



North Metro Miracle League - Orientation Day

Alpharetta, GA

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Updated 9/15 AM:

Some final thoughts from yours truly for this weekend's North Metro Miracle League (NMML) Orientation Day:

- 1) As of 9/15 AM, we have **15** Corvettes and **21** Club members signed-up to participate. A huge thank you for taking the time to attend. Means a lot to me and to the Executive Director of NMML-- John McLaughlin. I think it will be a lot of fun and put a smile on your face.
- 2) the smiles will be a lot wider if the weather cooperates. As of 9/15 AM-- I see a **40%** chance of precipitation. NMML has said they will make a decision on Thurs or Fri whether to proceed or not with Orientation Day. I will be your focal point and keep you informed so stay tuned. I will send you a communication one way or the other as soon as I hear from NMML.
- 3) slight change from what I wrote earlier: see if you can arrive to North Park's Turf 1 field by 10:45 am instead of 11 am. Turf 1 field is our staging area. NMML would like us rolling onto the Miracle League field a little earlier. I'd like for us to parade over all together from Turf 1 field to the Miracle League field at 11 am or a little after. The two fields are almost next to each other. This is just a 15 min change so hopefully not an issue.
- 4) I plan to arrive to Turf 1 field by 10:15 and be in front. I don't know if that particular field is being used in the morning for football practice or a game and if there will be much traffic in the parking lot. We'll just have to see and be flexible. Hoping our police escorts can help guide us.
- 5) I have been told that we will have a police escort from Turf 1 field to the Miracle League field with lights flashing. We're talking about a 2 min drive.
- 6) bring your car flags if you can and hopefully the weather is cooperative so we can take the tops off. No big deal if you cannot. No radios needed.
- 7) there are speed humps in North Park so be careful.

8) we will drive on to the adapted rubberized Miracle League field in the infield. It is turquoise in color. Pls-- no burn-outs that might damage the surface. There are no games that day.

9) park side by side on the infield. Should be plenty of room for our 13+ cars. Maybe two or three rows. Space out neatly as best you can.

10) if you are late and miss the parade over-- just join us on the Miracle League field (turquoise color).

11) after 30 mins or so of showing our cars and talking to the "kids" and parents--- David and I will make a formal presentation to the Executive Director of the North Metro Miracle League and present them with our 2021 charitable donation of \$1,000. Would like for all of us to gather around.

12) we will stay on the infield with our cars until 12:30 (1 hour plus). We can then all leave together (with or without an escort).

13) for those coming to lunch-- I have told the manager at Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub that we will arrive no later than 1 pm. We will have a semi-private or private room. OBD is in Milton GA. Pay individually. Address is 12650 Crabapple Road, Milton GA. It's no more than 10-15 mins from North Park. For those coming to lunch-- I will lead us over there when we exit the Miracle League field so follow me or use your GPS to get there if unfamiliar.

14) regarding **lunch**, help me out one more time whether you are coming to lunch. Here is what I know **(updated 9/15 AM)**

Cassaniti- yes-1

Aschenbrenners-yes-2

Boaz-yes-2

Cangemi-yes-1

Colella-no

Cone-no

Cruce-yes-1

Horstmeyer-yes-1 or 2

Huntzicker-yes-1

Klingensmith-yes-1

Neff-no

Sissell-yes-1

Smith B.-no

Zajicek-yes-1

Zeppenfeld-?

Thank you again for your participation. By all means, email/text/call me with any questions, suggestions, or if I missed something. This is my first time putting on an event like this.

Respectfully,

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Original communication:

The North Metro Miracle (NMML) League provides supportive programming for children, youth and adults with disabilities focused on healthier, more active lifestyles, social competence, and emotional well-being. Disability is a family affair. We proactively acknowledge, include and support parents and siblings. Check-out our website for more information: www.nmml.net. Doing extraordinary things ... with extraordinary people!

Amongst the many programs offered by NMML, I have been a volunteer coach for their Adapted Softball program for 5+ years. They offer a Spring and a Fall season. We play our games on Saturdays at North Park in Alpharetta followed by a season-ending awards ceremony. The season begins with "Orientation Day". This day has a festival type atmosphere. It's a chance for the "kids" and parents to meet their coaches, pick-up their jerseys, reacquaint with teammates, and enjoy each other's company. There are typically police officers and firemen present to greet the players.

For this year's Orientation Day on Saturday, 9/18 from 11-1 pm, I propose we gather our Corvettes and show them off on the adapted Miracle League field at North Park for all to see. There are no games on Orientation Day. See pictures.

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2021

Time: Corvettes to meet at 11 am at Turf 1 field in North Park. We will parade to the Miracle League field (1 minute away) at 11:15 am. We will stay for one hour and leave around 12:30 pm

Address: 13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA

Other:

- There are two entrances into North Park. I am showing the address using Cogburn Rd.
- The road within North Park is called Johnny Herron Way
- There are unmarked speed humps throughout the park
- The turquoise-colored field is called the Miracle League Field where we will show our cars
- If you come later— drive straight to the Miracle League Field
- If there is interest—I can find a place for us to have lunch in Alpharetta/Roswell

It would be an impressive sight to see a bunch of Corvettes roll-in to the sports complex. And what joy this would bring to the players and their parents/guardians. I am open for questions and/or suggestions. I never did one of these before. Thank you.

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