

# Hamburg Pirate Youth Football, Cheer & Pom Information

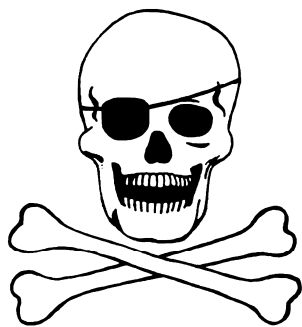
The Hamburg Pirate Youth Football Association would like to welcome back our football, cheer and pom families and extend a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to all our new Pirates. It is time to register for the 2009 Pirate Football, Cheer & Pom season. We are preparing for another great year and look forward to seeing all of you this season.

We hope that this newsletter will explain and clarify any questions you might have about our program. If you should have any questions that you still need answered, please feel free to e-mail your **football questions to Rob Smithpeters at [rsmithpeters@piratesfootball.com](mailto:rsmithpeters@piratesfootball.com)** or your **cheer questions to Carol Adams at [cadams@piratesfootball.com](mailto:cadams@piratesfootball.com)** or your **pom questions to Kim Till at [ktill@piratesfootball.com](mailto:ktill@piratesfootball.com)**.

## Registration for 2009

**Online Registration  
April 6 – April 26, 2009**

**Or in person at  
Navigator Cafeteria  
Saturday, April 25th  
10 a.m. to Noon**



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### F.Y.I

- All athletes must have a current physical, birth certificate, and last report card to verify the grade they completed in school (i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, etc.). These need to be submitted to the coach on the first day of practice.
- Registration fees will be due in full at registration.
- Cheer and Pom players will be fitted for uniforms at uniform handout.
- Veteran players that have not returned equipment or owe monetary funds will not be permitted to register.

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*Board meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at seven o'clock in the evening (except August, September and October, when the meetings are held after practices). Everyone is welcome to join us. Please check the calendar at our website for dates, times and locations of meetings.*

## Our Program

Our program is part of the Livingston County Area Junior Football League (LCAJFL), which includes communities all over Livingston County. Again this year we expect that we will be fielding three full football teams – a Freshman, JV and Varsity team at each of our colors (Black, Red & White). We will also be fielding one instructional football team.

Our cheer and pom teams will be dependent upon our registration numbers. We hope to be able to field a squad at each color, but may have to combine colors to one squad at each level as we have for the past three years.

Players are placed on teams in the following order: veterans, siblings of veterans & then new players. Returning players or siblings of returning players are placed on teams based on their previous color. **Requests for specific team color placements are NOT honored-ALL new players (except siblings of veterans) are placed on teams through a blind draw in accordance with LCAJFL League Rules.** Players are placed on teams based on their grade in school as of September 2009.

**This year, we will not be sending out team placement letters. You will be able to find out your team placement on our website in June, by using your registration number (assigned during online registration) and your last name. At that time, there will also be a link to print out the information you will need, along with any forms for camps, fundraisers, etc.**

We have decided to continue with the hiring of school and local groups to man the positions for our game days. While we did have some parental involvement last year in the way of parental volunteer groups, we found this not to work successfully for our program and are discontinuing this. Any interested school or local groups can e-mail [volunteers@piratesfootball.com](mailto:volunteers@piratesfootball.com) to express their interest.

## 2009 Fundraiser – New Change

Our fundraiser is changing a bit this year. There will be a modification of the Hungry Howie's card that we have had for the past few years. This year, in addition to having Hungry Howie's Pizza, buy one get one free pizza's, on the card, we are also partnering with other businesses to offer additional discounts to the community. If you have a business interested in partnering with us on our fundraiser card, please contact Rob Smithpeters at [rsmithpeters@piratesfootball.com](mailto:rsmithpeters@piratesfootball.com).

Our fundraiser is a mandatory participation for each athlete in our program. Each athlete is required to purchase three \$10 fundraiser cards that they can keep or sell to others in the community. Players that wish to earn H.P.Y.F.A. prizes will have the opportunity to do so by selling more than the three mandatory cards. More information, order forms, and prize lists will be available in June. **The minimum fundraiser fee will be collected at registration (\$30).**

## 2009 Football, Cheer or Pom Coaches

Anyone interested in assistant coaching for football, cheer or pom teams for the 2009 season must submit a letter of interest, including references and a detailed list of your experience. All applications must be received (or postmarked if mailing) by **midnight April 26, 2009** in order to be considered. Coaches will be selected by a committee of executive board members.

E-mail letters of interest to:

Football Coaches:	Rob Smithpeters at <a href="mailto:rsmithpeters@piratesfootball.com">rsmithpeters@piratesfootball.com</a>
Cheer Coaches:	Carol Adams at <a href="mailto:cadams@piratesfootball.com">cadams@piratesfootball.com</a>
Pom Coaches:	Kim Till at <a href="mailto:ktill@piratesfootball.com">ktill@piratesfootball.com</a>

Letters can also be mailed to Rob, Carol or Kim at: H.P.Y.F.A, P.O. Box 741, Hamburg, MI 48139.

## Football, Cheer & Pom Programs

**Instructional Football – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders.** HPYFA will have a 24 member Instructional Football team to be filled by 2<sup>nd</sup> graders within the Registration time period with any vacancies to be filled by 1<sup>st</sup> graders on a first come, first serve basis until 24 spots are filled. Maximum weight is 110 pounds with equipment. Practices begin on August 3, 2009 and will be held three evenings per week for two hours each evening. Practice days and times are subject to coach's discretion. Teams play Saturday games that may begin on August 29, 2009 (approximately 7 games). Games are played in scrimmage form with no score being kept. Teams will begin their play from the forty-yard line and working toward their goal. Teams will not kick or punt in this division.

**Freshman Football – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders.** Maximum weight is 125 pounds with equipment.

**JV Football – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders.** Maximum weight is 150 pounds with equipment(140 pounds running back weight).

**Varsity Football – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders.** Maximum weight is 220 pounds with equipment(160 pounds running back weight). Practices begin on August 3, 2009 and will be held five evenings per week for three hours each evening. After the first game, practices are three evenings per week for 2 hours each evening. Practice days and times are subject to coach's discretion. Teams play Saturday games that begin on August 29, 2009 and will run for 9 consecutive Saturdays (some teams may have "bye" games).

There will be a scrimmage Saturday on August 22, 2009. Place and time of games to be determined (TBD).

**Cheer & Poms.** Teams are placed by grades, the same as football (see above). **Cheer/Pom** teams may be combined based on enrollment numbers. **Cheerleaders** cheer during the entire game. **Pom** girls will perform a dance routine during halftime. **Girls will be expected to remain for the entire game to support the football and cheer teams.** **Cheer & Pom** practice begins August 3, 2009. Check web-site for dates and times.

**Cheer/Pom** players will be fitted for uniforms at uniform pick-up in July.

**Pom** players will be using the Capezio Dance Shoe again this year. The Varsity rep will be on-site for the girls to try on the shoes and take orders. We will post the dates and times on our website once we have them set.

**Cheer** players shoe style is TBD; however, they will be available through MC Sporting Goods in Brighton. **Cheer uniform pick-up** date and time is TBD. **Cheer** participants will receive more information on these and other topics in the participant welcome letter that will be e-mailed to each participant in June.

## Registration Fees and Information

- **The registration fee for Football, Cheer & Pom is \$200 (includes \$30 mandatory fundraiser fee).**
- **The fundraiser cards will be distributed at equipment/uniform handout.**
- **In addition to cash and check payments, we will be accepting credit card payment thru Google Checkout. This year there is NO convenience fee per player for the use of this service.**
- **Refund Policy: A \$25 handling fee will be deducted from all refunds.**
  - 100% refund (after \$25 handling fee) will be granted prior to 1<sup>st</sup> week of practice.**
  - 75% refund (after \$25 handling fee) will be granted through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of practice.**
  - 50% refund (after \$25 handling fee) will be granted through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of practice.**
  - 25% refund (after \$25 handling fee) will be granted through the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of practice.**
  - No refunds will be permitted after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of practice.**
- **Fees: A \$25 return check fee for non-sufficient funds applies.**
- **Please refer to the "Our Program" section on page 2 for the new method of delivery of the team placement information, camp forms, fundraiser forms, etc.**