

## RRL PAST BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME	Anonymous
1. How many years have you volunteered your time at Roadrunner Little League?	
I started volunteering at RRL in 1987. I started as manager in T-Ball when Sledge was 5-years old. I did nothing but manage until about 1990 when I also joined the board. I have been a board member until October 2020. All totaled I have been a volunteer at Roadrunner for 33 years.	
2. What have been or were your main responsibilities or titles during this time?	
I was a manager from 1987 through 2005, often managing from two to four teams per year. I was VP of the Junior (formerly Senior Farm) Division and the Senior Division from 1992 through 2005. I also made schedules for all divisions for about 5 years. I was VP of the Minor Division and Major Division for about 10 years. I also served as RRL VP for about four years. I have probably emptied more trash at RRL than anybody with the possible exception of John Della Longa. For about six years my wife and I were the chief buyers for the concession stand. I was one of about six board members who installed the lights on the Major Field. I also was one the volunteers who installed the cabinets in the current concession stand when it new. I was also involved in building the Rookie Field (now the T-Ball) in about 1994. Before we got artificial turf, I used to drag the Rookie, Major, and Senior Fields every Saturday morning before games started at 7:30 a.m. I have probably umpired more games than even Terry. I have kept score, announced, and monitored for many, many All Star tournaments at RRL.	
3. Volunteers are the backbone of Little League. Why did you step up and take on responsibilities that others did not?	
I feel very strongly about service to my community. I have loved baseball since I was 5 years old. I have been fortunate to play baseball through the college Division I level and have coached at the college level. Volunteering at RRL has given me the opportunity to serve my community in a way that I truly loved. As a coach, I wanted to teach baseball to kids at all talent levels, teach them the importance of contributing to their team regardless of their talent level, and give them good memories of playing Little League that would last them the rest of their lives. By serving on the board, I wanted to provide every kid and family an outstanding experience playing baseball. I sincerely thank RRL for giving me the opportunity to serve and to try to make RRL a great league.	
4. How did you feel in the beginning of your Roadrunner journey?	
When I started at RRIL, I had no doubt that I could teach kids how to play baseball at the best of their ability. I did not know much at all about how to run a league. I learned by watching how other board members did it.	
5. Would you mind sharing any special memories that stick out (good or not so good) while at Roadrunner?	
Coaching kids and having them come back many years later and tell me how much they enjoyed playing on my teams. I have had many kids come back in the 20's and 30's to thank me although I could hardly remember who they were. Unpleasant memories: In the mid 1990's one of my players hit a line drive into the face of the opposing pitcher. The cause was assumed to be the speed at	

which balls trampoline off of aluminum bats. As a result, RRLL decided to use only wooden bats for two or three years. This was a very controversial decision and probably cost RRLL several All Star wins when we competed with wooden bats against other Little Leagues using metal bats. Probably the most unpleasant experience was the yearly All Star selection process. It has always been the most controversial and heartbreaking experience for parents and players. It was also unpleasant to tell players and coaches who had been ejected from games that they had to be suspended.

6. Would you do it all over again? Why or why not?

Yes. I think the reasons why are given above.

7. Like any Little League, volunteers are the heart and soul of the League. That being said, what would you say to someone who wants to volunteer but is feeling apprehensive, doubtful of their ability, or just plain anxious (emotions you might have experienced before you took the plunge)?

Potential volunteers should be made aware that by volunteering they are serving their community and have the opportunity to help others. Volunteers will do as little or much as they desire. Every little bit helps. I have learned over the years that you can't get any more out of a volunteer than they are willing to give, but you have to appreciate what they give no matter how small it is.

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NAME	Jeremy Leach
1. How many years have you volunteered your time at Roadrunner Little League?	
15?	
2. What have been or were your main responsibilities or titles during this time?	
Coach, Manager, All-Star Coach, VP Rookies, VP Minors	
3. Volunteers are the backbone of Little League. Why did you step up and take on responsibilities that others did not?	
Road Runner has a great community around it. Many alumni return as adults and help. I wanted to help give the great experience I had here to other families and help other coach's and volunteers be successful.	
4. How did you feel in the beginning of your Roadrunner journey?	
I was concerned that I wouldn't be able to find the time to help. It wasn't long before Little League was a huge part of our family's life.	
5. Would you mind sharing any special memories that stick out (good or not so good) while at Roadrunner?	
Watching all of the kids that have played at Road Runner grow up into young adults and graduate. Too many memories and friendships made to list them all.	
6. Would you do it all over again? Why or why not?	
Absolutely! It's more than just coaching baseball. We have developed a community that goes far beyond what happens on the field. The friendships that the players and parents make last beyond their Little League days. My family has gotten more from our time at Road Runner than I could ever give back.	
7. Like any Little League, volunteers are the heart and soul of the League. That being said, what would you say to someone who wants to volunteer but is feeling apprehensive, doubtful of their ability, or just plain anxious (emotions you might have experienced before you took the plunge)?	
Jump in! There are so many different ways to help out. Every little bit helps and goes towards making the player's experience better. There are a lot of resources available to help you get started.	

## RRLL PAST BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME	Vince Villavicencio
1. How many years have you volunteered your time at Roadrunner Little League?	
9 Years	
2. What have been or were your main responsibilities or titles during this time?	
9 Years Coaching / Managing Minor/Majot/Jr./Sr./Big League Baseball. 7 of the 9 years as the Jr./Sr./Big League Baseball VP.	
3. Volunteers are the backbone of Little League. Why did you step up and take on responsibilities that others did not?	
I did it for the kids. There have been many times I have had to step in and be the manager for a team due to parents not volunteering. Sometimes, my sons were not on the team.	
4. How did you feel in the beginning of your Roadrunner journey?	
Very energetic and wanting to make baseball a fun activity for the kids.	
5. Would you mind sharing any special memories that stick out (good or not so good) while at Roadrunner?	
Coaching ages 14 to 18 (both male and female) in Big League. Many didn't play High School ball for various reasons, but still wanted to play baseball. Several were cut from High School during their freshman or Sophomore year, but later made the team during their Junior and Senior years. It's also very satisfying when kids improve their skills, which increases their confidence beyond baseball. Watching these kids grow up into fine young adults is very satisfying, especially when you helped as a role model.	
6. Would you do it all over again? Why or why not?	
Yes. There is not a lot of opportunity for teens to play baseball (or other sports) unless they make the High School team. I would rather have teens play baseball than get bored and get in trouble (i.e. when are kids most likely to get into serious trouble – in the teen years).	
7. Like any Little League, volunteers are the heart and soul of the League. That being said, what would you say to someone who wants to volunteer but is feeling apprehensive, doubtful of their ability, or just plain anxious (emotions you might have experienced before you took the plunge)?	
At first, I didn't want to interrupt the coaches. However, I started to get requests from them to help out (shagging baseballs during hitting practice, pitching batting practice before a game while they set the lineup and pitching, keeping the scorebook, etc.). After a while, it got very easy to volunteer.	

There are many resources (Youtube, other coaches and board members) that can help your lack of experience. I played High School baseball and in the adult leagues, but I still tapped into these resources when I volunteered.

It is a very big help when parents volunteer for even the simplest tasks. Team Moms (Parent) are a huge help for the team. I'll leave you with a thought I learned through these years, and that is PARENTS MAKE THE SEASON. If they volunteer, the team has a great experience. If they do not, the kids have a bad experience.