

Dearborn Lions Newsletter for September 9, 2011

Game #1, Saturday, September 10, at Edsel Ford High School (20601 Rotunda Drive, 48124)

Dearborn Lions vs Wyandotte, with kickoffs at 3 p.m. (freshmen), 5 p.m. (jv), and 7 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. Do not use any items with metal to secure hair. Please be sure to always bring your cheer jacket and pants with you to every single game even in the warm weather. Sometimes it gets chilly and you will need these items.

Pay Gate

The first two games of the season are pay games. Each person, over the age of 16, will be charged an admission fee of \$3. Please inform your guests so they will arrive prepared.

Stay Off the Field

Please remember that parents/guardians are not allowed on the field or the sidelines during, before or immediately after games. Plan to meet your child outside of the exit gate.

Press Box

Please do not address critical comments to either the clock operator or the public address announcer. They are volunteers, like all parents who work at our games, and we appreciate their contributions.

Needed—Assistant Parent Service Time Coordinator

While we have a nine-person Board of Directors that undertakes the day-to-day business of the Dearborn Lions, we depend on parents to handle many other responsibilities within the organization, especially during the football season.

On the eve of this season, we are in need of a freshman parent to serve as our Assistant Parent Service Time Coordinator. This person will help check parent workers in and out on game day and assist with the communications involving parents and work assignments. The parent who fulfills this position will receive full credit for their Parent Service Time obligation at the end of the season.

If you are interested in serving as the Assistant Parent Service Time Coordinator, contact Dawn Werth at dawnwerth@dearbornlions.org.

Next Week's Football Practice Times

For the week of September 12, football practice will be . . .Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Friday from 5-6:45 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and cheerleading practice will be Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday 5-6:45 p.m. Cheerleaders do not have practice on Saturday.

Our entire practice schedule is available on our web site at www.dearbornlions.org.

Parent Service Time

Thanks to all the parents who have taken the time to sign up for Parent Service Time.

As explained at our pre-season Parent Meetings and in our Parent Handbook—distributed to all parents—parents/guardians of youngsters participating in our program are required to provide two-games worth of Parent Service Time per child during our four home dates.

If you will be providing your Parent Service Time this Saturday, you must check in and out with our Parent Service Time coordinator, Dawn Werth, who will be wearing a bright red vest.

If you are one of a dozen or so parents that did not voluntarily signed up for Parent Service Time, you will be assigned—as needed—by our Parent Service Time Coordinator, and notified of your assignment either via phone or email. Failure to fulfill your Parent Service Time obligation will result in the immediate forfeiture of your \$100 deposit.

You may contact our Parent Service Time Coordinator at dawnwerth@dearbornlions.org.

Raffle Ticket Collection

Collection of raffle ticket stubs is underway at the trailer and will continue through Friday, October 21.

Please stop by the trailer to deposit your tickets in the large orange Home Depot bucket during practice. Raffle ticket stubs must be filled out and individually separated before depositing them.

Collection will end Friday, October 21, at the end of practice.

Winning tickets will be drawn at halftime of our Dearborn Tractors vs. Dearborn Lions varsity game on October 22 at Fordson High School.

The DYFA is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets or stubs. All raffle ticket sales are final; no refunds.

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.

Personalized Practice Jerseys

Thanks to all parents who ordered personalized practice jerseys. Our order has been submitted and the jerseys are estimated to arrive during the week of September 27.

Window Decals

Thank you for your patience. We will have decal designs—for both football players and cheerleaders—along with pricing and order forms available on our website (www.dearbornlions.org) by Tuesday, September 13, and we will begin accepting order forms when practice resumes on Wednesday, September 14. You may send the order form with your child to practice to give to the coach or you may deliver the order form in person at the beginning or end of practice. The last day to hand in decal order forms will be on Sunday, September 18 at your child's game. Orders will not be accepted after the deadline.

"Meet the Team" Meeting

If you missed our "Meet the Team" gatherings, please make it a point to see one of your Team Moms to obtain a copy of the information sheet that was passed out. It contains, among other things, contact information for your child's coaching staff, as well as an explanation of the attendance policy. In short, all practices are mandatory, and if your child misses practice, you must contact the Head Coach prior to the beginning of practice. Otherwise, the absence will be considered unexcused and your child will be subject to discipline, which may impact his playing time on game day.

Freshman Football: Nancy Marini, Zarefa Marini and Cathy Matelic

JV Football: Katie Marano and Lori Saad

Varsity Football: Rose Camarena and Dawn Werth

Cheerleading: Tina Barron, Stephanie Heisey and Bonnie Wright

Football and Cheerleader Registration

Registration will remain open for our varsity football team and all three cheerleading squads through September 21. Interested young ladies should contact our Cheerleading Director, Stephanie Heisey (313-791-2490). All registrations are conducted through our website, www.dearbornlions.org.

Open registration for football players and cheerleaders for the 2012 season will begin April 1.

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 near the trailer at all times, since many of our youngsters and parents are walking in this area, and please slow down.

Email Distribution List

If you would like to add an email address to our email distribution list, please send an email to administrator@dyfa.org, providing your child's first and last name and squad.