



## Junior Giants Festival Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Junior Giants Festival?**
  - The Festival is an event to celebrate Junior Giants players' achievements in the Round the Bases Reading program. Entire teams who reach the home run level are invited to AT&T Park to participate in a shift lasting approximately (90) minutes. While at the event, teams will have the opportunity to:
    - Play on the field and run the bases
    - Go through stations related to the Junior Giants themes (Health, Education and Bullying Prevention)
    - Go into exclusive areas at the ballpark (the dugouts, Visitors' Clubhouse, Field Club Lounge, the Garden, etc.)
- **When will we know our assigned shift to attend the Festival?**
  - **Friday, September 15**, you will receive your final shift(s).
  - Shift start times generally range from about 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM and last (90) minutes. This is subject to change based on the number of teams that RSVP.
  - For leagues with multiple teams attending, we will do our best to assign teams to the same shift or back-to-back shifts.
- **How many chaperones can attend?**
  - Chaperones need to be background-checked coaches and team parents.
  - We allow chaperones into the event in a 1:4 ratio (1 chaperone for every (4) players). You can use this guide to determine how many chaperones will be allowed into the event:
    - **1-4 players = (1) chaperone**
    - **5-8 players = (2) chaperones**
    - **9-12 players = (3) chaperones**
    - **13-16 players = (4) chaperones**
    - **17-20 players = (5) chaperones**
  - The chaperone ratio is based on the players who actually show up to the Festival that day.
    - For example, if (15) players said they were attending but only (10) showed up, (3) chaperones can enter the event (not 4).
    - Please note, background checked coaches and team parents with their Junior Giants shirts and ID badges will be allowed into the event as chaperones even if their entire team does not attend.
- **Where should additional parents/guardians go during the event?**
  - Parents/guardians may wish to accompany their children to the event even if they are not one of their team's designated chaperones. The Coca Cola Fan Lot (inside the ballpark near the giant glove and Coke bottle slide in left field) will be open for parents/guardians and siblings to wait during the event. Teams will exit the Festival through Willie Mays Plaza approximately (90) minutes after their assigned shift time.
- **Where should we park and how much does it cost?**
  - Parking in Lot A (the main Giants lot at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Terry A Francois Blvd.) will be free for Festival attendees during the event. You will receive a parking pass via email beforehand—please print it out and leave it on your dashboard.



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- Please note there is another event happening on the pier next to the parking lot. Make sure to give yourself enough time to park and walk to the ballpark. The entrance to the Festival is the Marina gate located behind the outfield and near the harbor.
- **How do we take public transportation to AT&T Park?**
  - [Click here](#) for more information on taking public transportation to the Festival.
- **What should we bring?**
  - Parking passes for each car (leave on the dashboard) —will be sent via email prior to the event.
  - A waiver for each player (bring to check-in)—will be sent via email prior to the event.
  - Each player should bring their glove. We will provide additional equipment.
  - It is recommended that each player bring a small backpack with a water bottle, snacks, their glove, sweatshirt, etc.
- **What should we wear?**
  - Junior Giants shirts and hats, as well as comfortable shoes and pants/shorts
  - **Coaches/Team Parents:** Remember to wear your photo ID badge
  - Remember, it can get chilly in San Francisco, so check the weather beforehand and bring layers!
- **Where should we meet when we arrive?**
  - We recommend establishing a meeting location for your group prior to checking in. Some suggestions:
    - The Juan Marichal statue outside the O'Doul Gate
    - Outside the Giants Dugout Store at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Berry St.
    - The seal statue in Seals Plaza
- **How and where should we check in?**
  - Check-in will be located near the Marina Gate (located behind center field). From Lot A, turn right after you cross the O'Doul Bridge and walk along the Portwalk.
  - Please send (1) chaperone to the check-in table with the total number of players and chaperones in your group. Players and additional chaperones should wait off to the side.
- **What should we expect the day of the event?**
  - Meet up with your team (30) minutes before your shift time
  - (1) chaperone will check in for your group and receive an info sheet and wristbands for players and chaperones
  - Players and chaperones can enter the Garden approximately (30) minutes before their shift time to participate in a scavenger hunt before entering the field
  - Additional parents and siblings can wait in the Coca Cola Fan Lot (inside the ballpark)
  - Once the shift begins and teams are welcomed onto the field, they will have approximately (45) minutes to play on the field and in the dugouts
  - After about (45) minutes, teams will enter the “inside” stations (batting cages, Visitor’s Clubhouse, Field Club Lounge, etc.) for about (45) minutes. At this time, the next shift of teams will be welcomed onto the field.
  - For the first half of the event, all teams from a given shift will be on the field together. When it’s time to go inside, the large group will split into (6) smaller groups based on wristband color. These sub-groups



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will rotate through the remaining stations together. Leagues may be split up across different sub-groups, but teams will always remain together with their designated chaperones.

- (90) minutes after the start of their shift time, teams will exit the Festival through Willie Mays Plaza, where additional parents can meet them.

- **Is there a Giants game included in the Festival?**

- No, the Festival takes place when the Giants are on the road. There is an opportunity to receive tickets to a Giants game through the end-of-season surveys for parents/guardians and coaches/team parents. Please talk to your league's Commissioner to learn more.

- **Will there be Giants players at the Festival?**

- No, the Giants will be traveling to Los Angeles to play the Dodgers during this event.

- **Will there be food provided?**

- Junior Giants will be given a healthy snack as one of the stations in the Festival. Please make sure to find out if any of the players have allergies ahead of time. There will not be a meal provided, but players are encouraged to bring snacks and/or sack lunches to eat before or after the event. If you prefer, nearby food options include:
  - Safeway
  - Subway
  - Taco Bell
  - Starbucks
  - (2) options at [The Yard](#) near Lot A
  - Feel free to use Yelp for more options (zip code: 94107)