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FIRST PITCH MEETING

GOALS OF FIRST PITCH MEETING

- 1. Learn the basics of the Junior Giants program**
- 2. Understand what is needed from you as a parent/guardian**
- 3. Learn where to find more information**

BIG PICTURE



Junior Giants is a program of the Giants Community Fund, the nonprofit of the Giants.

This league is hosted by Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD)

WHAT IS JUNIOR GIANTS

Free: No fees or fundraising

Noncompetitive: No keeping score

For All Youth: Everyone can play together

Character Development: Words of the Week focusing on Health, Education and Bullying Prevention



CODE OF ETHICS

Cheer for both teams!

Do not use inappropriate language, jokes and refrain from repeating stereotypes or voicing prejudiced thoughts.

Do not demean coaches, players, etc.

Do not use tobacco/cannabis/alcohol at the fields.

**EMBRACE THE
JUNIOR GIANTS
PHILOSOPHY**

Don't keep score.

**Ask how you can help
rather than complain.**

**Follow the Season Road
Map and talk about the
Word of the Week at
home. Encourage your
child to participate.**

NEW!

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

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Through our partnership with MLB and Crisis Text Line, Junior Giants provides free, confidential mental health support for your child. If they ever need help, trained Crisis Counselors are available 24/7 to support them.

Mental health questions are incorporated into to our Practice Plans and some of our printed materials to help start important conversations.

Text **MLB** to **741741**
to reach a volunteer Crisis Counselor.

CRISIS TEXT LINE | 



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

New this year, we are partnering with the Kevin Love Fund to provide even more Mental Health Resources.

K E V I N
LOVE FUND

Coach support: Online training.

On-Field Delivery: Mental wellness lesson for Majors teams.

Season engagement: Virtual mental health panel for adults, coaches, and older players.





LEAGUE LOGISTICS

DIVISIONS

Here are our divisions:

- **T-ball Baseball:** 5-6 yrs old
 - **Minors Baseball:** 7-9 yrs old
 - **Majors Baseball:** 10-13 yrs old
 - **Seniors Baseball:** 14-18 yrs old
 - **T-ball Softball:** 5-6 yrs old
 - **Minors Softball:** 7-9 yrs old
 - **Majors Softball:** 10-13 yrs old
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GIRLS SOFTBALL



Our softball divisions are geared towards girls, but remain for all youth.

The ball used to play softball is bigger than a baseball, but not softer.

LINE OF COMMUNICATION

COMMISSIONER(S)

Representative of our host agency



AMBASSADOR(S)

Representative of the Giants Community Fund



VOLUNTEERS

Coaches, Assistant Coaches, & Team Parents



**JUNIOR GIANTS
PARENT AND PLAYERS**



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ASK US ABOUT

COACH/VOLUNTEER

*Reach out first then go to
Ambassador or Commissioner*

- Equipment needs
- Uniform needs
- If your child can't attend practice

AMBASSADOR

- Junior Giants App
- Registering to volunteer
- Changing teams
- Program due dates

COMMISSIONER

- GVRD questions
- Behavior concerns
- Larger questions
- Field/Restroom concerns

SCHEDULE

Each team will have (1) practice and (1) game per week.

Practices will be on: Mondays &
Tuesdays

First practices: June 8th & 9th

**Check Junior Giants App for your
teams specific dates!**

Games will be on: Wednesdays &
Thursdays

First games: June 24th & 25th

Last games: July 29th & 30th

End of Season BBQ: July 31st

WORD OF THE WEEK

The following Words of the Week (WOW) will be incorporated into the season:

- Health
- Strike Out Bullying
- Education
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Integrity



WHAT IS PROVIDED?

PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A UNIFORM

- Jersey
- Gray baseball or softball pants
- Giants hat or visor
- If your child doesn't have a glove or has outgrown theirs, they may request one.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BUY ANY EQUIPMENT TO PLAY WITH JUNIOR GIANTS

Cleats or other personal gear are not required



INCENTIVES

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

- Water bottle
- Weekly baseball cards and binder sleeve
- 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**



Season Road Map

Here are your weekly checklists to keep you on track!

Week 1: Intro to Junior Giants

- Collect your Willy Adames card
- Learn the names of your teammates, coaches and team parents

Week 2: Health

- Collect your Logan Webb card
- Give up sugary drinks like soda and juice for the week

Week 3: Strike Out Bullying

- Collect your Jung Hoo Lee card
- Turn in your Strike Out Bullying Contest entry

Week 4: Education

- Collect your Matt Chapman card
- Show your coach the progress you've made on your Reading Scorecard so far

Week 5: Confidence

- Collect your Rafael Devers card
- Lead your team in the Junior Giants Cheer

Week 6: Teamwork

- Collect your Patrick Bailey card
- Help your coach clean up after practice

Week 7: Leadership

- Collect your Tony Vitello card
- Help lead your team in warm-ups

Week 8: Integrity

- Collect your Lou Seal card
- Collect your Junior Giants medal
- Thank your coaches and team parents for a great season!



Social Media

Take photos as you complete these activities and share them on Facebook, Instagram or X using #jrgiants for a chance to win prizes!

Text MLB to 741741 – if you need free, confidential, 24/7 mental health support.

Fill out your information below and submit it to your coach once you've reached home plate in the Round the Bases Reading program.

My Full Name: _____

My Team: _____

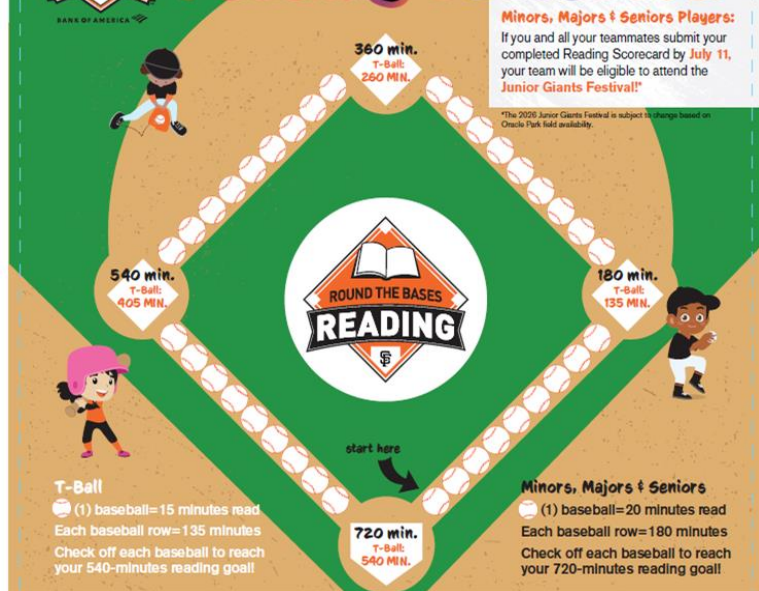
My Coach: _____

My Favorite Book: _____

My Total Minutes Read: _____



Reading Scorecard



Color in or check off one (1) baseball for every 20 minutes read. Then, once you've reached home plate in the Round the Bases Reading program, sign the agreement below and submit it to your coach.

All Players (All Divisions):

If you submit your completed Reading Scorecard by July 11, you will earn a **BACKPACK!**

I have completed the Round the Bases Reading program with integrity! I am proud of my hard work this summer.

Player Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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!



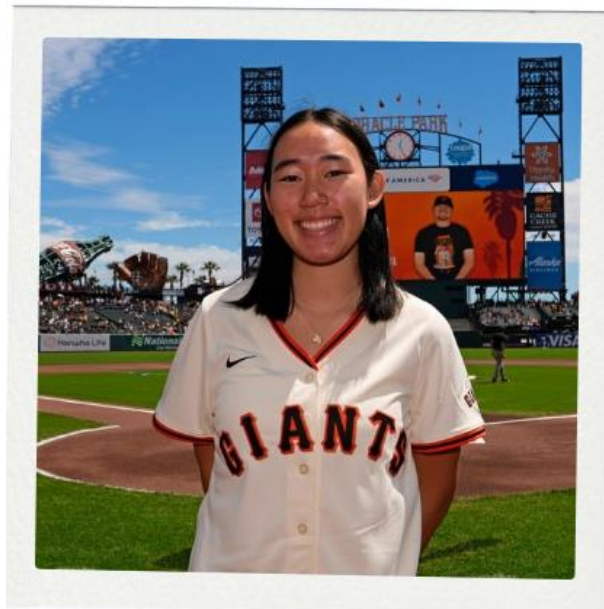
EDUCATION: SCHOLARSHIP



HARMON & SUE BURNS

SCHOLARS

- Players going into **8th grade** should apply for the **Harmon & Sue Burns Scholarship**.
- **(10) recipients** are selected each season.
- Scholars receive a **\$10,000 scholarship**, custom jersey and support/special events throughout high school.
- The scholarship is available on the Junior Giants App and is due on **July 12**.



GIANTS TICKETS

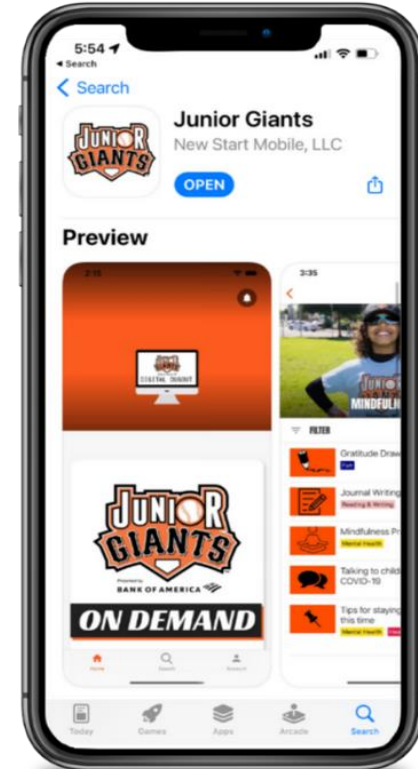
- You will have the opportunity to earn **tickets to a Giants game** through taking an end of season survey.
- Tickets are **not guaranteed** and are subject to availability.
- **More information to come!**

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

- Your player(s) **age 8 and older** may also be interviewed about their Junior Giants experience by the Ambassador at the end of the season.
- ***There are no tickets associated with player interviews.***

JUNIOR GIANTS APP

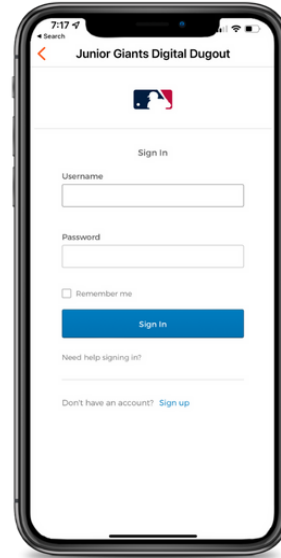
- Parents can find team and schedule information and use it to communicate with their team.
- Players can follow along with Word of the Week content like videos, find game fundamentals, and more!



JUNIOR GIANTS APP: LOGIN



- Click **SIGN IN/REGISTER**



- Log in with the same **MLB username** and password used when registering



***PARENT/GUARDIAN
EXPECTATIONS***

COMMUNICATE

- Email is used frequently. Please check your email at least **once a day**.
- Make sure you check the email you used to register!
- **Download the Junior Giants App** to communicate with your team.

BE CONSISTENT

- Come to **every practice and game** so your child can get the most out of the season.
- Do your best to **arrive on time.**
- Let your coach/team parent know in advance if you'll be **missing a day.**
- Be a **present** parent at the field.



VOLUNTEER

- We don't ask for any financial support, but we do need your time!
- We provide Practice Plans and training.
- There are roles for everyone.
- You can sign up today at gojrgiants.org!
- **Thank you to all our volunteers who are here!**

POLICIES

WEATHER

- We may face weather that affects our ability to play outside (smoke, heat, rain, etc.).
- If we need to cancel a practice or game, we will let you know through the App & email.

GOING FORWARD

- **Team Rosters and Schedules will be available**
- **All general info: GVRD's website**
- **Your child's info: Junior Giants App**



IMPORTANT DATES

Volunteer Training

- **Volunteer Meeting: Right after this meeting!**
- **Coaches Clinic: Tomorrow, 6/6 @ 5pm at Brandon Crawford Field at Wilson Park**

Season

- **Practices start week of: June 8th or 9th**
- **Games start: June 24th or 25th**
- **Season ends: July 29th & 30th**
- **End of Season BBQ: July 31st**



NEXT STEPS

1.Download the Junior Giants App

2.Complete Junior Giants University: Parents 101

3.Sign up to volunteer!

4.Stay for the volunteer meeting!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Junior Giants

Facebook: facebook.com/gojrgiants

Instagram: @gojrgiants

X: @gojrgiants

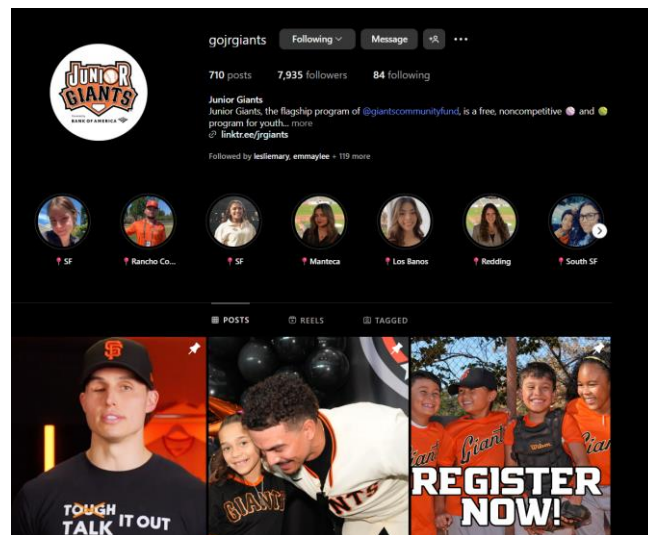
Share photos using #jrgiants for a chance to win prizes from the Giants Community Fund!

GVRD account(s)

Facebook: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Instagram: @g.v.r.d

Website: www.gvrd.org



GOAL RECAP

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QUESTIONS

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

**Stay for the Volunteer Meeting
right after this.**