Celebrating 70 years on the Ridge

PARADISE LITTLE LEAGUE

2022 Opening Day

2023 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open to softball and baseball players age 4-14 for the 2023 season!! Click the registration tab at paradiselittleleague.org to find all required forms and get your player(s) registered. Financial assistance is available. Registration closes 1/31/23.

Paradise Little League is proudly endorsed by:

PARADISE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Every Student Matters. Every Moment Counts.

TOWN OF Paradise CALIFORNIA INC. 1979

Magalia Community Park

THE BRAVES won the pennant for the first season of Little League baseball in Paradise this summer. Members of the team are, front row, from left, Robert Thomas, Dave Benson, John Harrison, Mike Martin, Fred Rodrigues, Eldon Hathaway, Kenny Devlin. Standing, Coach Glen Rugh, Don Fairbanks, Tom Dille, Cliff Lane, Tim Marks, Bob Carpenter, Danny Thorne, Stan Miller, and Harold Lambert, players' representative.

THE DODGERS—Front row, from left, Jerry Jensen, Tommy Thomas, Laird Petterson, Dick Wenbels, Bill Edger, Dick Youmans. Standing, Paul Snodgrass, Glen Moore, Charlie Monohen, LeRoy McCabe, Dave Wernicke, Earl Flick, and Jim Bietle, coach. Hanson-Baldinger Studio photos

THE PHILLIES—Lyle Moore, Pinky Greene, John Theriault, Eddie Peterson, Tommy Gallett, Butch Murphy, and Rich Martin. Rear row, Harold Lambert, players' representative, Bob Youmans, Bill Gardner, David Stephens, Doug Parker, Kenneth Heinzke, and Paul Nienober, coach. Hanson-Baldinger Studio photo

THE CARDINALS—Front row, from left, Paul Dart, Tim Thomasen, Dick Johnson, Lanny French, Bob Hofman, Frank Parker, coach. Rear row, Harold Lambert, players' representative; Bob Collier, Don Gall, Mike Sonnenberg, Tommy Parker.

Inaugural Season, 1953

70 YEARS SERVING RIDGE YOUTH

Although our League looks much different than it did in our inaugural season, we still believe that Little League is more than "just" baseball. It is a chance for our community to come together and teach our boys (and girls since 1976!) sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and many other values that make not just great athletes, but great citizens.

In 1953 Paradise chartered its first Little League, rostering four Major Division teams, and sending the same number to an unofficial "Farm" league.

At that time, the League was only open to 10-12 year old boys, but in 1976, when Little League opened its dugouts to girls, PLL did too and rostered the first girl to play Little League in Paradise. That same year, Paradise also took home its first District 47 championship (coincidence? I think not). While this was a major milestone, it was not until 1991 that our local Bobby Sox program merged with PLL to create the first Paradise Little League Softball program.

Throughout its 70 years, PLL has claimed 31 District 47 and four Section 2 All Star and TOC Championships across all divisions. Participation, community support, and field access has ebbed and flowed over the years, but nothing has so drastically affected our program than the 2018 Camp Fire.

Like most of our community, we suffered great losses. Not only did we see our participation cut in half (along with associated income), we also lost access to eight of the twelve fields we played on before the fire. Remarkably, however, we did not let that keep us from playing. In fact the only season we have ever sat the bench was in 2020, when Little Leaguers all over the world had to sit out due to COVID-19.

Since the fire, Paradise Little League has worked diligently to repair and rebuild with our community, and we are currently planning major renovations to the fields at Egleson Complex as well as the building of new fields to replace those lost to the fire.

Last season we saw a 100% increase in registration over 2021, along with a huge boost in community support. In fact, at the rate we're going, we anticipate being back to pre-fire participation by the 2024 season! Although we are ecstatic about our growth, our optimism is cautious, as we currently do not have the facilities to support so many players.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE. REALLY.

As a 100% volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, PLL has always depended on our community. Never has that been more true than in the wake of the Camp Fire and the COVID-19 Pandemic, which combined took more than half of our places to play along with several years of registration and sponsorship income.

We believe our kids deserve great facilities, great equipment, and great coaching, but we can only make those happen with *your* help.

2022 Season Sponsors

Just a few of our 2022 volunteers...

BIG DREAMS = BIG IMPACT

PLL has set our sights on some BIG dreams! Not only do we have major improvements such as field lighting, a 4-lane batting cage, and additional parking in the works at Egleson Little League Complex, we also have begun preliminary planning of additional fields and practice spaces to accommodate our growing community. We believe that even our wildest dreams are possible, as long as we work together.

Want to be part of something BIG? Join our team of volunteers and sponsors today!

FIND US EVERYWHERE

SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT WITH PLL FAN GEAR!

eat. sleep. little league.

Youth - Tri-Blend crew neck tee. Black. Sizes YXS-YL. **$18**

Women's - Tri-Blend V-neck tee. Black. Sizes WS-W2XL. **$25**

Men's/Unisex - Dry fit crew neck tee. Black. Sizes S-3XL. **$25**

stadium cushion

Closed cell foam Therm-a-Seat. 10.25x13". Gray. **$10**

raised in a cage

Youth - 100% cotton raglan jersey. White/Forest Green. Sizes YXS-YL. **$18**

Youth - Tri-Blend crew neck tee. Gray. Sizes YXS-YL. **$18**

ballin' on the ridge

Women's - Tri-Blend tank. White. Sizes WS-W2XL **$25**

Men's - Tri-Blend tank. White. Sizes S-3XL **$25**

hit and steal

Men's/Unisex - Tri-Blend crew neck tee. Gray. Sizes S-3XL **$25**

Women's- Tri-Blend crew neck. Gray. Sizes WS-W2XL **$25**

no place like home

Men's/Unisex - 100% cotton raglan jersey. White/Forest Green. Sizes S-3XL **$25**

logo **A.** Women's Tri-Blend tank. Black. Sizes S-2XL $25 **B.** Unisex 100% cotton crew neck tee. Gold. $15 **C.** Unisex Dri-Fit crew neck tee. Black. Also available in youth sizes S-L. $20 **D.** Unisex Dri-Fit crew neck tee. Forest Green. $20 **E.** Unisex Dri-Fit 1/4 zip long sleeve. Black. $35 **F.** Unisex Performance Fleece drawstring hoody with kangaroo pocket. $40 Unless otherwise noted, all logo gear is available in limited quantities of unisex adult sizes S-3XL.

hats **G.** Limited Edition All Star Cap. Flexfit. Green and Gold. Sizes Y, S/M, L/XL. $25 **H.** Digital Camo with white mesh. Flexfit. Size S/M. $20 **I.** 'Murca. Woodland Camo with American Flag mesh. Snapback. One size. $20 **J.** Visor with adjustable velcro closure. Black. One size. $18

SO MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT PLL!

PS5 RAFFLE

Hurry! Raffle ends 12/22 at noon! (Drawing at 5:00 pm on FB Live)

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Great to stuff stockings, or use the coupons yourself to buy equipment or gifts for all of your athletes!