

Jaguars Pre-Season Newsletter

Dear Jaguar Families,

Welcome to our 12th season of Jaguar football and cheerleading. If you are a returning family—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 on 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 2009 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. Players are placed on squads according to their “League Age” (age as of 7/31) 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 ½ pound is added to the weights.

The Jaguars program takes registrations on a **FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED** basis. This is an H/B league 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 at the front desk of the YMCA. Orders will be placed this week. All football players are required to wear a program issued jersey.

Cheerleading Registrations

We continue to accept registrations for the 2009 cheerleading season. Practice for cheerleading will begin on Monday August 10th. You can expect a call from your coach after August 1st.

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.

Upcoming Events

Football Equipment Distribution

Football players will be scheduled by squad the week of July 13th - 15th 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 and mouth piece.

Date	Age Group	Coach	Time
Monday July 13 th	11-13	Matt Manges	6:00 – 6:40 PM
	10-12	Randy Crouse	6:40 – 7:20 PM
	9-11	Jason Argoe	7:20 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday July 14 th	8-10	Kevin McCullough	6:00 – 6:40 PM

	7-9	Billy McMillan	6:40 – 7:20 PM
	6-8	John Dunn	7:20 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday July 15 th	6-7	Joe Jones	6:00 – 6:40 PM
	5-6	Tim Lucky	6:40 – 7:20 PM
	Stragglers		7:20 – 8:00 PM

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

Football Practice will begin on **Monday August 3rd, 6:00 -8:00 PM** at the YMCA Sports Complex. Practices will be held Monday – Friday the first three weeks and then beginning the week of August 24th practices will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Your football player will need to have the following items:

- Practice pants
- Athletic cup
- Cleats (no metal cleats allowed)
- Large T-shirt/Practice jersey

ID Day

As part of the H/B football league all football players, coaches and cheerleading coaches are required to have an official league ID. In order to obtain an ID for your child you will need your child’s **ORIGINAL** birth certificate and \$5 cash. The league will **not** accept copies or records of birth only original birth certificates with a raised seal. Those who players who will need to have an ID are: any new player, anyone who’s ID is more than 3 years old, and anyone changing status (i.e to or from OBL or Tackle-to-tackle). Questions regarding ID’s should be directed to either your head coach or Jim Trice. Our program ID Day will be Friday August 7th during practice. Parents please plan on being with your child for ID’s in order to complete the required paper work. Anyone not obtaining an ID on this day will be required to travel to Bel Air on what is called a “Straggler’s Day”. Players will not permitted to play without a league issued ID.

MOT Classic

Our program has been invited to attend the 4th annual MOT classic on Saturday August 22nd. The theme of this year’s event is: "Making Every Moment Count" "BE THANKFUL" "BE BLESSED".

Each of our 8 football squads will participate in this “scrimmage day”. Every participant will receive a free MOT Classic T-shirt. This is a great way for all of our players to practice what they have learned in practice prior to the official start of the season.

Coach	Age Group	Scrimmage Time	Field
Tim Lucky	5-6	9:00 AM	4/5
Joe Jones	6-7	11:00 AM	4/5
John Dunn	6-8	9:00 AM	2
Billy McMillan	7-9	9:00 AM	1
Kevin McCullough	8-10	11:00 AM	3
Jason Argoe	9-11	2:00 PM	1
Randy Crouse	10-12	3:00 PM	2
Matt Manges	11-13	5:00 PM	2

* Cheerleaders are not expected to attend the MOT scrimmages.

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.

Jaguar Merchandise

We are thrilled to announce that you can continue to purchase all of your Jaguar fan ware through our virtual “storefront” (<http://www.ymcajaguars.com/>) which is also linked to our website. The site offers many choices of merchandise, cheerleading warm-ups along with the flexibility to order items that you may want customized or special ordered at a reasonable price We hope that you enjoy this exciting enhancement to our program.

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 H/B football league and will not be out until after the July 27th league meeting. We can tell you that starting August 29th 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 Jim Trice @ 410-392-4951, ccjaguars@comcast.net.

See you in August!