



Town of Mammoth Lakes  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2015 YOUTH SPORTS FUNDING PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

**Name of organization:** Mono County Little League      **Website:** www.monocountylittleleague.com

**Mailing address:** PO Box 18, Mammoth Lakes      **State:** CA      **Zip:** 93546

**Chair/President/Commissioner:** Robert Calvert, President

**Phone:** 760-920-1990      **Email:** calbuddy@mac.com

**Treasurer:** Kristy Williams

**Phone:** 760-709-1493      **Email:** banner6@verizon.net

**Tax ID Number:** 77-0375840

**If you do not have a Tax ID number, has one been requested?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of organization:** Baseball instruction – teaching life lessons through baseball to kids ages 4-15.

### FUNDING INFORMATION

**Amount of funding request:** \$ 3,700

**Please describe how the funds received in 2014 were spent:**

In 2014, we spent our TOML Youth Sports Funding Grant (\$3700) on uniforms. Uniform costs totaled \$4,517 last season (including All Star Uniforms.) All players are given hats, pants and socks to keep. Additionally they are loaned jerseys and belts, which they return to MCLL at the end of the season.

**Please describe how the requested funding for 2015 will be used:**

If granted, funds for 2015 would go toward league fees (we pay over \$2000 to Little League International for our annual charter, including insurance) and again go toward uniforms. We strive to keep registration fees low, however had to raise fees this year (by \$5/child.)

**What other sources have you pursued to obtain funding? (e.g.: fundraising events, grants, increased participant fees?) Please attach any information that will assist in establishing the funding history of the organization.**

Annual funding comes from Registration Fees, Sponsorships, and Community Grants. Families pay \$75 per child, with possible discounts for "earlybird" registration, multiple children, and coaches. Local businesses support our program via sponsorships with levels ranging from \$100-\$500. We request grants from both Mono County (\$3,000 denied when the program was canceled for 2015) and from the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Additionally we work closely with the Mammoth Lakes Women's Club to earn money from concession (snack shack) sales during games.



Do you have a Facility Use Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes?  Yes  No

Are any Town resources (e.g., parks, fields or facilities) used by the organization?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate the nature of the usage, the estimated number of participant hours, and any expenses incurred by your organization for the prep and maintenance of the facility used by your organization.

We use Shady Rest ballfields and Whitmore ballfields. Our season runs from late March through early July, including pre-season practice, regular season and post-season play. During that time, **we estimate 9,920 youth participation hours total**, which includes 5,120 hours of practice time (160kids x 32 hours) and 4,800 hours of game time (160 kids x 30 hours). All of our coaches are volunteers so there is no expense when they do field work.

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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**Duration of the program's season (days per year):**

Our program lasts approximately 12 weeks, or 84 days. This includes practices, games (regular season games are played in a 6 week period) and post-season play.

**Number of registered youth participants in 2014:** We estimate approximately 155-160 kids will participate in 2015. We are still receiving late registration requests.

**Percentage of Mammoth Lakes area full-time residents (including Crowley and other nearby areas):**

All of our participants are full-time residents of Mono County, as per Little League National regulations. Of those, in 2015 approximately 81% live in Mammoth Lakes, Crowley or Toms Place/Sunny Slopes. The remaining 19% live in June Lake, Lee Vining and Bridgeport.

**Number of adult volunteer hours involved with the program (specific program set up, maintenance, etc. – provide details):**

We are an organization run entirely by volunteers. Our board consists of 14 volunteers and for 2015 we estimate that we will have a total of approximately 75 adult volunteers register. We estimate that well over 3,000 volunteer hours go into our program, including approximately 2,790 hours of coaching time, 200 hours of board meeting time, 200 hours of event/program preparation, and 150 hours of miscellaneous tasks.

**What type of measures or procedures do you take to promote good sportsmanship among the players, coaches and parents? Are there policies in place to discourage abusive behavior and language towards participants, coaches and officials?**

Good sportsmanship is at the core of our Little League Fundamentals.

- Our player and parent pledges include verbiage of fair play, doing our best, and respecting others (including other players, coaches and umpires.) Both pledges are distributed and recited at Opening Day.
- All coaches are required to attend "Positive Coaching Alliance" training.
- Each year we award Player of The Year to the player that embraces good sportsmanship, respect for the game and for others and shows leadership within their team.
- Often these efforts will prevent any abusive behavior/language, but if not, abusive players/coaches are subject to game suspensions.



**Outside of your program, what type of community programs or projects does your organization participate in?**

Our board members actively volunteer (and hold board/leadership positions in many cases) with other local organizations including: AYSO, Mammoth Sharks Swim Team, Girl Scouts of the Eastern Sierra, Mammoth Lakes Foundation, Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater, Mono Council for the Arts, Mammoth School PTO, Mammoth Middle School Organization, Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation, Mammoth Schools classroom volunteer, Bridgeport Schools volunteer, Bridgeport Regional Planning Advisory Committee, Bridgeport Public Utilities District, Bridgeport Founders Day, and more.

**Please feel free to provide any additional information you feel pertinent that would aid us in evaluating your request.**

We are grateful for past support from the Town of Mammoth Lakes. It is critical that we keep registration fees at a manageable level – otherwise we are not able to field enough players and teams to have a strong program in our small community. All local children are encouraged to play Little League baseball. Our registration flyers and forms are printed in both English and Spanish.

We took a big hit to our budget when the Mono County Board of Supervisors voted to not award any community grants for 2014-15. We were told that this decision may be reversed, but it will be too late for our purposes for 2014-15. After we heard the news, we decided to take action and raise registration fees by \$5/child. In addition, we budgeted to bring in more money in sponsorship. To date, these efforts are somewhat filling the gap – however, we have seen registration drop slightly and while business sponsorships are up over last year, they have not yet met our budgeted amount.

Almost 2/3 of our participants receive a discounted registration rate - including early bird discounts, family multi-player discounts, volunteer discounts and full or partial scholarships. We strive to keep our program costs down and to be affordable to most families, yet do offer scholarships so that no child is denied the ability to play if they cannot afford the fee.

While we encourage players to purchase their own equipment, we do not require it, like many other Little League regions. We supply bats, helmets and catchers gear for each team.

We are entirely run with volunteers – from board members to coaches to umpires. We strive to provide a solid program teaching baseball fundamentals and life skills through baseball. Thank you for considering our request.

**IMPORTANT: Please attach your organizations current fiscal year budget (P&L), detailing all revenues and expenditures to this form.**

Budget below.



### Mono County Little League 2015 Budget

Income	2015 Budget
Registration Fees	\$9,375.00
Business Sponsorships	\$7,675.00
Town of Mammoth Lakes	\$3,700.00
Mono County Community Grant	\$-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,750.00</b>

Expenses	2015 Budget
Little League International - Charter, Insurance & Fees	\$2,400.00
Uniforms	\$8,300.00
Equipment	\$4,500.00
Trophies	\$500.00
Team/Individual Photos	\$750.00
Coaches' tools (Coach Deck, additional rule books)	\$300.00
Safety Supplies (volunteer badges, first aid kits, rule books)	\$300.00
Food - Volunteers/Meetings (draft, clinics)	\$100.00
Opening Day - banners, supplies	\$150.00
Closing Day - banners, supplies, food	\$450.00
Facility Rental (TOML field, MHS Gym, MES Library, Storage Unit)	\$450.00
Office supplies (incl PO Box annual fee \$56)	\$250.00
Website and online registration system	\$100.00
Training (umpire)	\$500.00
Post season - registration, uniforms, coaches thank yous	\$1,700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,750.00</b>

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION DEPARTMENT, LOCATED AT 437 OLD MAMMOTH ROAD BY FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015 BY 5:00 P.M. TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL (760) 934-8989 EXT. 237 OR EXT. 222.**