

# Pre-Season Newsletter



Dear Jaguar Families,

Welcome to our 13<sup>th</sup> season of Jaguars football and cheerleading. If you are a returning family member—it's nice to have you back. If you are new to Jaguar Football & Cheerleading—welcome to our Jaguar family.

The Paw Prints is our program newsletter which goes out periodically to our Jaguar families in the “off –season” and weekly during the “in-season”. This is the place to get the most up to date program information. We ask that you take time to read this newsletter and keep current with what is going on. For more in-depth information on the program you can check out our website @ <http://ymcacecil.org/jaguars/> where the most recent issue of the Paw Prints will be posted. You can also find back issues of the Paw Prints and the upcoming 2010 calendar of events.

## Football Registrations

We will continue to take registrations until each team is full. We have 8 football squads registering players from ages 5 -14. Our two youngest squads are considered instructional(clinic). Players are placed on squads according to their “League Age” (age as of 8/1) first and then weight. Each squad has a maximum weight limit for players and their weights are checked **EVERY** week prior to the start of the game. Each week a ½ pound is added to the weights.

The Jaguars program takes registrations on a **FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED** basis. This is our program’s policy and widely publicized on our signs, informational flyers and on our program website. OBL (Older but Lighter) spots fill up quickly which is why we encourage everyone to sign up EARLY.

## Football Jerseys

If your child needs a football jersey, make sure that your payment has been received either to Stacy Argoe, or to the front desk of the YMCA. Orders will be placed in June. All football players are required to wear a program issued jersey.

## Cheerleading Registrations

We continue to accept registrations for the 2010 cheerleading season. Practice for cheerleading will begin on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup>. You can expect a call from your coach by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Physical Forms

All **Football players** are required to have a physical form on file in order to participate in Jaguars football. You can obtain the form from the <http://ymcacecil.org/jaguars/> website under the football forms menu or at the front desk of the YMCA. Please schedule your physical now—some physicians have a several month backlog for physicals.

## Under Armour Fundraiser

Our program is participating in an extra fundraiser this year. It is hassle free and has the potential to raise a lot of money to cover equipment costs, and hopefully some future renovations to our field and concession stand!

If you plan on purchasing any Under Armour gear through the end of November (does NOT have to be football related), please consider doing this online at [www.underarmour.com](http://www.underarmour.com). When you check out, enter promotional code **MDYFCecilCounty**, and 15% of your purchase cost will go back to our program. YES...IT'S THAT EASY!!!! ANYONE can participate so please let your friends and family know that we could use their support!!!

## Jaguar Merchandise

We will be offering Jaguars merchandise at the first 2 home games and Homecoming. We are trying to add a few new items to our inventory this season, so make sure you check them out and help support our program!



## Football Equipment Distribution

Football players will be scheduled by squad the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> for equipment distribution. Coaches will contact each player regarding the date and time and it is also listed below. Anyone not able to attend on their scheduled date/time will receive their equipment the first week of practice. Please **DO NOT** call and ask to pick up your equipment early—if you miss the date you will need to wait! The YMCA will provide football players with helmet, shoulder pads, 7-pad set (if your team will not be receiving the new All-In-One game pants) and mouth piece.

| Date                            | Age Group | Coach            | Time           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Tuesday July 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 11-13     | Randy Crouse     | 6:00 – 6:40 PM |
|                                 | 10-12     | Jason Argoe      | 6:40 – 7:20 PM |
|                                 | 9-11      | Kevin McCullough | 7:20 – 8:00 PM |
| Wednesday July 14 <sup>th</sup> | 8-10      | Billy McMillan   | 6:00 – 6:40 PM |

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|--------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
|                    | 7-9        | John Dunn     | 6:40 – 7:20 PM |
|                    | 6-8        | Joe Jones     | 7:20 – 8:00 PM |
| Thursday July 15th | 6-7        | Tim Lucky     | 6:00 – 6:40 PM |
|                    | 5-6        | Nick Benjamin | 6:40 – 7:20 PM |
|                    | Stragglers |               | 7:20 – 8:00 PM |

We will once again accept donations of used cleats or practice pants. There will be boxes set out during equipment distribution for anyone to donate or take what's needed. This is a great way to recycle these items that our children have outgrown.

### Season Begins

Football Practice will begin on **Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 -8:00 PM** at the YMCA Sports Complex. Competitive Squad(6-8 through 11-13) practices will be held Monday – Friday the first three weeks and then beginning the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup> practices will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Clinic Squads (5-6 and 6-7) will practice Monday, Wednesday, Friday the first 3 weeks and then Wednesday and Friday beginning the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Your football player will need to have the following items:

- Practice pants (all-in-one...7 piece set sewn in)
- Girdle
- Athletic cup
- Cleats (no metal cleats allowed)
- Large T-shirt/Practice jersey

### Parking

There are approximately 200 children registered in the Jaguar program. As you can imagine this creates a major traffic flow problem entering and exiting the YMCA between 5:30 – 6:00 PM and again between 7:30 – 8:00 PM. We ask that everyone please abide by the traffic pattern set up for pick-up and drop off. Signs will be posted and very visible. You will **NOT** be able to stop for drop off or pick-up on the main street in front of the front of the fields or in the circle. **Please know that this is for the safety of our children and we expect full cooperation from all of our families**

### ID Schedule

As part of the UCYFL, all football players(except for clinic squads), coaches and cheerleading coaches are required to have an official league ID. Due to the league change this year, **ALL FOOTBALL PLAYERS (excluding 2 clinic squads) AND FB/CL COACHING STAFF** will need to get a new ID. ID's will be digital this year and will be located directly on the official roster. In order to obtain an ID for your child you will need your child's **ORIGINAL** birth certificate, passport, or military ID and \$5 cash. The league will **not** accept copies or records of birth only original birth certificates with a raised seal. If you have been ID'd previously through HBYFL, those ID's will be accepted in place of your birth certificate.

| Date                              | Age Group  | Coach            | Time    |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| Tuesday August 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 11-13      | Randy Crouse     | 6:00 PM |
|                                   | 10-12      | Jason Argoe      | 7:15 PM |
|                                   |            |                  |         |
| Wednesday August 11 <sup>th</sup> | 9-11       | Kevin McCullough | 6:00 PM |
|                                   | 8-10       | Billy McMillan   | 7:15 PM |
|                                   |            |                  |         |
| Thursday August 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 7-9        | John Dunn        | 6:00 PM |
|                                   | 6-8        | Joe Jones        | 7:15 PM |
|                                   |            |                  |         |
| Friday August 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Stragglers |                  | 6:00 PM |

### Game Schedule

We realize that everyone is anxious to know when and where our games will be played... The schedule is put together by the UCYFL and will be distributed no later than August 18th. We can tell you that starting August 28<sup>th</sup> you can expect to have a game EVERY Saturday. As soon as the schedule become available it will be distributed to coaches, parents and placed on the website.

Thank you for choosing the Jaguar program for your child. We look forward to another successful season and the opportunity to work with your child.

If you have any questions, please contact your head coach or Stacy Argoe @ 443-309-9486 or via email [ccjaguars@comcast.net](mailto:ccjaguars@comcast.net).

See you soon!