

Commack Road TrebleMakers

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IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE INFORMATION!

League of YES - National Anthem Performance

To the Families of TrebleMakers Students:

The League of Yes needed to change their Opening Day date to **Sat. May 13, 2017**. Please note this in your calendar

When: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Please plan to arrive at the field at **8:30am** – this is really important so that all students can be checked in before the start of the ceremony.

The ceremony starts at 9am and we should be singing shortly after 9:00.

Where: Brookhaven Amphitheater

1 Ski Run Lane

Farmingville, New York 11738

DIRECTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT

www.leagueofyes.com

What to Wear: Nothing fancy! T-Shirt, Jeans/Shorts, Sneakers

How Long? Students may leave directly after singing if your family has other obligations for the day or you may stay for the games and students and families may be "buddies." If you stay for the entire day, they expect that the last game will end somewhere around 2pm.

Food: Children will receive a lunch ticket that will get them a hot dog, chips, and a water. You may wish to bring additional food if you are planning to stay the whole day.

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WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS?

The League of YES provides children with special needs the opportunity to play baseball. We are singing the National Anthem for their first game of the season. TrebleMakers students (and their families) are invited to stay and be buddies for the day. They will be playing 3 short games. If you decide to be a buddy, you get partnered up with a child that has special needs – to help them get around the bases, help them hit, and will be in the outfield with your player when they are not batting. I cannot stress enough that NO BASEBALL SKILL or TRAINING is needed for this. I am putting a list of FAQs on the back of this letter. There is a ton on information at www.leagueofyes.com.

IMPORTANT!

If your student or anyone in your family is planning on staying to be a buddy, League of YES is asking that you visit www.leagueofyes.com/volunteer and sign off on a waiver. Please be sure you check off the correct field "Bald Hill." I've looked at the site and it will take less than 1 minute to complete. If you forget or do not have internet access, they will have forms at the field.

If you have any questions, please call my school phone – 631-650-8642. I am so excited for this weekend!

Thank you,

Mr. Baur

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VOLUNTEER/BUDDY FAQ'S

What is a League of YES BUDDY?

BUDDY stands for "Because Unbelievable Dedication Deserves YOU!" BUDDYs are a vital part of the success of the League of YES. Each League of YES player is assigned a BUDDY for each game. The BUDDY is there to protect the player from flying balls, assist the player in batting and navigating the bases and having fun in the outfield when the other team is at bat. BUDDYs will receive a League of YES shirt for their participation.

Who is eligible to be a BUDDY?

BUDDYs are children and adults who typically play or enjoy baseball and softball—or just like to have fun in a spirit of giving. They come to the LEAGUE OF YES field from the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, local youth leagues, high school teams, college teams and through religious youth groups, to mention a few. We typically have BUDDYs from Middle School and up to assist however we have had BUDDYs as young as 8 and they will be paired up with an older buddy.

How do I become a BUDDY?

www.LEAGUEOFYES.com/volunteer.

What is the idea behind the BUDDY Program?

Being a BUDDY allows parents, children and volunteers to come together. The BUDDY Program has great impact on all participants. BUDDYs and players alike learn valuable skills like patience, understanding and compassion.

What is required to be a BUDDY?

BUDDYs should be energetic, committed and enthusiastic for each game and have a desire to have fun. Although we don't require it, we encourage BUDDYs to keep a consistent schedule, allowing for LEAGUE OF YES players to grow more comfortable with their new friends.

What is expected of me on game days?

You are expected to arrive for the day by 8:30 a.m. You will check in and receive a t-shirt and a food ticket. There will be brief orientation then you will be split into three groups. One group will go to one team. A second group will go to the second team of LOY players. The third will go to the third base line to be the "Tunnel of Love" and Cheering Section for the game. Don't worry. Each League of YES day involves three games and every BUDDY will have an opportunity to be with one or more players throughout the day.

Can I receive credit for service hours?

Yes, students of all ages can receive credit and, if necessary, a written recommendation towards their service hour requirements for school or other group upon completion of a full season.