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# The Bobcat Bulletin

*A newsletter for the Lafayette Bobcat Football Community*

## **Special Inaugural Issue!**

- Welcome from the Board
- Key Dates
- Info for New Bobcat Families

## **Key Dates:**

- Training Camp: Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- Uniform Check-out: Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Practice: August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> (M, W, Th)
- Weigh-in's: Aug 18<sup>th</sup>
- Season Begins: August 29<sup>th</sup>

## **Welcome to the 2009 Football Season!**

The Board of Directors and Coaching Staff would like to welcome back our returning players and families to another exciting season of Lafayette Bobcat Football. And, to those players and families new to the program, we are glad you're here!

This year, we will be publishing a weekly newsletter during the season. The intent is to keep our Bobcat players and families updated on league business,

information from the Board, fundraising activities, and updates & highlights from all our teams.

If you have any comments or suggestions for articles, please get with your Team Mom, or send an email to [media@lafayettebobcats.com](mailto:media@lafayettebobcats.com).

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it a good source of information, along with our program's website, [www.lafayettebobcats.com](http://www.lafayettebobcats.com).

We look forward to seeing you

at training camp, which starts August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sanchez Elementary School.

Thank you for supporting your Lafayette Bobcats!!

## **Board Business**

The Board of Directors has been hard at work this summer preparing for the 2009 season, to ensure the players have a successful fall campaign.

Highlights of note for this year:

The Bobcats are now members of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. We feel this will bring more community visibility to our program, and will aid in recruiting new players to help our organization grow.

We have been negotiating with the Boulder Valley School District to lease practice and game fields. We have changed to Sanchez Elementary this year for practices, which should have a much nicer field for our use. We have replaced worn

equipment and uniforms, and are working with the CCMFL to determine game schedules and officiating arrangements for this season.

The Board has also created a new role, Media and Communications Director. This position, held by Ken Gambon, will help open lines of communication between the Board, Bobcat Families, and the Lafayette community. This will be done through a weekly in-season newsletter, revamping and updating content on our website, and overall increasing our visibility in our schools and the community.

Did you attend the Lafayette

Family Fun Event in June? If so, you probably saw the Bobcat booth in the Vendor Area. We distributed handouts and flyers advertising the program to prospective players, and had several highlight DVD's playing to generate some excitement! Based on the crowds frequenting our booth, we feel it was a big success, and look forward to participating next year.

If you have any comments for any Board Member, you can find their phone and email contact information on our website,

## Dates to Remember

Please note the following key dates for the upcoming 2009 season:

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| Uniform Check-out     | August 8  | 11am-2pm   | Centaurus HS Parking Lot                                  |
| First Day of Practice | August 10 | 4:00pm   | Sanchez Elementary  |
| Player weigh-in's     | August 25 | 4:30pm – 7:00pm  | Waneka Lake Park Shelter (Teams will have specific times) |
| AFC/NFC Games Begin   | August 29 | See Schedule on <a href="http://lafayettebobcats.com">lafayettebobcats.com</a> |   |

The Board will post updates to the [www.lafayettebobcats.com](http://www.lafayettebobcats.com) website, and communicate any changes via the Team Mom's as needed. Please check back often.

## New to the Bobcats? – Read This!

If you're new to the Bobcats or competitive youth football in general, you might be a little overwhelmed with all the information and "stuff" you have to do before your child even plays their first game. Some of these activities include:

Uniform checkout: We want to ensure the equipment issued to your child provides the absolute best protection and fits properly.

Player Weigh-in: This allows a level playing field across all teams in our league. There are weight limits and restrictions for certain positions to ensure

a safe and fun experience for everyone. Weights are verified by coaches from another CCMFL team to ensure accuracy.

Fundraisers and Game-Day Concession sales: These efforts help offset costs of uniforms and equipment, field rental, and fees for officials. This keeps registration costs as low as possible, and funds several scholarships for players who otherwise would be unable to participate.

Success in this area is only possible through the volunteer efforts of our Bobcat families. No

special skills are required – except a desire to help!

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact a Board member, or your Team Mom. We appreciate your support!

Any concerns or questions regarding payments, dates, events, equipment, if your player is unable to attend practice, or you'd like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact your Team Mom! They are typically present at every practice session.

## Watch This Space for More News

As the season gets underway, watch for future issues *The Bobcat Bulletin* to be posted on the [lafayettebobcats.com](http://lafayettebobcats.com) website. If you do not have an email address or internet access, please contact your Team Mom so we can get you the newsletter via hardcopy.

We will have scores, team highlights, and interviews with members of your Bobcat Family, as well as league news and key events.

Game photos will be posted on our website each week following our games. Please contact

your Team Mom if you are interested in being the "official photographer" for your child's team! No special skills or equipment is required, just the ability to capture interesting images for publishing on the Bobcats website.




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*"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."*

- Archie Griffin

