

District 6 Challenger Baseball is entering its 15th season! **Interested in lending a hand?**



WHAT IS CHALLENGER?

The Challenger Division, a separate and unique unit of Little League Baseball, was created as a means of allowing children and young adults with special needs to directly participate in this wonderful sport. It is open to any individual for whom conventional Little League would pose too great a challenge. Over our many seasons, we have never turned a player away for any reason.

WHEN ARE GAMES PLAYED?

Games are played on Sundays, from late March through mid-June, at Challenger Field in Palisades Park. There are two games each afternoon. The first has an arrival time of 12:30 (warm up); play begins at 1:00. This game is for our players in greater need of assistance; each player has a one-on-one buddy who remains with them throughout their time on the field. The latter game (2:00 arrival, 2:30 start) involves our older and more independent players; a visiting District 6 team usually joins us. There is lesser need for assistance during this game.

WHAT DO PEER VOLUNTEERS OR “BUDDIES” DO?

Our buddies' main job is to directly assist players throughout warm ups and games, to keep players engaged and safe, and to *have fun!* In addition, buddies may help with field preparation, snack distribution, and other jobs that facilitate the smooth progression of game day activities. Baseball knowledge or athletic skills are great, but they are by no means necessary for our volunteers. Kindness is the only trait we require.

Without the support, enthusiasm, and empathy of our wonderful volunteers, the league simply would not be possible.



District 6 Challenger would love to have you on board! If you are interested in volunteering as a buddy, please complete and return the appropriate form.

Registration forms and additional information can be found at D6Challenger.com. Forms can be returned to D6 Challenger, PO Box 366, Edgewater, NJ 07020; via email to D6Challenger@gmail.com; or simply brought to our first game (though we do ask that you let us know to expect you!).

If you have any questions, feel free to call Ita Saldana at 646 808 7101, Elisa Cruz at 201 240 5422, or email us at D6Challenger@gmail.com. We hope to see you soon!