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Old Home Day Parade

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On Saturday, August 17, 2013 the entire LYFS organization will be participating in the Old Home Days Parade. **This is a mandatory event for all LYFS players, cheerleaders and coaches!**

If your child is unable to participate in the parade, please notify your child's head coach immediately. Last year we had close to 300 kids participate. Let's show Londonderry the same spirit this year!

When: Saturday, August 17, 2013
Time: Meet at 9:30 am
Where: Peabody Funeral Home on Mammoth Road

Attire: Football Players – **Blue Game Jersey**, with a t-shirt, shorts and sneakers are recommended! If it is warm, bring water to carry!

Cheerleaders – Cheer uniform. Consult with your coach as to whether a bodysuit should be worn or not. If it is warm, bring water to carry! **Do NOT wear your new cheer shoes.** Wear your practice shoes for the parade.

Parents, there is NO parking at Peabody Funeral Home on Saturday! This is strictly a drop-off.

Shortly after 9:30 access to Mammoth Rd will be limited! You may need to walk to the Peabody Funeral Home to drop off your child, due to the closing on Mammoth Rd. The parade starts at 10:30. At the end of the parade, meet your child at Mack's Apples to pick up your child from the coach.

Don't forget to visit the WildCat Concession Stand and WildCat Wares Store on the Commons !!!

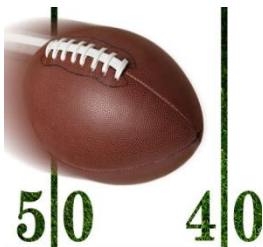
Got Schedule?

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The LYFS teams play in two different leagues. The Jr. Varsity and Varsity teams participate in the NEJHFL (NorthEast Junior High Football League). With two teams per town the schedule is relatively easy to create. We have that schedule and it will be posted on-line and shared with teams.

Speaking of easy, the AYF schedule is anything but easy. NO, we do not have a game schedule for the AYF season yet and do not expect one for another week. For families who have been with us for a while this is nothing new. For first-timers let's look at some of the numbers.



AYF (American Youth Football) in NH has 25+ programs split into two divisions. Towns with the highest winning percentages over the past few years are in Division 1 and the others are placed in Division 2. In NH AYF teams can have up to six levels (Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, JV and Varsity). If each of the 27 programs had a team at each level, scheduling would be very easy. However, very few towns have a single team at each of these levels. Look at the Wildcats. We have only 4 AYF teams (the JV and Varsity play in a different league). Filling an 8 game schedule for all 27 towns becomes a near mathematical nightmare. Several towns may be dropping a grade-based team this week (due to small numbers) as the deadline for declaring squads is near. Did I say 8 games? Well, sometimes teams may only have 7 games or play 7 games in Division 1 and a Division 2 game (which does not count for playoffs). I'll stop confusing you.

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In the best of worlds the LYFS AYF teams will have 4 home games with ALL teams playing at home on the same dates. This is what LYFS President Ryan Ouellette has asked of the state. There are NO guarantees on this. There may be weekends where the 4 AYF teams and the JV and Varsity will all be home. Those are busy days indeed !

Away games are a different issue. It can be pretty much guaranteed that on weeks that we play away games some of the teams will be in different towns. I hear the moans of families with kids on 3 or more teams or parents with kids on football and cheer – that may have to play away games at different locations across NH.

The bottom line on a sometimes confusing situation is that we do not yet have a schedule, we do not control the schedule, and lastly, once a schedule is provided it is subject to change. **Stay tuned...**

Volunteer Sign-Ups

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Part of our success is the fact that we have so many volunteers to help support the kids!! From board members, coaches, team-parents and ultimately you. Every WildCat family has a set of volunteer hours to provide in support of the program. We have lots of choices and opportunities from concession, to chains, to MPR, to cheer competition, to WildCat Wares store, OHD.....

Volunteer hours are now on-line !!!!

This year we have a new system to sign-up for your hours. Forget the days of racing to the shed and standing in line for an hour. You will now be able to sign up at your convenience from your own computer.

Go to www.LondonderryWildcats.com on the top menu select **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS**

The password to volunteer is **Check your LYFS e-mail for PW**

If you have further questions pertaining to volunteer hours, you can see your team mom or contact:

Erin Murray & Mary Reyes - Volunteer Coordinators and Board Members

We would like to thank "Team-Mom" extraordinaire Christine Kriegl. She provided this detail to her team and we thought it was good enough to share with all. Thanks Christine !!!!!



2013 LFYS Volunteer Basics

How many hours do I need to work?

6 Hours - Families with 1 player/cheerleader

7 Hours – Families with 2 or more players/cheerleaders

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How do I Sign Up?

- Log onto www.londonderrywildcats.com, Click the Volunteer Sign up tab (top bar)
- Enter the password: is Check your LYFS e-mail for PW
- Click the timeslot(s) you want to fill, then click Submit & Signup (bottom of page)
- Create an account (first time)
- Provide phone # and name of oldest child in the league – to track family hours
- Click Sign up Now (bottom left)

What can I do?

There are many opportunities to volunteer both on Game Days and off. Our volunteer needs will begin with Old Home Days and continue into November to the Cheer Competition. You can volunteer for any open time slot on the Master List, whether it is for your child's team or not.

Old Home Days (August 17, 2013) This is a great way to get your hours in before game day!

Clean & Set-up: Assist with set-up of concessions trailer (Thurs. or Fri.)

Runner: Run to LYFS freezer and/or store to get needed items

Wildcat Ware Store: Sell Store items and drinks

WWS & Drinks Only: Assist in store and sell drinks to reduce size of line for concessions

Drink Prep – Trailer and Store: Keep coolers full at concessions and Wares store

Cashier/Tri. & Inside Help: 2 cashiers & 1 person getting items for customers inside trailer

Food prep – Misc.: Prepare food items outside near token takers

Food Delivery Token Takers: Take color-coded token and deliver food outside trailer

Food Prep/Fries: Assist token taker, food prep for fries/chicken warmer outside trailer

Food Prep/Fry: Cook fries and chicken using fryolator

Grill: Cook on one of two grills

Clean-up & Break down: Assist in breaking down Wares store and Concessions trailer

Game Day – Home Games:

You can sign up for these positions in one hour slots

Wildcat Ware Store: Sell Store items

Concessions:

- **Cashier:** 2 cashiers inside trailer
- **Food prep – Misc.:** Prepare food items outside near token takers
- **Food Delivery Token Takers:** Take color-coded token and deliver food outside trailer
- **Food Prep/Fries:** Assist token taker, food prep for fries/chicken warmer outside trailer
- **Food Prep/Fry:** Cook fries and chicken using fryolator
- **Grill:** Cook on one of two grills

The following positions give you two hours per game

MPRs (Minimum Play Rule): You work as a two person team with a volunteer from the opponent's team (one team on each side) to track the minimum # of plays for each player. **You are on the sidelines!**

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Chains: Three people are needed to handle the first down measuring chain & down indicator box.

Scoreboard: Handle the scoreboard clock up in the box

Game Day – Away Games:

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Old Home Day Movie/Kidz Night

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Movie – Kidz Night – August 15th – TONIGHT !!!!!!!!!!!!!

On the Londonderry town common the WildCat concession stand will be available and set up to feed the crowds of Londonderry families attending this annual OHD event. Come bring the kids for some OHD fun, a movie, and some WildCat goodies from our concession stand.

- Kidz Night starts at 5:30 pm
- Movie starts at 9:00 pm

Volunteers are starting at 2 pm through 5 pm – to set up the concession stand.

WildCat concession OPENS at 8:00 pm and runs to the end of the movie. WildCats are the only concession for the movie – so let's hope we have LOTS of hungry kids and families !!

Football Game Pants - Reminder

Parents check to make sure that your football player(s) have black football game pants. These were provided to you at equipment pick-up. It is important to make sure these fit. Please, have your child try on the pants. If they do not fit – please bring them back to the equipment shed for replacement. Don't wait until game day to find out they don't fit.

This also applies to any football or cheer game day equipment, don't wait until game day to find out if they fit correctly – and make sure you're not missing any WildCat provided gear.

Up-Coming Dates

August 17th – Saturday – Old Home Day Parade & Concession on the Common

August 25th – Sunday – AYF Game #1 – No schedules yet !!

August 26th – Monday – Wildcats @ Fisher Cats – Game in Manchester – 6:30pm

August 27th – Tuesday – First Day of School – YEAH SCHOOL !!!!!

Labor-Day Weekend – NO GAMES – Enjoy the holiday

September 7th – Saturday – Merrimack @ Londonderry JV/Varsity – 7pm – LHS*

* - Subject to potential change