



TEAM PARENT INFORMATION

Thank you so much for volunteering to be the team parent for your daughter's softball team! ESGS is a volunteer organization and it is because of **you** that we are able to provide a fun, positive, and enriching experience for our kids! The following will provide you with an overview of your responsibilities as a team parent so as to ensure that all teams will receive the same level of help from their team parents. If you are not able to meet all of the responsibilities below, please let your manager know right away so that a solution can be found ... perhaps a replacement or a co-team parent to share the responsibilities.

- 1. Communication** – One of the biggest ways you contribute to your team is by helping your manager communicate with the team. This is facilitated by creating a Shutterfly website for your team. Some managers like to do this themselves, but others do not so ask them what they prefer. If you've never created one, it is very easy! Just go to www.shutterfly.com, click on "share", and under "share sites" click on "learn more". It is free and easy and we want every team to have one. Once your site is up and running you can keep it updated with your roster, practice schedule, snack bar schedule, games, etc. It also makes it very easy to send e-mails to the team and is a great way for everyone to share photos.
- 2. Snack Bar Volunteer Coordination** – **This is one of the largest parts of your job as team parent.** The snack bar brings in revenue for the league which helps keep our registration costs down. We rely on every family to volunteer in the snack bar to keep it running and each family must fulfill their volunteer requirement or they will lose their snack bar deposit. Once the schedule is finalized, your team will be assigned a block of games that you will be responsible for covering the snack bar. As team parents, you are responsible for ensuring that all parents sign up for snack bar shifts or request a substitute, picking up keys prior to first shift, opening the snack bar each day assigned, closing the snack bar each day assigned and returning keys to Snack Bar Coordinators Erin Ferrier & Jordan Lane, or Team Parent Coordinator, Kristi Cswaykus.
- 3. Sweatshirts and Visors** – The league is providing each girl with a uniform shirt, socks, and headband this year. It is up to each team to decide if they want to purchase visors and sweatshirts so please discuss this with your team's manager. If they do, it is the team parent's responsibility to handle this (or delegate it to someone else who volunteers to do it). You may want to consider putting their jersey number or name on each item so they are more easily identified. There are many local options for sweatshirts if your team is interested and ESGS can provide some good options as well.
- 4. Opening Day** - is scheduled for Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 pm at the Recreation Park Girls Softball Field. The teams should arrive at the field by 12:30 pm and proceed to Centerfield. All teams will line up in Centerfield beginning with the 6U #1 team. The girls will run onto the field, stop to get their picture taken, and then the whole team will step forward and wave when their team name is announced. Following the introductions, there will be a few speakers. The snack bar will be open for food and beverage purchases, special softball vendors will be in attendance offering



merchandise the girls will love and a bouncy castle will be in the outfield for the whole family to enjoy - please plan on and encourage your team to support these options. Swag bags will be given to team managers during opening day and managers will distribute to their players.

5. **Pictures** – Picture day is Saturday, March 14th. Please have your team arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time. **Make sure the parents are aware that each player will receive 1 memory mate free of charge, which is paid for by the league.** Each team will also receive two (2) 5 x 7 team photos which can be used for coach's gifts.
6. **Cleaning the stands and dugouts** – Every team needs to clean up after their game! Have your team encourage their family and friends to clean up after themselves as well. Each team will be responsible for cleaning their side of the stands and dugouts after their games.
7. **Team Party** – You will be responsible for organizing your team's party. You can have a party at the field, a player's home or restaurant. If you are having a party at a restaurant, we strongly encourage you to support our sponsor's establishments. You can collect money to purchase supplies or have everyone bring a potluck dish. Engage other parents help and ideas for the party and the Manager/Coaches gifts. Do what works best for your team.
8. **Team Chaperone** – Each team is required to have at least one female chaperone at practices and games. This person needs to have submitted a background check and needs to be present at inside the dugout during practices and games. This is for our daughters' safety. This has been communicated to all managers and coaches, but please help the league to enforce this rule as well as make sure all parents are aware of it and encourage them to volunteer to be a chaperone!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have throughout the season. I want this to be a positive experience for you and thank you again for volunteering to be your daughter's team parent!

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