

**Falls Church Kiwanis Little League  
2017 Opening Day Information  
April 1, 2017**

**Westgate Baseball Fields @ Scotts Run Community Park  
Behind Westgate Elementary School  
7500 Magarity Road, Falls Church, VA 22043**

**8:45 am – 10:00 am**

**Parade Begins 9:00 am and the Ceremony is from 9:30 – 10:00 am**

**Please read the below instructions carefully as we have made some changes to the Opening Day parade and activities.**

1. Majors, AAA, AA, A, T-Ball and Challenger teams should meet their managers at Pimmit Hills School (7510 Lisle Ave) at 8:45 am. **Please be aware this is a new starting location for many of the teams because all teams will be meeting at Pimmit Hills School. Please consult the attached map to locate the staging area for your playing division.**
2. The Challenger and T-Ball teams should meet at the front of Pimmit Hills School, which faces Lisle Avenue. Teams will line up by division and in alphabetical order within the each division. Challengers and TBall teams will lead the parade. Please see the enclosed map of the school for locations.
3. The A, AA, AAA and Majors teams should meet on the sidewalk on the side of the school, which faces Griffith Road. Teams will line up by division -- Please see the enclosed map of the school for locations. The teams in that order will march behind the T-Ball Teams.
4. Several designated FCKLL volunteers will help organize the teams – by division and in alphabetical order - at Pimmit Hills School. Teams will march in designated sequence as indicated on the enclosed map of the school.
5. All teams will start the parade at approximately 9:00 am and proceed down Lisle Ave. The parade will continue down Lisle Ave. to Peabody Court to Magarity Road and then to the Westgate 1 baseball field. Police escort and volunteers will be provided for the parade. (See attached map of the parade route.)
6. **There will be very limited parking available at the Pimmit Hills School because that is where the players and teams are gathering.** There is also very limited parking available behind Westgate School and at the Westgate Fields. Parking is available at the Mitre Corporation Building 1 parking lot (see attachment) and on nearby streets. Parents are encouraged to drop their players near the Pimmit Hills School, park their cars, and then wait at Westgate for the parade to arrive. Of course, parents are welcome to march in the parade as well.

7. Players should wear hats, uniforms and sneakers. No cleats, gloves or bats are necessary. Please dress appropriately for weather conditions.
8. Upon arrival at the Westgate field, teams will be led onto the field and line up in sequence along the outfield fence. Teams will need to enter in left field at gate, go to third base, and run around to first. Then proceed around the back of infield toward the left field line.
9. Teams will be announced one at a time and will assume positions in the outfield grass, right behind the infield. Teams will remain in their positions during the ceremony. (Note: For younger teams it has shown to be helpful for the manager to bring candy treats to keep the kids occupied during the ceremony.)
10. The ceremony is scheduled for 9:30 – 10:00 am. Each Majors team needs to pick one or more catchers - normally a League Age 12 - to catch the first pitches. Their parents should bring their mask and glove to the first base dugout before the ceremony begins.
11. **Individual and team photographs will be taken on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> this year, not on Opening Day.** We encourage you to use your own camera on Opening Day and a photo schedule for April 29<sup>th</sup> will be provided soon.
12. Majors games will be played at Westgate 1 on Opening Day. There are other teams that have games on Opening Day as well. Please check with your manager and schedule. All other teams and families are invited to stay and watch the majors teams play.
13. The FCKLL snack bar will be open and the FCKLL Quartermaster will host an annual sale. Surplus shirts, pants, hats and other equipment will be available for sale at great prices.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL 2017 SEASON**

**PLAY BALL!**