

Dearborn Lions Silver Email Newsletter for Wednesday, September 1, 2010

2010 Scrimmage

We will scrimmage the Dearborn Heights Raiders at Parkland Park in Dearborn Heights on Thursday, September 2, beginning promptly at 5:30 p.m. Football players should report by 5:10 p.m. wearing their Silver game jerseys and practice pants. Warm-up will begin at 5:15 p.m. Cheerleaders do not cheer at scrimmages. Please make sure your cheerleader attends her regular practice session Thursday at Ford Field from 5:30 to 8 p.m. To Google a map, Parkland Park is located in the 6600 block of Parkland Street in Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Specifically, N. of Ann Arbor Trail, S. of Outer Drive, W. of Howard Cassidy Drive and E. of Parkland Street.

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.

Football & Cheerleading Practice Schedule

September 1, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
September 2, Scrimmage at Dearborn Heights
September 3 – 6, No practice
September 7-9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
September 10, 5:00-6:45 p.m.
September 11, Game #1 at Edsel Ford.

Regular Season Game Schedule Online

Most of our regular-season game schedule is available on our website, <http://www.dearbornlions.org/docs/2010/SilverGameSchedule2010.pdf>, we're still waiting for River Rouge to set the date and times for our final weekend.

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.

Personalized Practice Jerseys – Due Thursday

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. Additional order forms are available in the trailer. 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 – Due Thursday

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. Additional order forms are available in the trailer.

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.

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

We are now collecting raffle ticket stubs at the trailer. Please separate your stubs before placing them in our container. Collection will end Friday, October 1, at the end of practice. Winning tickets will be drawn at halftime of our Blue vs. Silver varsity game October 2. The DYFA is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or stubs. All raffle ticket sales are final, no refunds.

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.