



Welcome to the

South Lake Youth Sports

Parents' Meeting
Spring 2024 Season





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Meet the Board and Committee



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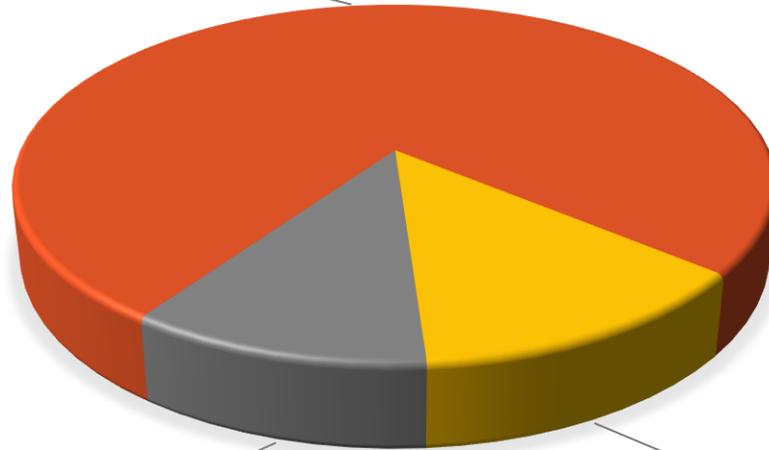


Financials

\$42,040.00	Income
- \$40,163.60	Expenditures
\$1,876.40	Balance

Fall 2023 Income

Registration \$32,050.00



Sponsors \$4,550.00

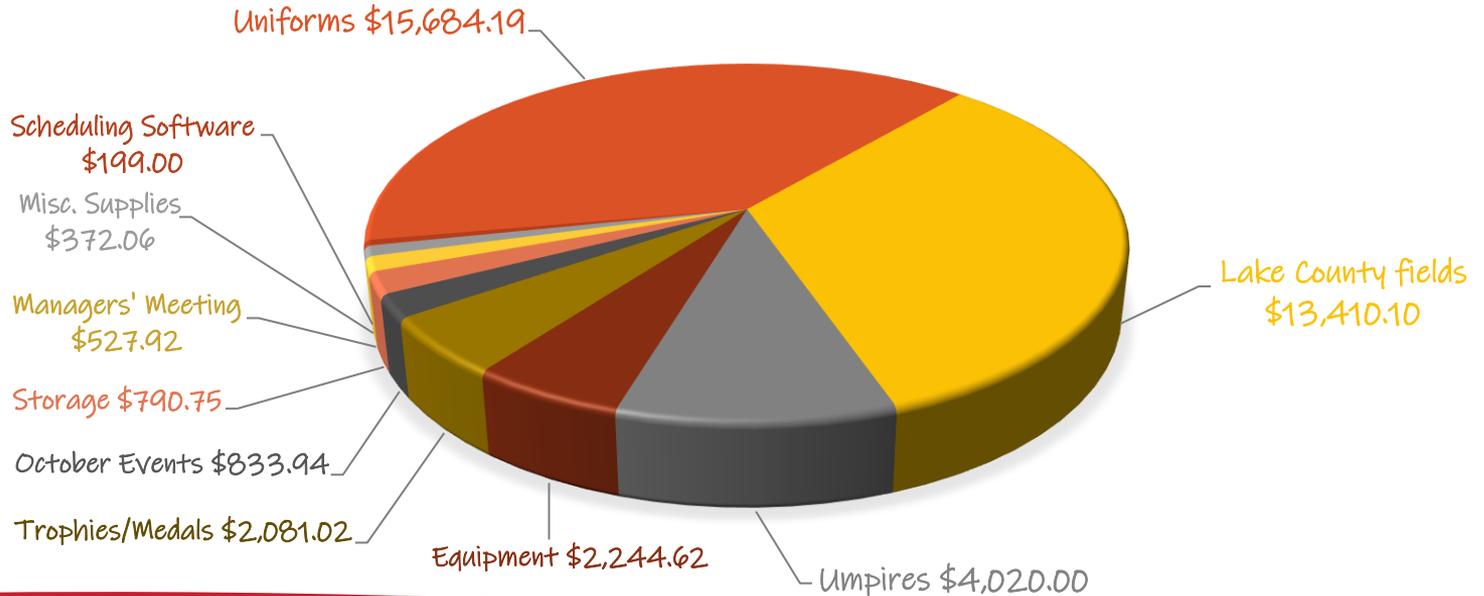
Fundraising \$5,440.00
(Papa Johns \$2,720.00)



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Fall 2023 Expenditures





Rules & Schedule

- Please visit our league website for the most up-to-date playing rules, separated by each age division. Go to www.SouthLakeYouthSports.com and click on Rules.
- Game schedules will be distributed to coaches around February 10th.
- **Opening Day is Saturday, February 24th.**
- All uniforms will be distributed prior to Opening Day by your Team Mom.
- Individual and Team Picture Day is Saturday, March 23rd.



Equipment

Babe Ruth League Bat Rules 2024

<https://usabat.com/>

T-Ball

USA Baseball T-Ball stamp



Cal-Ripken Baseball

USA Baseball marking
2 5/8" barrel maximum
No BBCOR bats

Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15

USA Baseball marking or BBCOR .50
2 5/8" barrel

Babe Ruth Baseball 16-18

All bats must be BBCOR .50
No greater than -3 drop



Helmet with facemask
or jaw guard (C-flap)



Protective cup required (must
wear while playing catcher)





Minors & Majors Expectations

At this level, it's becoming less about having fun, and more about progressing to **win**. Progress over Perfection. Drills become harder and faster like game play. "Fun" happens when the players succeed. Make practice productive and games fun for players. Full team participation brings everyone together. Our goal for players in our Minors & Majors divisions includes:

General

- Having fun and enjoying the game regardless of game or play outcome. Strive to win.
- Players should be able to recite the Little League Pledge.
- Following instructions from coaches and respect other Players, Manager, Coaches and Team Parent.
- Illustrating proper dugout conduct. Cheer for your team, not against the opposition. Always ready to go into the game as a defensive replacement or courtesy runner.

Offense

- Batters and runners understand the concept of signs, why they're important and when they're used.
- Consistency in batting approach. Batter's stance and location to the plate (Changing stance and location to the plate causes the strike zone to appear inconsistent to a hitter) should be the same every time. Develop pre-pitch routine to drive consistency.
- Paying attention while "on deck". Batters should be mentally preparing for their at-bat by studying the pitcher and mentally adjusting their timing of their load.
- Improving recognition of pitch location and velocity. Batters should be thinking "Strike" until they recognize the pitch is a ball. Improve pitch tracking by following the ball all the way into the catcher's glove when not swinging.



Minors & Majors Expectations

Offense (cont'd)

- Batters improving the concept of a "load" and timing to pitcher's delivery. Know when to load and stay under control (Slow, easy and early).
- Improving aggressive and responsible base running technique (Run hard after contact, through first base – Sliding feet first ONLY). Players should be able to locate base coaches and follow basic instructions while advancing bases. Runners should be able to recognize opportunities to advance on their own at this point, while making good decisions. Runners are beginning to recognize situations where advancement is either too risky or unethical (up or down by more than 7 runs).
- Runners understand Infield Fly Rule.

Defense

- Understanding proper fielding position – "Ready Position / Baseball Ready". Players should begin thinking about where to throw the ball if it is "hit to me". Infielders should vocalize the "situation" prior to the first pitch of each at-bat. (2 Outs, Play's at 1st or 2nd, "Baseball"/ "Down and" Ready).
- Infielders adjust positioning to the situation (SS and 2B pinch middle with a runner on 1st to defend a steal, easy force out at 2B).
- Improving mental fielding skills by understanding where to throw the ball when it is put in play or when the ball is thrown to me. Always aware of runners on base.



Minors & Majors Expectations

Defense (cont'd)

- Mastering proper fielding technique – Move feet to get in front of the ball, hands out and away from the body, glove down, watching the ball all the way into the glove. Getting ball out of the glove immediately after fielding it and transitioning into a throwing position.
- Players should be moving towards “assignments” for their specific position (Covering bases, back up and cut off).
- Growing used to moving towards a ball in the air. Player should be comfortable with keeping their eye on the ball while attempting to catch the ball.
- While further developing proper throwing technique, players should begin incorporating a “long toss” aspect for 5-10 minutes per practice. Continue to focus on a more fluid throwing motion. Throw on a line rather than a rainbow.
- Players focusing on a target and hitting it every throw to improve accuracy. Hit the partner in the chest.
- Pitchers begin working on pitching delivery by making their motion smooth and rhythmic. Power with the lower body and accuracy with the arm. 4 seam fastballs ONLY. Focus on throwing strikes.
- Advancing catcher development. Learning to catch the baseball where it is pitched. Catchers should be comfortable with a ball hitting the protective gear without turning their back/head. Hustle for pass balls.
- **Majors only** – Players learn / improve “Dropped 3rd Strike” coverage. 1B, Catcher and RF are always in position to defend.



District All-Stars Teams

Rookie (8u) All-Stars

Minor (10u) All-Stars

Major (12u) All-Stars

All-Stars Rules

- Players will be recommended by coaches only to attend a league tryout.
- Chosen players must play in 50% of their recreational team's games to play All-Stars.
- Any player or coach suspended or placed on probation during the regular season is ineligible for All-Stars.
- Players are only allowed to compete on their division's All-Star team.
- Playing time is NOT guaranteed. This is a big commitment that extends into the summer months and may include travel.
- All-star head coaches and assistants will be selected by the South Lake Youth Sports Board as successful coaches who are able to practice up to 3 times per week, follow all local and state Babe Ruth rules, be a person of high moral standing and be a great ambassador for the parents, players and the league.
- Additional fees and fundraising may be required and will be finalized/communicated at a later date.



Travel Ball Teams

Rookie (8u), Minor (10u) and Major (12u) All-Stars

In order to prepare and compete at our highest level in the Babe Ruth District Tournament, the All-Star teams at these levels will be entered into local travel ball tournaments hosted by G.O.B. (Greater Orlando Baseball).

- Tournament teams will consist of 10-11 players (dependent on age group). Additional players will be added to a reserve list and have the opportunity to substitute into the main roster based upon improved performance and/or availability.
- Making the team **DOES NOT** guarantee playing time.
- Practices will be determined by coaches and times, location, and dates will be provided in the SportsEngine (or GameChanger) app.
- Teams will play in 1-2 tournaments in a month depending on tournament locations.
- You may play on other teams; however, the South Lake Stars will be your **priority**. Failure to show up to practices or games may result in your dismissal from the team.
- **In order to be eligible to play on the South Lake Stars, you must also register to play for South Lake Youth Sports.**
- Age eligibility will follow all Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball guidelines with May 1st cutoff as the deciding date. All players will need to provide a copy of their birth certificate upon making the team.
- There will be a **\$25** fee for insurance purposes if your athlete makes the team.
- There will be a onetime **\$25** per player initiation fee that will be used at the coach's discretion for team equipment.
- Uniform cost will range from **\$75-\$100** depending on design, comfort, colors and materials.
- Tournament fees will be collected prior to each tournament entered and will range between **\$45-\$55** per player. These fees shall cover tournament entry, gate fees and umpire dues.
- Coaches' fees will be **\$0** as we are volunteering our time to help improve the players physically and mentally on and off the diamond.



MLB Pitch Hit & Run



April 20th

MLB Pitch Hit & Run is an exciting **FREE** baseball and softball skills competition that provides boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, an opportunity to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities. Boys (baseball) and girls (baseball or softball) will compete in four age groups:

- 7-8 age division
- 9-10 age division
- 11-12 age division
- 13-14 age division

Athletes with the highest scores at the local level can advance to the Team Championship round, which is held inside MLB and MiLB ballparks across the United States and Canada.

Team Championship Finalists with the highest scores across the leaderboard then win an all-expenses paid trip for themselves and one guardian to compete at the MLB Pitch Hit & Run Finals during the **2024 World Series!!**



Sponsorship

Becoming a sponsor for South Lake Youth Sports must be, above all else, out of a sense of duty to help the community. As seen below, sponsorship does afford some benefits; however, the higher value is to help our league impart the values of **teamwork**, **sportsmanship** and **fair play** to the children of the community, so that they may someday use these values in becoming good citizens of that community. South Lake Youth Sports is always looking for and welcoming of new and returning sponsors for our various teams, individual players, equipment, etc.

Platinum Level Sponsorship – \$2000

- Valid for two (2) consecutive seasons (Fall/Spring or Spring/Fall)
- Sponsor will receive team photo plaque of sponsored team or league photo
- Marketing email to league database announcing sponsor and optional promotional offer
- Corporate Name imprinted on a team jersey
- Website advertisement with a link on site
- Social Media Promotional/Thank you posts

Gold Level Sponsorship – \$1000

- Sponsor will receive team photo plaque of sponsored team or league photo
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- Corporate Name imprinted on a team jersey
- Website advertisement with a link on site
- Social Media Promotional/Thank you posts

Silver Level Sponsorship – \$500

- Marketing email to league database announcing sponsor and optional promotional offer
- Corporate Name imprinted on a team jersey
- Website advertisement with a link on site
- Social Media Promotional/Thank you posts

Bronze Level Sponsorship – \$350

- Corporate Name imprinted on a team jersey
- Website advertisement with a link on site
- Social Media Promotional/Thank you posts

Please come speak with a board member after the meeting if you or your company would be interested in becoming a sponsor.



Fundraising



Opt out during registration

\$75 fee

OR



SKY ZONE[®]
TRAMPOLINE PARK

2510 S Hwy 27

Clermont, FL 34711

Minimum 7 tickets sold at

\$15 per ticket



Spirit Nights



Chipotle

1677 N Hancock Rd

Tuesday, March 19th

5:00pm-9:00pm

Do Good with Chipotle

33% of proceeds returned
to our league



Panda Express

2591 S Hwy 27

Monday, February 19th

Wednesday, March 20th

Tuesday, April 23rd

10:30am-9:00pm

Neighborhood Fundraiser

20% of proceeds returned
to our league



Buffalo Wild Wings

2465 S Hwy 27

February 1st - May 24th

Home Team Advantage

10% of proceeds returned
to our league

February 26th

Eat Wings, Raise Funds

10% of proceeds returned
to our league



Spirit Nights



Texas Roadhouse
2457 S Hwy 27

TBD

Dine to Donate
10% of proceeds returned
to our league



Chick-fil-A
2585 E Hwy 50
and
16110 Hammock Ridge Rd

TBD

Spirit Night
10% of proceeds returned
to our league



Future ideas?
Suggestions?

Portillo's

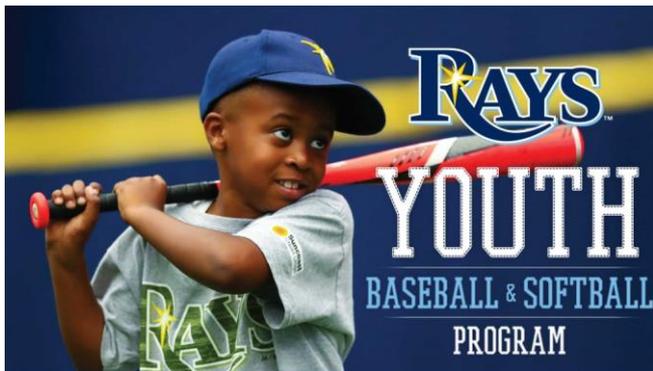
Culver's

Bruster's

Crambl Cookies



Tampa Bay Rays Ticket Program



Bring SLYS out to Tropicana Field this season!

May 5th
1:40pm



Tickets Includes:

- An on-field pregame parade**
- A giveaway for kids 14 & under
- Opportunity to run the bases postgame**
- Discounted tickets
- Fundraising opportunities

League Rewards

All participating leagues are enrolled in the Rays Group Leader Rewards, earning items such as unique Rays branded swag, game tickets, and more!

The top three selling leagues on each date will be eligible for one of the following rewards:

- The top-selling league on each date will receive a complimentary suite*
- League leads Tropicana Field in singing the 7th Inning Stretch
- League welcome on the scoreboard

* Leagues must sell a minimum of 350 tickets to qualify.

** Based on protocols and availability.



Visit our SLYS spirit store



<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/south-lake-youth-sports-1316384>



Parent Jerseys



- Parents' jerseys will once again be made available for purchase by our local uniform vendor – *Game On! Sports Gear*.
- Orders can be placed up until February 5th via a link provided by our vendor.
- Jerseys will cost approximately **\$25** and can be customized with a name and/or number. They are the exact same jerseys that our players receive.
- Orders will be delivered with team uniforms and distributed by the Team Moms.



SportsEngine App

Please consider downloading the SportsEngine App for access to all of your team's data in the palm of your hand. Check the team's latest schedule, view cancellations and changes, keep up-to-date with a team chat, RSVP for games and practices, track player availability, share photos and more. With SportsEngine, you'll always be in the know!

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**For continuing information,
visit our website and follow us at**



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Important Dates

January

- 20th – SkyZone fundraising starts
- 23rd – Managers' Meeting
- 25th – Practices start

February

- 1st – Team Mom Meeting
- 3rd – Umpire Meeting/Clinic
- 5th – Last day to order Parents' jerseys
- 10th – Game schedules distributed
- 19th – Panda Express Spirit Night
- 19th-22nd – Uniforms distributed
- 24th – Opening Day

March

- 10th-18th – Spring Break, no games
- 19th – Chipotle Spirit Night
- 20th – Panda Express Spirit Night
- 23rd – Team Picture Day

April

- 20th – MLB Pitch Hit & Run Competition
- 23rd – Panda Express Spirit Night

May

- 5th – Tampa Bay Rays Outing
- 18th – Season ends
- TBD – End of Season Celebration

May/June

- TBD – T-Ball/Rookie District All-Stars
- TBD – 10u/12u District All-Stars



Divisions, Teams & Coaches

Smart Start (31)

- Marlins
 - Fred Baier
- Cubs
 - Paul Derry
- Rays
 - Hugh Gravitt
- Rangers
 - Mark Mendez
- Braves
 - Lucas Tucker

T-Ball (73)

- Marlins
 - Fred Baier
- Mets
 - Dan Capriola
- Yankees
 - Steven Garcia
- Orioles
 - Anthony Ippolito
- Angels
 - Chris Lemke
- Braves
 - Dallas Riffle
- Red Sox
 - Jose Rodriguez

Rookies (67)

- Rays
 - Donnie Berning
- Yankees
 - Dan Capriola
- Phillies
 - Anthony Ippolito
- Dodgers
 - Chase Lockhart
- Cubs
 - Matt Lyon
- White Sox
 - Joe Sea
- Braves
 - Adam Taylor



Divisions, Teams & Coaches

Minors (57)

- Pirates
 - Anthony Ippolito
- Mariners
 - Brian Rock
- Red Sox
 - Joe Sea
- Rays
 - Justin Seeley
- Nationals
 - Josh Turner

Majors (32)

- Cardinals
 - Corey Bryant
- Twins
 - Chris Cruse
- Cubs
 - Will Schinagl

Juniors (12*)

- Team 1
 - Coach 1

* To be finalized once high school baseball tryouts are completed.