

Dearborn Lions Newsletter for September 1, 2011

New Football Practice Times

Beginning next week, our practice schedule will change, depending on whether our game is on a Saturday or a Sunday.

In short, we'll practice on the four days immediately prior to our games. Consequently, if our game is on a Saturday, as six of them are, we will practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Friday from 5-6:45 p.m. We practice earlier on Fridays so that our players and cheerleaders can attend the high school games.

If our game is on a Sunday, as two of them are, we will practice Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday from 5-6:45 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Cheerleaders should check with their coach for practice days and times.

For the week of September 6, football practice will be . . .

. . . Tuesday through Thursday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and Friday from 5-6:45 p.m.

and cheerleading practice will be Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday 5-6:45 p.m.

Cheerleaders do not have practice on Wednesday.

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.

On each of our home dates, we have three games—freshmen, jv and varsity—so parents have 12 games to select from when signing up for Parent Service Time. Please do NOT sign up for a game in which your child is participating.

The deadline for signing up for Parent Service Time has been extended to Tuesday, September 6. Parents may sign up at the trailer immediately before or after practice, as well as during practice, weather permitting. Parents are free to select when and at what job they will fulfill their Parent Service Time requirement through Tuesday, September 6.

Parents who have not voluntarily signed up for Parent Service Time by the end of practice on September 6 will be assigned—as needed—by our Parent Service Time Coordinator. 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, Dawn Werth, at dawnwerth@dearbornlions.org.

Raffle Ticket Collection

Collection of raffle ticket stubs will begin Tuesday, September 6 at the trailer and 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

Order forms for personalized practice jerseys were distributed last week.

These are practice jerseys which parents purchase through the Dearborn Lions and their child's last name and jersey number can be printed across the back. The sizes provided on the order form are the only sizes available. When ordering, please keep in mind that these are intended for use during practice and, therefore, need to fit over your child's shoulder pads. If your child would also like to have a practice jersey to wear as a regular shirt, you may wish to consider ordering a second size. We accept cash only and all orders must be pre-paid.

We will continue collecting personalized practice jersey orders—along with full payment—until the end of practice on September 6, which is our deadline to submit an order. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Additional order forms are available on our web site, www.dearbornlions.org, under the forms tab or you may see one of your team moms.

Window Decals

Exclusive Dearborn Lions Football and Cheer designs are being created. We will have order forms ready to distribute after Labor Day weekend.

"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

We have re-opened registration for varsity football players, at least until the end of practice next Tuesday, September 6. If you know of any young men, ages 12-13, who would like to play, please refer them to our website, www.dearbornlions.org.

Cheerleaders may still register for our three squads. Interested young ladies should contact our Cheerleading Director, Stephanie Heisey (313-791-2490) or visit our web site noted above.

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.