

BUCKHEAD BASEBALL TEAM PARENT (Fall 2023 / Spring 2024)

THANK YOU for taking on the important role of Team Parent for your child's Buckhead Baseball team! Enclosed you will find important information to get you up to speed on the season's activities:

1. The letter/outline is your guide to the Team Parent's primary responsibilities.
2. Some of the information included needs to be shared with your parents either verbally or in a short email from you.

The key to being a successful Team Parent is to organize your team and delegate some of the duties to other parents. It is important to keep your team informed regarding special events, key dates and changes that occur throughout the season.

Buckhead Baseball is committed to providing the best possible experience for your child and all his/her teammates. You, as the Team Parent, are an integral part of the program's success. Buckhead Baseball or our Team Parent Coordinator will be communicating with you throughout the season. They will pass along pertinent information and you will be able to contact them with any questions you might have during the season.

***THANK YOU for volunteering to be a Buckhead Baseball
Team Parent!***

Team Communication

One of the most important responsibilities of a Team Parent is communication between the Team Manager (that is the Head Coach) and the team's parents throughout the season. Please take guidance from your Team Manager on how much he/she wants to drive team communications vs. handing it over to you. Here are several suggestions:

- Type a roster with all names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers to give to each family. (This will most likely be provided by the Team Manager so be sure to reach out to them first and see if they have this information). Ask for the parents to review before you finalize as they may have different emails, they wish to use versus what was supplied during registration.
- Create a group email distribution list for the parents on your team for quick and easy communications. Don't forget to include non-parent coaches if you are on AAA or Majors team.
- Remind your parents that practice and game schedules change frequently due to weather conditions, the need for makeups, and scheduling conflicts. Stress the importance of checking email and the Buckhead Baseball website for updates. You can also sign up for text alerts on the home page of our website (text BUCKHEAD to 1-833-650-2100).]
- GameChanger app is a great option to use for scheduling, team messaging, and tracking RSVP's

Opening Day (Spring Season ONLY)

Opening Day for Spring 2024 is Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 am. Parking is very limited for the whole day, so please encourage players and families to carpool. More information regarding an agenda, and other details will be shared as the date gets closer.

Picture Day (Spring Season ONLY)

Picture Day will be the same format as last year as it was VERY well received by our parents and coaches! We will have a photographer go around to teams during games and take action shots, team photos, etc. More information will be sent out soon!

Uniforms

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION!!

SPRING:

Players receive a JERSEY, a HAT, and PANTS for TB4 - Rookie.

Players receive a JERSEY, a HAT, and BELT for A - AAA.

Majors teams will take care of their own uniforms.

FALL: Players receive a JERSEY and a HAT for all teams including Majors.

You will need to match player size to jersey size and this sometimes dictates the number that players receive. Uniforms are pre-numbered 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 25, 29, 31, 35, 44, 47 depending on number of players on the team. The easiest way to do this is to line your players up by height (smallest to tallest) and coordinate with jersey sizing. The fit is not always the greatest for every player on the team, but we ask parents to try and make it work.

The sizes available for each level are as follows:

T-BALL 4

All jerseys are Youth Sm (12)

T-BALL 5

All jerseys are Youth Sm (12)

6 YOUNG BUCKS

Youth Sm (10)

Youth Med (2)

ROOKIE

Youth Sm (6)

Youth Med (6)

A

Youth Sm (2)

Youth Med (6)

Youth Lg (4)

AA

Youth Med (6)

Youth Lg (6)

AAA

Youth Med (3)

Youth Lg (6)

Youth X-Lg (2)

MAJORS (Fall Season ONLY)

Youth Lg (5)

Youth X-Lg (5)

Adult Sm (2)

Adult Med (1)

Uniforms are available from Jennifer Rogers and each team will arrange for its own lettering. TB4 through Young Bucks may want to go with first names. Rookie through Majors may want to go with last names. For players with same first or last name, please list a first initial or last initial for duplicate names.

It is recommended that the Team Parents put the names of their players in the ball caps with a Sharpie marker before handing them out. To replace a lost hat, a new hat can be purchased in the Merchandise Store for \$10.

Please ask parents to label all bags, gloves, helmets etc. with the player's name and phone number.

Buckhead Baseball Hotline for Rainouts

You need to sign up for text messages about important information involving Buckhead Baseball. **Text BUCKHEAD to 1-833-650-2100 to start receiving text messages.** This is the fastest way to find out if our fields are closed due to weather, on delay, etc. We will text everyone by 3:00 pm on weekdays and 8:30 am on weekends as to whether the fields are closed. Parents must reenroll each season for text messages.

All efforts are made to play games as scheduled but check the website or hotline if you are not sure about weather and field conditions. The cancellations are often made at the last minute and some fields may be playable when others are not. Please read the alert carefully to determine the status of your league.

Jennifer Rogers is the Buckhead Baseball board contact in charge of the website (www.buckheadbaseball.com). The website has lots of great information and pictures from happenings around the park. It is updated often, so encourage your families to get familiar with frequenting the website. Team Parents – please go to the Team Parent tab for some great information!

Buckhead Baseball Booster Club

Our Booster Club was founded to support and enhance Buckhead Baseball by fostering enthusiasm and community for athletes, coaches, umpires, and families. Through the annual membership dues, funds are raised to carry out our mission. We have also created a collection of new, exciting merchandise. Requests to be added to the distribution can't be sent to boosterclub@buckheadbaseball.com

Social Media

Follow our Instagram page to receive news and see pictures of our amazing teams. Tag us when you post pictures of your team and players! We also have links to Buckhead Baseball apparel via our posts

Buckhead Baseball Apparel

We will be reaching out to the league to get volunteers to help staff the store on Saturdays (for spring season) and Sundays (for fall season). Please be on the lookout for our emails! Please encourage your parents to volunteer – it's a great way to give back and support Buckhead Baseball. Buckhead Baseball Apparel also makes for a great end of season manager's gift.

Scoreboards (Spring Season ONLY)

It is the Home team's responsibility to make sure that the scoreboard is handled for each game. Team Parents should have parents sign up to take turns or find a dedicated volunteer for keeping the scoreboard for each of your Home games.

TB4, TB5, 6 Young Bucks and Rookie: These leagues do not keep score.

Majors, AAA, AA, A: These fields use the SingleScore app. Please visit the Team Parent Page for instructions on downloading the app and how to use it. Please ensure the scorekeeper signs out of the app after the game so that the next team's scorekeeper can sign in.

Safety

There are several important safety rules at Buckhead Baseball:

- No skateboards, scooters or rollerblades are allowed in the park.
- Parents of the younger players are encouraged to park and walk their child to the field for practice – this is a public park and younger children should not be unattended.
- A first aid kit is always available in the Boardroom/Merchandise Store and ice is available at the concession stand, but it is helpful to have a first aid bag at the field with you as well. Amazon has safety kits and breakable ice packs that are easy to bring to games or keep in baseball buckets.

- We have FOUR defibrillators located around the park: Majors 1st base by the stands, Concession Stand Building, AA Field on outside of the 1st base dugout, Rookie Field on the outside of the 1st base dugout.
- A lightning detection system is in place at the ballpark and players will be cleared from the fields in unsafe conditions. One loud horn blast indicates danger and to clear the fields. Play and practice can resume once 3 horn blasts have occurred.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is located in the storage room (aka the Boardroom) with the green double doors by the concession stand. It is usually locked but we now have a more full-time employee, Pablo Ayala, at the park who can help let you into the Boardroom, and we will also do our best to put all lost and found items out on a table on Saturdays. The Boardroom is typically open on the weekends. The Boardroom is also open when the Merchandise Store is open for business.

PLEASE remind parents to mark all sports gear with names and phone numbers (gloves, helmets, bags, etc.).

Concession Stand Tickets

We are so happy to have the Loggins family as a part of our baseball community! Check with your coach and families as to whether your team will want to use concession stand tickets as recognition for your team/players. If so, the contact is Brittney Loggins, and her email is brittney.loggins@gmail.com. She can help you obtain concessions tickets to hand out to your teams, if desired. Tickets are optional, but are often given in the Rookie, Young Bucks and T-Ball leagues as encouragement for good efforts, hard work, or sportsmanship. The tickets may also be used as incentives for the younger players to stay attentive and focused during the games – when they are – they are rewarded with a ticket. The players then go to the concession stand, independently, for their candy or slushie etc. Tickets from the concession stand can be picked up at the park — please coordinate with Brittney.

A concession ticket costs \$3.00 and is redeemed at the concession stand. The Concession Stand will typically be open on the weekends only: Saturday from 11am – 6:00pm and Sunday from 12noon – 5:00pm. They accept cash, check or credit card for payment.

Concession stand tickets are not refundable.

Some teams may prefer to have each child bring his/her own drink/snack or to coordinate a rotation among families. **Regardless of whether your team uses concession stand tickets, please encourage your team and its players to utilize the concession stand as its always a kid favorite and a source of financial support for the league!**

If you have any questions about the concession stand, please contact Brittany at the above email address.

Trophies (Spring Season ONLY)

TB4, TB5, and Young Bucks teams will receive a participation trophy at the end of the season. Buckhead Baseball will place the order for the trophies and pay for them. Each team will be responsible for picking up their trophies at Specialty Engraving at the end of the season. Specialty Engraving is located at 1700 Northside Drive, Atlanta, GA 30318. An email will go out to the coaches notifying them when the trophies are ready.

Rookie teams will receive a participation t-shirt provided for and paid for by Buckhead Baseball. In addition, Buckhead Baseball will award the Rookie League tournament winner and tournament runner-up teams with trophies. NOTE: No regular season champion is awarded in Rookie.

A, AA, AAA and Majors will also play Championship Tournaments at the end of the season. Buckhead Baseball will award the regular season winner as well as the tournament winner and tournament runner-up teams with trophies.

Reserving the Pavilion

Go to our website at www.buckheadbaseball.com and click on the "Team Parent" heading – then the dropdown 'Pavilion Reservations.' Click on the pavilion tab you wish to reserve and then click the View All link in the lower right corner. It will bring up a calendar. You should now see an Edit Switch button in upper right corner (it looks like a light switch) – switch it to edit and then add in your event by clicking on Add New Event button right above the calendar.

Team Budget

It is suggested that no more than \$60 be collected from each family. (Majors teams are an exception.) Potential budget items include lettering for the jerseys, manager

gifts, team party costs, drink tickets etc. If additional expenses are supported by the team (like team sponsorship), the budget could be larger for the season. Manager gifts are optional, but many teams give the manager a small gift card or sentimental item, such as a signed picture or ball, as a thank you at the end of the season.

Buckhead Baseball Buddy Program (Spring Season ONLY)

One of the finest programs that Buckhead Baseball has is the Buddy League for players with special needs. The Buddy League games are played each Saturday at 9:00 am. The 12-year-old Majors players are “baseball buddies” to the challenger players and assist them during the game. Please support this program and come and cheer for the Buckhead Buddy Team on Saturday mornings.

***Again, many thanks for volunteering to be a Buckhead Baseball Team Parent!
Your support is greatly appreciated. Please remember to ask other parents on
your team for assistance.***

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!