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The Bobcat Bulletin

A newsletter for the Lafayette Bobcat Football Community

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Upcoming Key Dates:

- Weigh-in's: Aug 25th
- Season Begins: August 29th
- Car Wash: August 30th

Fundraiser Update

Much like the Denver Broncos, our pre-season training camp practices have drawn to a close. In addition, we already have two fundraisers under our belts.

We would like to thank everyone who was able to come out to Rubio's and Chili's in support of Bobcat Football.

While the Chili's final numbers have not yet come in, our Bobcat supporters

managed to spend almost \$500 at Rubio's on August 9th. Earning 20% of that number netted us about \$100. While not a financial windfall, it effectively pays for the scholarship of one player who otherwise would not have been able to participate this year. And when you figure the time put into setting up the event was about 10 minutes (you do it online, surprisingly easy!), it is not a bad return on investment. We look

forward to doing something like this again next season.

We have three more events this year – the Car Wash on Aug. 30th, the Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 13th, and the Spaghetti Dinner on October 24th. The latter two events take quite a few volunteers to make them successful. Please contact your Team Mom if you would be willing to help us out.

Thanks for supporting your Lafayette Bobcats!

Game Schedules, Uniform Update, Game Day Volunteers

The schedules for each team have been published on the www.lafayettebobcats.com website, including a link to driving directions to the away game fields.

Each age level has different playoff formats and lengths, depending on the number of teams in each division. If you have any questions, please ask your Team Mom or Coach.

Uniforms: Please have your player try on their full game gear – including black pants and game jersey, with all their pads, to ensure everything fits properly. If you still have any uniform issues, please get with Jerry Oglesbee via email (vicepresident@lafayettebobcats.com)

ats.com) to arrange a time to visit the uniform trailer. These need to be resolved before our first game!

Game Day Volunteers: If your child's team has a home game, we could use some parent help with field prep in the morning and take-down after the last game. This includes marking lines on the field, setting up end zone and yard line markers, and setting up cones for the player's benches. It is not strenuous work, but if we had 2-3 additional volunteers each morning it would make the process go much quicker. If you would be willing to help out on a home game day, please contact Rick Waneka

(FieldManager@lafayettebobcats.com) to offer your assistance.

Finally, we will need two volunteers from each team during home games to be on the "chain gang", holding the first down markers. It gives you a front-row seat to the game, and is easy to do; the referee tells you where to go.

We would greatly appreciate the help!



Dates to Remember

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

Player weigh-in's	August 25	4:30pm – 7:00pm	Waneka Lake Park Shelter
AFC/NFC Games Begin	August 29	See Schedule on lafayettebobcats.com	
Car Wash Fundraiser	August 30	8am – 1pm	TCF Bank, Hwy 287 & Arapahoe

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

Tip of the Week – Parent Code of Conduct

“The dictionary is the only place success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must all pay for success.”

-- Vince Lombardi

We will highlight a couple of key bullet items from either the Parent or Player Code of Conduct throughout the season to reinforce their importance.

This week's tip we refer to as the “Cool Down Rule” – it reads, in part:

“I WILL NOT approach the coaching staff DURING OR AFTER A GAME to discuss a complaint or concern. I will follow the LBF policy of waiting 24 hours before expressing concerns or complaints with a coach following a game.”

As Coach Bob stated during our parent meeting on August 13th, this is to allow

cooler heads (both coach and parent) to prevail after what can sometimes be an emotionally charged game.

There is an exception to this rule, however, if the concern is a matter of player safety. In those cases, a parent may approach the coaching staff in a confidential conversation. The coach will take that input and work directly with the referees as appropriate.

Parents should not attempt to take the matter into their own hands, including shouting across the field or engaging the referees under any

circumstances. This can result in penalties, sanctions, and/or fines against the LBF.

Thank you for your cooperation with this very important issue, and thank you for supporting your Lafayette Bobcats!



Watch This Space for More News

As the season gets underway, watch for future issues of *The Bobcat Bulletin* to be posted on the 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.