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Libertyville Little League

Diamond Doings – 2018 Opening Day

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The 2018 Libertyville Little League Joe Flood Volunteer of the Year Award is Mike Salerno. Mike has been a member of the Libertyville Little League family since 2003. Mike is joined at today's 2018 Opening Day Ceremonies and Joe Flood Volunteer of the Year Award presentation by his wife Cheryl.

Mike's involvement has been instrumental in enhancing our youth sports program. His passion for children, teaching the value of healthy competition and his community is evident. Mike has thoroughly dedicated himself to his family and his community since first becoming involved with the league in 2003:



2003 - 2006 LLL Assistant Coach at various levels
2007 - LLL Varsity Division Head Coach (Varsity Division Champs)
2008 - LLL Majors Summer League Head Coach (Champs)
2009 - LLL Juniors Division Head Coach (Juniors Division Champs)
2010 - LLL Juniors Division Head Coach
2010 - 2017 Director of LLL Juniors Division
2012 - Entered LLL Juniors Division teams into the NSYHBL
2018 - NSYHBL Rules Committee Member

His three children, Andy, 24, Nick, 22, and Jessica, 18, have all played baseball and softball in the Libertyville program throughout his tenure as a volunteer and board member. Mike has been actively involved with the North Suburban Youth House Baseball League, too. And, he also managed four years of house softball and four years of travel softball in the Libertyville Girls Softball Association.

Mike is also actively involved in other community programs, too. In 2017, he ended a 29-year corporate career and joined Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) as a Job Coach, assisting 18-21-year-old individuals with developmental disabilities to prepare for competitive employment.

Mike says, "I am lucky to have coached and held a board position with the Libertyville Little League program. The experiences in little league has definitely helped me in my new role with SEDOL."

Thank you, Mike (and your family) for everything you have helped the little league and the youth athletes we serve to accomplish during the past 15 years!

Summer League Registration Now Open

Three-week, 6+ game summer season in July (no Sundays).

Registration only \$70 per player!

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

The LLL would like to express its appreciation to its dedicated list of program sponsors –many of whom have supported our program for more than 10 years! We could not offer the same level of quality athletics and facilities to our community without our sponsors' generous support. Thanks!

Visit LibertyvilleBaseball.org for frequent league and weather updates!

CONCESSION STAND SEEKS ENERGETIC STAFF!

The LLL is looking for responsible and flexible young adults to work part-time in the Concession Stand. Applicants must have completed freshman year of high school and be able to work four-hour shifts on weeknights and weekends. We offer competitive wages and a fun environment! **To apply, send your name and phone/email address to Comments@LibertyvilleBaseball.org or visit LibertyvilleBaseball.org**

RUN, DON'T BALK: UMPIRES NEEDED

Earn money, learn the official rules of the game and how to effectively manage teams of people as a baseball umpire! Applicants must reside within the LLL boundaries and be 13 years of age (or older) by September 1, 2018. Any umpire 13-15 years old will need a work permit from their school. Umpires 16 years old and older require a free background check. Hours flexible. To apply, visit the Online Registration page at LibertyvilleBaseball.org.

MLB 2018 Pitch Hit and Run Competition

The third annual Scott's MLB Pitch Hit and Run event will be held **May 5 from 8 AM to 4 PM** on Odom Field. Participants compete for a chance to advance to regional events at MLB ballparks and the championship event at the

MLB All-Star Game in Washington DC! LLL has sent players to the regional Team finals at Wrigley Field each year since the program began in 2016! **Day-of-event registration required, including a copy of player's birth certificate for age verification.**



CHALLENGER LEAGUE

Baseball for children and young adults (ages 6-21 years) with disabilities and special needs is also available. Practices and games are organized to involve the entire family!
Info: LibertyvilleBaseball.org

CONCUSSION AWARENESS

Athletes with a head injury are now required to receive medical clearance before returning to play. See LLL's Safety Plan and concussion identification resources on our webpage.

AED & CPR

Automated External Defibrillator devices are accessible inside each concession stand and many LLL board members are CPR certified.

LIGHTENING WARNINGS

Butler Lake Park is equipped with a severe weather detection system. Immediately take shelter in your car whenever the system is activated — until the "All Clear" signal sounds.

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PLAY BALL!