

***Be a Ballard Little League  
UMPIRE!***



**What is the Little League Umpire Program?** Members of the Ballard Little League community (they don't have to live in Ballard) are invited to volunteer as umpires at Ballard Little League. There's so much to learn from little league; sportsmanship, competition, service. There's plenty to learn from umpiring as well; responsibility, leadership, tenacity. I believe umpiring offers fantastic perspective for volunteers young and old!

**Our umpires are very professional, am I qualified?** The league will provide uniforms, equipment, rule books and training. Every new umpire will be mentored and starts in the lower divisions. Without expanding our pool of volunteers, we'll need to pull a parent out of the stands to call balls and strikes...your contribution makes a huge difference to our athlete's experience.

**How big of a time commitment is this?** You set your own schedule. Even doing 3-5 games per season can be a HUGE help to the league. Washington District 8 umpire website [d8umpires.org](http://d8umpires.org) allows you to schedule the games you want, when you are available, to work with the umpires you want to work with. Thank you for considering becoming a Little League umpire! If you have any questions please give me a call or an e-mail.

The regular season is April and May, and league playoffs are in June. We will do training in March.

**Ok, what do I do if I'm interested?** Step 1 is to fill out the form at: [https://www.secure-sam.com/www.ballardll.net/sam/registration/reg\\_list.php](https://www.secure-sam.com/www.ballardll.net/sam/registration/reg_list.php)

Step 2 is to contact our Chief Umpire, Dave Trop, at [davetrop@comcast.net](mailto:davetrop@comcast.net); we will add you to our e-mail list where you'll find out about upcoming events and training opportunities. We provide equipment and uniforms.