



PAW PRINTS

The Official Newsletter of the YMCA
Jaguar Football & Cheerleading Program

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This Saturday, August 29, 2009, will officially mark the opening of the 12th season of Jaguar football. We thank each of you for being part of our Jaguar family and hope that you enjoy the program as much as we do. This newsletter will be published periodically throughout the season and holds all of the key information that you and your child need. Please take a few minutes to read so that you can remain up-to-date on program information, changes in game schedules and other important information. If for some reason your child doesn't bring home the newsletter it will be posted on our program website @ <http://ymcacecil.org/jaguars> .

We start out the season with a home game against Middle River Silver. Make sure that you arrive at least one hour prior to the scheduled game time. Our football players are required to weigh in prior to each game and if they are late or miss the team weigh-in the next opportunity to weigh-in will be at half time.

Home games are extremely busy for our volunteers. We have 8 games throughout the day beginning at 10:00 AM and running through 10:00 PM. The concession stand opens at 9:00 AM and remains open until half-time of the 11-13 game (approx 9:30 PM) and is manned by YOU our parent volunteers. The concession stand is open as a service to our families and our guests and also helps to offset the costs of the program and to pay for our referees. . We ask each parent to commit to 3 hours of volunteer time per/child throughout the season and we also ask each FAMILY to donate a 12-pack of sodas, water OR baked goods for each home game. Your team parent will let you know when you are scheduled to volunteer in the concession stand. With over 200+ players/cheerleaders and everyone doing their fair share you may only have to volunteer one time this season. Thank you in advance for your support of the program and our children.



Attention All Parents

The safety of the children in our program is our top priority. In order to insure their safety we request that you **DO NOT** Park, Stop or Drop off your child(ren) in the street in front of the field or in the circle. Please park and walk your child to practice or loop around in front of the main building and drop off at the end of the building. PLEASE DO DRIVE SLOWLY AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN. A special thank you to our program volunteers who helped to direct traffic last week and who encouraged our parents to obey the rules. We really do appreciate your efforts despite some of the rude comments made to you by a few of our parents.

Inclement Weather

We do have a policy in place for weather emergencies. In the event of lightening all of our players/cheerleaders will be asked to leave the field. If the storm passes in a reasonable time practice will resume, if not practice will end. If the weather looks bad you may want to wait with your child during practice. Many of our players/cheerleaders come from areas outside of Elkton so we make every attempt to place cancellations promptly on our website and to notify coaching staff/team parents so they can get the word out. Parents please make sure that the team parent has your contact information if you want to be notified. Football players practice **Rain or Shine** so if there is rain and no lightening there will be practice. Any questions regarding jaguar policies should be directed to Jim Trice.

♥♥ Our Heartfelt Thanks to Our Jaguars Staff ♥♥

We can't thank our coaches, team parents and other volunteers enough for all of your hard work this season. Every one of our Jaguar helpers is a VOLUNTEER and they volunteer countless hours for the benefit of our children and the Jaguar program.



Program Fundraiser

Raffles tickets are due this week and will be drawn during half-time of the 11-13 game on Saturday. Make sure your tickets are part of the drawing.



Physicals Due for All Football Players

H/B football requires that all players have a physical form on file in order to play in the league. Make sure that you have provided the appropriate form to your team parent. Anyone not having a physical on file will not be permitted to play in this Saturday's game or any other games until the form is on file.

Football Jerseys

Jersey will be distributed to all players prior to Saturday's game. If you did not order a jersey and need one please see Stacy Argoe. Any extras can be purchased on a first come first served basis.

Attention All cheerleaders

Cheerleading uniforms will be distributed during practice this week. Your coach will let you know what to wear with your uniform during the games. All cheerleaders should bring a T-shirt to wear over their uniform for breaks and to wear before & after games. Cheerleaders are not permitted to drink (except water) or eat in while in their uniform unless they have a T-shirt on. This applies to all home and away games.

Concession Stand Schedule - Week # 1

Time	Squad Working	Who's Playing
9:00 - 10:00	6-8	Set-up
10:00 - 11:00	7-9	6-8 Game
11:00 - 12:00	5-6	6-8 Game
12:00 - 1:00	8-10	5-6 & 7-9 Game
1:00 - 2:00	5-7	5-6 & 7-9 Game
2:00 - 3:00	7-9	5-7 & 8-10 Game
3:00 - 4:00	9-11	5-7 & 8-10 Game
4:00 - 5:00	8-10	9-11 Game
5:00 - 6:00	10-12	9-11 Game
6:00 - 7:00	9-11	10-12 Game
7:00 - 8:00	11-13	10-12 Game
8:00 - 9:30	10-12	11-13 Game Closes after ½ time

**** Keep in mind that each squad has approximately 20-25 players. If you have a max of 6 volunteers/week x 5 home games this works out to less than the 3 hour time commitment for the season.***

Each squad needs to provide 3-4 people to work the concession stand at their schedule time slot. Volunteers are scheduled by the team parent. If you have a conflict for a specific home game let them know ASAP or switch with another parent and let your team parent know ahead of time. Failure to meet your 3 hour commitment could result in your child not playing so please honor your commitment and be on time. Parents, grandparents, family and friends can fill work your time in the concession stand. We also have a few older teenagers who will work for service learning hours however they need to be scheduled in advance. We request that only those 16 and older work in the concession.

Responsibilities in the concession stand include: filling orders, cooking hot dogs/hamburgers (outside), running to the store for food/pick up items needed/ organize trash removal etc...

Soda donations (1-12-pack per family) can be dropped off anytime during practice or during the game on Saturday.

Jaguar Merchandise

Jaguar merchandise and "fan wear" can be purchased through our website. A few samples are on display in the concession stand.

Donations for Saturday

We are asking each **FAMILY** to donate one (1) 12-pack of soda, water or baked goods to the concession stand for each home game.

- Water
- Pepsi/Coke
- Sprite/7-up
- Mountain Dew
- Diet Coke/Pepsi
- Iced Tea

The concession stand is open as a service to our families and guests and helps to off-set the costs of the referees.

We appreciate your contributions and support of the program..

Go Jaguars!!!



Information for inclusion in the Paw Prints should be sent to cjaguars@comcast.net You can also choose to receive your newsletter by email by sending your request to the email address above or by contacting your team parent.