mail with your credentials to access the training portal.



Your cooperation in completing this requirement demonstrates your commitment to the safety and integrity of our program. If you have any questions or encounter any issues with the course, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your support!