

Falcons Football & Cheer 2023 Season



Parent Meeting Presentation

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Communication

- Weekly Director email on Sunday/Monday evenings
- Coaches Communications as needed
- Website: <https://www.livoniafalconsfootball.com>
- [Livonia Falcon Football & Cheer Official Facebook Page](#)
- Sports Engine App –
 - Use this to upload Physical by 7/31

Parent and Player Code of Conduct

- Conduct oneself in an appropriate manner at all times on and off the field
- Will not engage in fighting, harassing, bullying, taunting, name-calling, etc.
- Will engage in sportsman like conduct at all times
- Please visit livoniafalconsfootball.com to review the complete Code of Conduct for Players and Parents.

Treasurer Report

2023 FALCONS BUDGET: INCOME			EXPENSES	
Football & Cheer Camp Packs, Banquet, Coach Gifts	\$45,000		Football & Cheer Camp Packs, Banquet, Coach Gifts	\$46,000
Raffle Tickets	\$20,900		Raffle Payouts	\$2,500
Concessions	\$12,000		Concessions Expenses	\$7,000
Spirit wear & yard signs	\$7,500		Spirit wear & yard sign costs	\$5,000
LJAL-\$ from Registrations	\$12,000		Helmet Reconditioning & New Helmets	\$21,000
Cheer Fundraisers	\$1,000		Cheer/Football: Fire-up Dinner / Gifts / Posters / T-shirts / 8 th Grade Gifts	\$5,000
Yearbook Ads	\$2,000		Yearbooks	\$3,500
50/50 – 4 games , Banquet	\$2,000		Practice Field Stripping & Game Day Videographer	\$4,500
Raffle Baskets	\$4,500		Key Volunteer and Coaches sideline bags & Uniforms	\$6,000
			Events – Family Day, Pink Out, Picnic/Parent Party, Pep Rally, Rock Painting, Banquet	\$5,000
			Admin: TeamSnap, Printing, Website, Container, Porta-potty's, Indoor practices (cheer), etc.	\$8,000
			Cheer uniforms/Poms/Game Pants/Shoulder/Knee Pads	21,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$104,900		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$134,500

2023 Falcons Financials

- Budget looks like a loss, but is actually breakeven for the year – Had savings which are being used on the following items this year:
 - Cheer Uniforms & Poms
 - Shoulder Pads
 - Game Pants
 - Helmets
- Yard Signs – available online to purchase until July 28
(Pick up at “The Shed” when practice starts)
- Other payments that will be due by October 14 (last season game). Payments will be available once season starts online for the following:
 - Coaches Gifts
 - Banquet
- Raffle basket donations – each team will be asked to put together baskets for Family Day and Pink Out. A parent will need to coordinate for each and gather cash or items from families.

Did you know?

- The Livonia Junior Athletic League is a 501c3 nonprofit organization
- You can make monetary donations and designate the Falcons as the recipient, and use as a tax write off, just ask for our info
- Items that we routinely need to purchase, and update are shoulder pads, helmets, football pants, knee pads, poms and cheer uniforms.
 - To help minimize financial impact, we try to replace shoulder pads and helmets in small batches each season
 - For uniform replacement, we like to replace the whole fleet every 3 to 5 years.

Spirit Wear



- We will have 3 spirit wear stores again for the 2023 season. All stores will be online and open for 1 to 2 weeks. Information will be sent out as soon as we have finalized the details.
- Car decals can be purchased throughout the season at any time for \$5.00 each
- Yard signs will also be available to purchase through July 28th

VOLUNTEERS

- This league is run by volunteers
- Each family is expected to volunteer a minimum of 4 times per season
- Sign up for your slots on our sign up genius- link to come!
- There will be opportunities on game day, special events, behind the scenes and more
- All volunteer slots are equally important, they are what makes the season successful
- Failure to meet volunteer commitments, could result in loss of veteran status
- Item donation sign up (coming soon!) – if you sign up to donate any items, this will count as ONE of your volunteer requirements total, regardless of the number of items you donate.
- If you are struggling to meet volunteer commitments please reach out to the directors as soon as possible for an alternate option.

Game Day Volunteers

- Booth Spotter – Sit in the announcer booth and relay information to announcer about each play
- Time Clock Operator – Operate the time clock and enter score throughout the game
- Chains/Down Marker – Down on the “visitor” side of the field marking the downs with the chains and down marker
- Concession Worker – Take orders from customers, collect payment, prepare/handle food. NO one under 18 can handle money
- Concession Lead – make sure items are continually stocked in concession building (including bathrooms) throughout the game, fill in where needed
- Set Up – set up Bentley field for game day including raising American flag, field markers, sideline benches, garbage cans, bathroom stock, etc.
- Take Down – clean up Bentley field for game day including taking down American flag, field markers, sideline benches, removing trash, cleaning bathrooms, etc.
- Mid Day Clean Up – empty trash, pick up under the bleachers, tidy bathrooms and restock
- Grill – Grill hotdogs and hamburgers for concessions.

KEY VOLUNTEERS

- Treasurer – Lesli Matukaitis
- Volunteer Coordinator – Maggie LaMonica
- Equipment & Field Manager – Dan Antilla & Adrienne Herrick
- Announcer:
 - Flag – Kyle Lis
 - Freshman – Kyle Lis
 - JV – Ray Herrick
 - Varsity – John McLeod
- Game Day Pictures:
 - Flag/Freshman – Luma Mohasci
 - JV/Varsity – Kelly McGinnis
- Raffles – Nikki Henriksen
- Concession Organizer: **OPEN**
- Concession Leads:
 - Flag – **OPEN**
 - Freshman – **OPEN**
 - JV – Mackenzie Szymanski
 - Varsity - **OPEN**
- Spirit wear – Erin Wagner, Jen Saad & Tracie Lis
- Yearbook – Lesli Matukaitis
- Pep Rally – Emily Huntley
- Family Day – Taryn Scone & Melissa Martus
- Pink Out – Sarah Otter & Marla Merritt
- Banquet – Katie Jolly & Theresa Goodrich

SMYFA League

North/Lakes Division

- Livonia Falcons
- Livonia Eagles
- Northville Stallions
- Garden City Cougars
- Dearborn Lions
- Walled Lake Braves

South/West Division

- Redford Eagles
- Livonia Orioles
- Livonia Blue Jays
- Northville Colts
- Novi Bobcats
- Commerce Chargers

Season League Info

- Season begins 8/7
- City Scrimmage weekend of 8/19
- Regular season games begin weekend of 8/26
- Last regular season game weekend of 10/14
- Playoffs
 - Divisional & Consolation – 10/21 & 10/22
 - Semi Finals – 10/29
 - Superbowl – Weekend of 11/4 & 11/5
- Cheerfest – 10/28

Game Day Info

- All games are held either Saturday or Sunday
- Regular* game schedule is:
 - Flag – 9am
 - Freshman – 11am
 - Junior Varsity – 1pm
 - Varsity – 3pm
- All tackle players will weigh in before their game. Players that may be close to maximum weight, are welcome to participate in early weigh in. Early weigh in is determined by the home team and is generally between 9am and 10am.
- “Night” game days; games are 12pm, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm

*Regular game start times are currently under review with the league to be adjusted. Some teams do not have field access until 10am, therefore we may move all start times to be 10, 12, 2, and 4. Families will be notified as soon as a decision has been made

Falcon Important Dates

- Equipment Pick up – Week of 7/10 – may change due to equipment availability
- Football Camp – 7/19 – 7/20 @ Bentley Field
- Cheer Camp – 7/19 – 7/20 @ Bentley Field
- Physicals Due – 7/31
- Raffle Drawing – 8/15 @ Bentley Field (need not be present to win)
- Picture Day – TBD @ Buchanan Elementary
- Pep Rally – TBD
- Family Day – 9/9
- Pink Out – 10/8
- 8th Grade Recognition – TBD
- Equipment turn in - Week of 11/6
- Banquet – TBD

Practice Field Location



Location Address

- Buchanan Elementary – 16400 Hubbard St. Livonia
- Equipment shed and Portable toilet will be on site
- Please be sure to park in the parking lots, and not along the driveway on the grass

Cheer Equipment

What's Provided – to be returned

- Uniform (shell and skirt)

Camp Pack Contents – to keep

- Crop
- Briefs
- Shoes
- Cold weather item
- Poms
- Additional items to be determined



Cheer Practice Information

- Practices will be minimally 3 days a week to start
- As cheerfest gets closer, will increase to 4 days per week
- Practices will be held both outdoors and indoors
- Additional practice information will be sent from coaches

CHEER COACHES

- VARSITY
 - Meghan Greene
 - Casey Schmidtke
- JUNIOR VARSITY
 - Melissa Edwards
 - Marcie Wenzlik
- FRESHMAN
 - Trisha Hubel
 - Crystal Stewart
- FLAG
 - Bonnie Proctor
 - Danielle Monforton

*Contact Info is on the website and in SportsEngine

Football Equipment

What's Provided – to be returned

- Helmet
- Shoulder Pads
- Game Day Pants
- Practice Pants
- Knee Pads

Camp Pack Contents – to keep

- Shorts
- T-Shirt
- Customized Jersey
- Practice Jersey

What you need to Provide

- Cleats
- 5 Pad girdle
- Athletic Supporter
- Mouthguard, tethered
- Water Bottle



Football Practice Information

- Weeks One and Two (8/7– 8/19):
 - 4-5 Days per week – Tackle
 - 3-4 Days per week - Flag
 - 6pm start time – up to 2.5 hours (coaches discretion)
- Beginning Week Three (8/21):
 - 3-4 days per week – Tackle
 - 2-3 Days per week - Flag
 - 6pm to 8pm – will adjust for daylight if needed
 - Possible walk through before game day at coaches' discretion
- What to bring:
 - First 3 days – HELMETS Only, wear cleats, cup and bring water
 - Day 4 and beyond – Full gear, bring water
- Additional practice information will be sent from coaches

FOOTBALL COACHES

- VARSITY

- Fred Miller
- Matt Miller
- Mike Connely
- Kevin Murawski
- Will Katz
- Graham Nash

- JUNIOR VARSITY

- David Huntley
- Sean McClure
- Jerimiah Howe
- Kris Mohasci
- Jerred Short
- Erik Sturm
- Brandon Garrison

- FRESHMAN

- Kyle Mlinek
- Dan LaMonica
- Ryan Meyers
- Brett Hubel
- Rob Lee

- FLAG

- Anthony Ascione
- Alex Spiker

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