



Marlton Recreation Council

Recreation Council of Evesham Township, Inc. a 501(c)3 Organization

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Members of the Marlton Recreation Council:

I wanted to take a few moments and continue to share information about the organization with you. On March 27th, in our Part 1 letter which can be accessed by [clicking HERE](#), I spoke about organization, finances, and relationships.

This week I wanted to discuss VOLUNTEERISM.

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We have a wonderful group of volunteers who administer our sixteen sports programs. But frankly, we NEVER have enough volunteers!

Each season we have sports who beg for coaches, or they will not be able to field teams or accept all registered players. Season over season we see the same names in coaching—the same volunteers coaching multiple sports, board members serving on multiple boards, commissioners and board members continuing their service—even when they have no children in the program—because they cannot find anyone to step up. In short, we NEED more help to run this massive program. And every little bit helps.

Start small: you do not have to coach, but perhaps you can be coordinator for an age group within the sport, helping to roster kids and act as the conduit between the commissioner and coaches. Are you detail oriented and capable of handling emails and PDFs? You could fill the role as sport treasurer ensuring paperwork is completed in a timely fashion. Maybe you are great at building relationships and would like to handle fundraising for a sport. Are you a CPR instructor or retired teacher? We are always looking for someone to conduct Rutgers Safety training or CPR classes for our coaching staff. We have multiple opportunities available!

Don't know where to start? How about Assistant Coaching! If you feel you do not know enough to coach a team, this is a great way to learn about the sport and administration of a team.

And we are always in desperate need of officials. Many of our officials are parent volunteers and youth players who return to officiate. Do you have good sports knowledge or are you a previous player, but just can't commit to coaching or assistant coaching? Then perhaps helping as an official would be a great way to flex your schedule and support the MRC.

I strongly encourage you to volunteer with the MRC- it is truly one of the most rewarding experiences!

It is important that each of our players, parents, and families understand the organization and how it functions so that we can remain a healthy, viable organization and continue to provide all the youth sports that you have come to enjoy.

Thank you for your support of the MRC and trusting our organization to provide youth sports for your loved ones. If there is anything that I, the Executive Board, or the administrative staff can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

See you at the fields!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Bittenbender". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carl" being more prominent.

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