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VOLUNTEER MEETING

GOALS OF VOLUNTEER MEETING

- 1. Understand what is needed from me as a volunteer**
- 2. Learn where to find more information**

EMBRACE THE JUNIOR GIANTS PHILOSOPHY

- **Don't keep score.**
- **Give players equal playing time and rotate positions.**
- **Cheer for everyone and be encouraging.**
- **Don't speak negatively.**
- **Model the Word of the Week for your team.**
- **Have integrity when making calls.**

ROLES

- **Coach/Asst. Coach: Generally handle the baseball/softball side (i.e. running practices and games).**
- **Team parents: Generally handle the program aspects (Word of the Week talks, passing out prizes, keeping player attendance, etc.)**
- **Roles are fluid- team parents can help on the field and coaches can help with the Word of the Week!**
- **The most important thing is to break down roles and responsibilities among the volunteers on your team!**

WORD OF THE WEEK (WOW) Talk

- You and the other team volunteers will decide when to give the WOW Talk each week.
- We recommend at the end of practice and then a review on game day.
- Practice Plans contain all the questions you should ask your team.

(WOW) TALK PRACTICE PLANS

- **Your Practice Plan will also include age-specific skills and drills to help you lead your team.**
- **You'll receive your Practice Plan in a WOW Pack each week.**
 - **Gallon-sized ziplock bag with Practice Plan and incentives/program materials to pass out to your team.**
 - **Practice Plans also on the Junior Giants App**

INCENTIVES

Players will be able to earn the following Giants-themed prizes this season:

- Water bottle
- Weekly baseball cards and binder sleeve
- Backpack
- Junior Giants Medal



SEASON ROAD MAP

- Guides players and families through the season
- Will receive at **first practice!**
- Will be able to rip off their **Reading Scorecard**, so players can keep their Season Road Map.
- Available in **English and Spanish**

JUNIOR GIANTS FESTIVAL

- If your entire team (Minors & older) completes the **Round the Bases Reading Program**, they'll all be invited to the Junior Giants Festival (date TBD)!
- The Festival is a chance to play on the field at Oracle Park and go through fun stations related to the Words of the Week!
- The deadline for teams to complete the reading program to qualify is **July 11**.
- Individual players who complete the reading program will receive a Giants backpack!

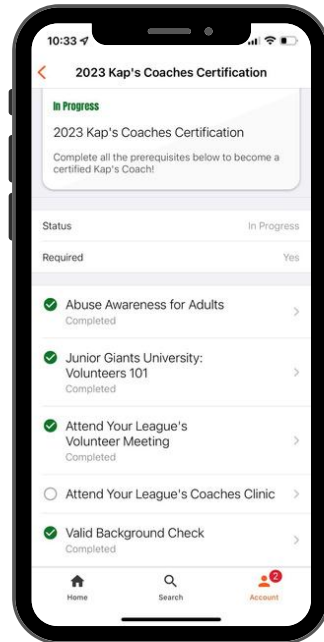
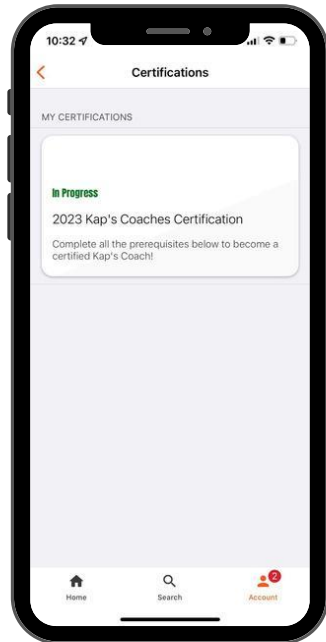


GIANTS TICKETS

- You will have the opportunity to earn **tickets to a Giants game** through taking an end of season survey.
- Tickets are **not guaranteed** and are subject to availability.
- **More information to come!**

COACHES CERTIFICATION

Access on your home page, under Account or under Coaches Corner



Check off once you receive the email confirming you passed your background check

JUNIOR GIANTS COACHES

Did you know that by attending this meeting you're already one step closer to becoming a certified Junior Giants Coach?

NEXT STEPS

- **Register & pass background check(s)**
- **Junior Giants University: Volunteers 101**
- **Abuse Awareness Course**
- **Attend Coaches Clinic**

***VOLUNTEER
EXPECTATIONS***

YOUR IMPORTANCE

- You are the most important person in your Junior Giants team's experience.
- Think back on the coaches who made a difference in your life.
- You have the honor of impacting the kids on your team!

COMMUNICATE

- You are the first point of contact for your team. Update them on the schedule, deadlines, events, etc.
- Come up with a communication plan for your team so they know what to expect (email, text, Junior Giants App, etc.).
- Email is used frequently. Please check your email at least once a day. Make sure you check the email you used to register!

BE CONSISTENT

- Come to every practice and game so your team can get the most out of the season.
- Arrive 10 minutes early to be ready when the players arrive.
- Let your fellow coaches/team parents and Commissioner/Ambassador know in advance if you'll be missing a day.



PREPARE

- Attend the Coaches Clinic (tomorrow at 5pm!) to learn baseball/softball skills and drills to lead your team in practices each week.
- Look over your Practice Plan in advance so you are prepared to lead your team in drills and the Word of the Week.

POLICIES

PLAYER PROTECTION

- Every volunteer is required to take a background check through Ankored.
- ALL ADULTS on the field MUST HAVE PASSED their background check.
- Report any suspected child abuse to law enforcement and your Commissioner within 24 hours.

CONCUSSION SAFETY

- If you think a player has sustained a head injury:
 - Remove the athlete from play until evaluated by a medical professional.
 - Record & share information about the injury with Commissioner(s).
 - Inform the player's parent/guardian.
 - Gradually reintroduce the player to full participation.

PLAYER WITH DISABILITIES

- Junior Giants is inclusive for everyone!
- You may have a player with an intellectual, physical or sensory disability on your team.
- Work with the player's parents to see if they will volunteer and if they have any advice for working with their child.

WEATHER

- We may face weather that affects our ability to play outside (smoke, heat, rain, etc.).
- If we have not already cancelled practice and you are concerned for your players, please reach out to us.

IMPORTANT DATES

Volunteer Training

- **Coaches Clinic: Tomorrow, 6/6@ 5pm at Brandon Crawford Field at Wilson Park**

Season

- **Practices start week of: 6/8 or 6/9**
- **Games start: 6/24 or 6/25**
- **Season ends: 7/29 & 7/30**
- **End of Season BBQ: 7/31**

- **Dates depend of your team! Check the App!**



NEXT STEPS

- 1. Download the Junior Giants App**
- 2. Complete Volunteer Requirements**
- 3. Attend Coach's Clinic**
- 4. Contact your team!**

THANK YOU!

- **We could not run this league without you. You will make the difference in your team's experience this season!**
- **We appreciate your time, dedication and passion for this program.**

QUESTIONS

Please ask your questions or use the chat! We will get to all of them.

Remember to come to the coach's clinic tomorrow

whether you are a coach or not! It will be your only run through of how a practice/game will be expected to run.