



Dearborn Lions Newsletter

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Message from the Dearborn Lions President

The Downriver Junior Football League is still investigating the events surrounding the varsity football game Saturday, October 8, against the Taylor Mustangs.

When the DJFL announces its findings, we will pass that information along to you in our weekly newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dearborn Lions President
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Game #7 Results

Freshmen: Lions 26, Tractors 0

Brandon Bacon (3) and Brendan Rousseau (1) scored our touchdowns, running behind the blocking of Jack Melton, Brenden Flinn, Leo Varitek, Jack Thomason and Timothy AlAziz.

The defense played well, led by Anthony Matelic, Mohamed Fakih, Jibril Abdrabboh, Ty Wyka and Ameen Elgabri.

A special thanks to our Team Moms—Cathy Matelic, Nancy Marini, and Zarefa Marini—for all they do for our team. *Coach Rick*

Junior Varsity: Lions 20, Tractors 30

Kevin Cassio caught a touchdown pass from Adam Ferris, Michael Bates tallied a pair of touchdowns and Kyle Brannack booted a two-point conversion to account for our points.

Thanks to everyone for the great crowd support. *Coach Mark*

Varsity: Lions 19, Tractors 12

Muhammad Haidous, Adam Elder and Adam Ghabra scored our touchdowns.

An especially strong effort was turned in by Ethan Pultorak, Jacob Schweiger, Muhammad Haidous, Ayman Baydoun and Reed Richardson.

Thanks to all the parents for their support. *Coach Ali*

You can find all the weekly scores from action in the Downriver Junior Football League—as well as up-to-date standings—by going to the “Scores” page on our website and clicking on the DJFL link.

Game #8, Dearborn Lions vs. Riverview Pirates (at Dearborn High School, 19501 Outer Drive, Dearborn, MI 48124)

Kickoffs are scheduled at 11 a.m. (freshmen), 1 p.m. (jv) and 3 p.m. (varsity).

Football players are to report 90 minutes prior to kick off time wearing their blue jersey and game pants.

Cheerleaders are to report 60 minutes prior to kick off time wearing their leotard, vest and skirt with hair neatly pulled back. Please be sure to bring your cheer jacket and pants with you.

Playoffs/Practice

Our freshman team has qualified for the playoffs, and our jv and varsity can qualify this Saturday.

Playoff seedings—including opponents, locations and times—will be finalized Sunday night at a meeting of the Downriver Junior Football League. Once these decisions have been finalized, we will send out an email with all the pertinent information.

For our teams that earn a berth in the playoffs, football practice the week of October 31 will be Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday from 5-6:45 p.m.

All three of our cheerleading teams will practice at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center next week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Raffle Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Dearborn Youth Football Association's Annual Raffle drawing. Amal Nehme, Silvi Bouzeid, Ali Dakroub, Don Unis and Omar Khatib each won \$500. Our grand prize winner of \$2,500 was Mohamed Srour.

Show your Spirit Make Some Noise

Don't forget to bring your noisemakers to the game tomorrow to show your support for all of the children. The cheerleaders have worked very hard this season to keep the team spirit pumped up on the field and in the stands. Please show them your support by repeating after them as they lead you through their cheers.

Cheer Competition Attendance

On Sunday, November 6, 2011 our three cheerleading squads will compete in the Downriver Junior Football League Cheer Competition at Lincoln Park High School.

Freshmen competition is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., followed by JV at approximately 1 p.m. and varsity at approximately 3 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person, regardless of age.

All families, including football players, are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Cheer Competition. This is the perfect opportunity for players to come out and return the support that the cheerleaders have provided the players throughout the season.

Game Day Photos Online

Game day action shots and photos from Parents' Day are available online by clicking on the link provided below. If you have any questions, please contact Famous Photo, Inc. at 313-386-2500

<http://www.photorelect.com/pr3/storesearch.aspx?p=227473>

2011 Yearbook Ads

Yearbooks, which are given to every football player, cheerleader and mascot at our annual end-of-the-season party, are composed largely of ads purchased by parents. These ads contain a photo of the player or cheerleader, along with a special message of love or support from the parents. These yearbooks are special keepsakes for our players and cheerleaders that most of them cherish for years to come.

If you would like to view the 2010 yearbook, please stop by the trailer during practice.

If you would like to purchase an ad for your son or daughter, please visit our web site, www.dearbornlions.org, and click on the "forms" tab to access and print an order form. Completed order forms, along with full payment, must be submitted to the Team Moms no later than November 4, 2011.

If you have questions, you may contact our yearbook coordinator, Rose, at administrator@dyfa.org

Parent Service Status Sheets

Final Parent Service status sheets will be posted outside the trailer, weather permitting, the week of October 31 reflecting the number of hours fulfilled this season and the final status of your security deposit; secured or forfeited. Please take the time to check your status and promptly report any errors within 72 hours to our Coordinator, Dawn Werth, at dawnwerth@dearbornlions.org.

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 both extra caution and courtesy when driving in these areas and ask any friend, relative or sibling picking up or dropping off your child to do the same. **Please avoid driving or parking near the trailer at all times**, since many of our youngsters and parents are walking in this area, and please slow down.

End-of-the-Season Party

We'll have our annual End-of-the-Season Party at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center on Sunday, December 4. All program participants—football players, cheerleaders, mascots and coaches—as well as parents and other family members are welcome to attend.

From 4:30-6 p.m., we'll have a potluck dinner in the Dome Room, each family is asked to bring a large dish to share that serves 6-8 people. Team Moms will be contacting parents to coordinate dishes. While everyone is eating, we'll have brief ceremonies honoring our participants and passing out trophies.

From 6-8 p.m., everyone will have access to the gymnasiums, swimming pools and climbing wall.

Program participants will be admitted free. Tickets for parents, friends and siblings are \$5 apiece.

Tickets will **only** be available at equipment hand-in on November 20. No tickets will be sold at the door.

2012 Football & Cheer Registration

Beginning on December 1, *current* football players, cheerleaders and mascots will be able to register online for the 2012 season. Consecutive year returning players will have exclusive registration rights through February 29, 2012.

To assure your child of an initial spot on next year's roster, you must (1) pay the registration fee (\$150 for football players/\$75 for cheerleaders), (2) post a deposit, if forfeited or a new participant, (\$100 for football players/\$50 for cheerleaders) AND (3) purchase raffle tickets (\$100) no later than February 29, 2012.

During March, 2012, our on-line registration system will not accept payments or registrations.

On April 1, 2012, open registration will begin on a first-come, first-served basis, pending the availability of roster spots. Based upon this year's numbers, we anticipate that our jr and varsity teams for 2012 will have few—if any—openings after February 29, 2012. If you, as the parent of a returning player, have not completed the three requirements above by February 29, 2012, your child may lose his/her spot on the roster once open registration begins. **Please re-register early.**

Parents who have fulfilled their Parent Service Time requirement and return all equipment/uniforms in acceptable condition at equipment hand-in on November 20, will have this year's security deposit automatically rolled over to next season.

Parents who have not fulfilled their Parent Service Time requirement have forfeited their deposit and must post a new security deposit when re-registering.

Parents failing to return all equipment/uniforms in a clean and acceptable condition on November 20 will be assessed a minimum fee of \$50, which will automatically be deducted from their deposit.

Parents that do not return all equipment/uniforms on November 20 in a clean and acceptable condition, or that fail to reimburse the organization for lost, damaged or misplaced equipment—per the terms of the Parent Contract—will not be permitted to re-register.

During this re-registration period, we will also accept registrations from children who will be eight-years old—as of December 1, 2012—for next season's freshman football team.

Mandatory Equipment/Uniform Hand-in

Equipment hand-in for football players and uniform hand-in for cheerleaders will take place Sunday, November 20, at Ford Field from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All football and cheerleading uniforms must be freshly laundered and all equipment must be returned in acceptable condition.

Parents of participants failing to return all required items in acceptable condition on November 20 will be assessed a \$50 late fee, which will automatically be deducted from their deposit.

Parents failing to return items, or returning them in an unacceptable condition, will be responsible for paying the replacement cost, as outlined in the DYFA Parent Handbook.

If your child will be returning next season, your deposit will automatically roll over for next year if you completed all of your parent service hours and returned all equipment in clean and acceptable condition.

If your child will not be returning for the 2012 season, you may request a refund of your security deposit by filling out and mailing the Refund Request form, located on our web site (www.dearbornlions.org), to Dearborn Lions, PO Box 1995, Dearborn, MI. 48121-1995. Refunds will be processed in January of 2012.

Only participants who have complied with all of the equipment/uniform return requirements will be allowed to re-register for the 2012 season.

Screw-In 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 misplaced 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.

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. Enclose the medication in a clear plastic bag to protect it from the weather and clearly write their name and squad on the bag.

Please see yearbook order form below



Go Lions!



Dearborn Youth Football Association

2011 Dearborn Lions Personal Yearbook Ad Order Form

The Dearborn Youth Football Association is offering "2011 Dearborn Lions and Dearborn Tractors" Yearbook Ads once again this season. The yearbooks will be distributed complimentary to every football player and cheerleader at our annual end-of-the-season party.

By purchasing a page or a portion of a page, you can include an individual photo of your child and a personal message from the family. This is a wonderful opportunity to preserve the memories of your player and/or cheerleader and to demonstrate your support.

If you are interested in purchasing an ad, please complete all of the following information requested below and attach payment, made payable to the Dearborn Lions.

All orders must be submitted in person and received in hand no later than November 4, 2011.

Please note, no more than two families allowed per ad.

Please select ad size

- 1/2 Page Ad. Includes 1/4 page personal message and 1/4 page photo: \$40
- Full Page Ad. Includes up to three 1/4 page photos and personal message: \$60

Print Child's First and/or Last Name:

Print Child's Jersey # and/or Team/Squad:

Child's "Picture Day" Photo will be used as ad photo unless you include a CD ROM with a jpeg digital photo with this order. 1 photo per 1/2 page ad. No more than 3 photos for full page ad, if provided at the time of submittal. DYFA & print shop is not responsible for the print quality of photos provided by ad purchaser.

Print Message Here:

Please provide contact information incase we have a question regarding your ad:

Child's Name: _____ Player's Jersey # _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Parent's
Name: _____ Parent's Phone # _____
Email Address: _____

Team: Dearborn Lions **Circle:** Football Cheerleading **Circle Squad:** F JV V

Please submit orders directly to one of your Team Moms no later than November 4, 2011

- ✓ Please make checks or money orders payable to: Dearborn Lions
- ✓ All Checks received will be deposited on or after 11/15/2011
- ✓ Questions? Please email Rose at Administrator@dyfa.org
- ✓ For additional copies of this form please visit our web site: www.dearbornlions.org and click on "forms"

Office Use Only

Amount Received: _____

Payment Method: Cash _____ Check# _____ Money Order# _____