

Dearborn Lions Silver Email Newsletter for August 28, 2010

"Meet the Team" Meeting

If you missed our "Meet the Team" gatherings last Saturday, please contact one of your Team Moms to obtain a copy of the information sheet that was passed out. It contains, among other things, contact information for your son's Head Coach, as well as an explanation of the attendance policy. In short, all practices are mandatory, and if your child misses practice, you must contact the Head Coach prior to the beginning of practice. Otherwise, the absence will be considered unexcused and your child will be subject to discipline, which may impact his playing time on game day.

Freshman Football

Katie Marano
Liliana Rousseau
Zena AlAziz

JV Football

Dawn Werth
Lori Saad

Varsity Football

Rose Camarena
Kay Fawaz

Cheerleading Team Moms

Lynn Hacker
Toni Chammout

Football and Cheerleading Registration

Football registration is officially closed. We will continue to accept cheerleader registrations for the next few days, pending squad availability. If you know of any young ladies interested in joining our two cheerleading squads, please direct them to our Cheerleading Director, Stephanie Heisey.

Football & Cheerleading Practice Schedule

August 30 and 31, 5:30–8 p.m.

September 1, 5:30-8 p.m.

September 2, Scrimmage at Dearborn Heights, TBA

2010 Scrimmage

We will scrimmage the Dearborn Heights Raiders at Parkland Park on Thursday, September 2. Time to be announced.

Medication on the Field

If your child needs to have medication on the field, please be sure to send it with him or her to all practices and games. Please enclose the medication in a clear plastic bag to protect it from the weather and write their name and squad on the bag.

Cleats

If your son is wearing shoes with screw-in cleats, please note that if he breaks or loses a cleat during a game, he will be removed from the game and may not re-enter until the broken or lost cleat has been replaced. It is your responsibility to purchase extra cleats and make sure they are available should this happen. Talk to the head coach about storing them in the team equipment bag.

Picture Day

On Saturday, August 28, we will have our annual Picture Day. Photographs will be taken on the north side of the river in the far southwestern corner of the park, beginning with Varsity football at 9 a.m. The photographing of JV football players will start at 9:30 a.m., followed by Freshmen football players and all cheerleaders at 10 a.m. Each team will practice following its photo session, and practice will end at 12:30 p.m. for everyone. All children are required to participate in the photo sessions, although parents are NOT obligated to purchase anything. Your child should bring home an order/price form on Friday, August 27. If you decide to place an order, please complete one order form for each child, and attach one payment per order form. Forms will also be available Saturday at the site. Please do not interrupt the photographers or enter the photography area. If you have questions or need assistance, staff members collecting the order envelopes will assist you. Football players will wear their silver game jersey and game pants. Cheerleaders will wear their full uniform with leotard, and are asked to bring a change of clothes in which to practice.

Materials Fee

Team Moms are collecting the \$25 Materials Fee, which helps cover miscellaneous costs incurred by your child, such as halftime snacks and drinks, materials for the Parent Day posters, Parent Day Keepsakes and end-of-season expenses. Please make every effort to provide this fee to one of your Team Moms prior to the Labor Day Weekend, so they may begin purchasing the necessary materials. Please bear in mind that if contribution levels are less than anticipated, some of the items above will be eliminated.

Silver Family Picnic

Our second annual "Silver Family Picnic" will take place Saturday, August 28, in picnic area #4 at Levagood Park, weather permitting, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All attendees are responsible for providing their own lunch and beverage. *No alcoholic beverages are permitted.* Anyone swimming must either present a pool tag or pay the daily admission fee (\$6 for Dearborn residents and \$9 for non-residents). All children are required to have a parent, guardian or chaperon on-site. Our picnic area is just south of the pool for those who would like to participate and relax without swimming. Please note that this is a non-DYFA sanctioned event and the DYFA assumes no liability for accident or injury. Participation is completely voluntary.

Personalized Practice Jerseys

Don't miss the opportunity to order your son a personalized practice jersey with his name and/or number on the back for just \$25. Team Moms have the order forms, which are due—along with payment—on September 2. The ordered jerseys should arrive around September 20. Friends and family members that would like to order one to show their support on game day are also welcomed to order.

Window Decals

Team Moms are also accepting orders for window stickers. You can order a generic one that says "Silver Mom" or "Silver Dad" for just \$4. Personalized window stickers for your football players and/or cheerleader are available for \$5. Order forms and payments should be submitted to Team Moms no later than September 2.

Parking Lot Safety

With over 150 children being dropped off and picked up at our practice site, the parking lot and the lanes leading into it can become dangerous. Please exercise extra caution and courtesy to fellow DYFA families when driving in these areas and ask any friend, relative or sibling picking up or dropping off your child to do the same.

Roaring Raffle Ticket Stubs – Collection

Raffle ticket stubs will be collected, beginning next week at the trailer. In the meantime, please keep your tickets and stubs in a safe location. The DYFA is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or stubs. All raffle ticket sales are final, no refunds.

Parent Service Time

As a parent of a DYFA football player and/or cheerleader, you are responsible for assisting at two games per child during the eight-week season. Sign up sheets for all four Silver home dates—listing the available tasks at each of our three games on those dates—are now posted in the DYFA trailer. Please take the time to stop in and sign up. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to sign up has been pushed back to September 7. If you have not signed up for two games by September 7, our Volunteer Coordinator will assign you to two games per registered child. If you fail to fulfill either assignment, you will immediately forfeit your deposit and be required to post another deposit prior to the next practice session. Please note that if you forfeit your deposit this season, you will have to post a \$200 deposit next season.

Communicating with DYFA Staff Members

If you have a question or a concern, please make every effort to talk to the coach or a Team Mom before or after practice. Information sheets containing the phone numbers of coaches and Team Moms were distributed at our "Meet the Team" gatherings on August 21. If you were unable to attend one of those meetings, contact one of your Team Moms to obtain a copy of the information sheet. Please refrain from calling coaches and Team Moms on weekends, as well as before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m. on weekdays. Thank you for your consideration.