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Early Bird Registration



It's hard to believe but it's already time to start planning for next season. Based on the tremendous growth we have experienced from year to year we expect another record year of enrollments in 2005. Please consider our "Early Bird" registration. If you register your child and The LWYFL receives payment in full by November 30, 2004 you will receive a \$15.00 discount off the normal registration fee. As always you can register by going on-line at www.yourlebanonwarriors.com. Simply print the on-line form titled "Registration", complete it and mail it with your check. Registration forms will also be available at our home games. You will find forms at the concession stand and the admissions gate. Skip all the waiting in line during January's registration. In addition, by registering early you are assuring that your child is not put on a waiting list next season. We have maximum player/cheerleader limits per team or squad. Roster spots will be on a first come first served basis.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE

Flip the calendar back to October 2003. The first round of the WOJFC tournament had just concluded and the Bantam Maroon Warriors were finished for the year. The team struggled through a season in which they lost 9 out of 10 games. Fast forward to September 2004. The Maroon Bantam Warriors are coming off of another victory from this past weekend against The Kettering Firebirds Silver Team. The Warriors have improved their record to an impressive 7-0. The 2004 Maroon Bantam Warriors look very similar to the 2003 team that went 1-9. Similar is the team make-up. Ten players returned this season as second graders and nine first year players were acquired through the LWYFL draft. These 19 boys have come together as a team. The second year players have built on the fundamentals that they learned last season. The first year players have quickly gained knowledge and repetitions in practice. Together, these boys have formed one of the top Bantam teams in the WOJFC's field of 32. If you have not had an opportunity to see a Bantam game this season please come out to support these young players this Sunday at James VandeGrift Stadium. The Silver Bantam team plays at 10:00 A.M. and the Maroon Bantam team plays at 11:30 A.M. Please visit www.yourlebanonwarriors.com for a complete list of games and times. See you there!

"FIVE QUESTIONS"

Each week ***Warrior Weekly*** will ask a Coach or a LWYFL Board Member five questions. The questions along with the responses will be published, as they are available. If you have a question concerning the LWYFL and would like to have it answered in this section please email your question to rlogsdon@sheffercorp.com. This week ***Warrior Weekly*** posed five questions to the President of the LWYFL – Steve Cochran.

1.) How did the LWYFL come to be? Myself and 3 other members of the community saw a need to develop a traveling football program to provide the

youth of Lebanon with the proper tools to become the best athletes possible as well as develop them to be good citizens of the community.

2.) What makes the LWYFL Unique? The LWYFL is different than most youth football organizations in that we are supported by the High School coaching staff. We believe firmly that the kids need to have some continuity in their training and our High School staff has provided the support to ensure that every coach is prepared to lead a team. I believe the most important factor is that all coaches are teaching the same plays that the Jr. High and High school teams use. Our goal is to send the kids into Jr. High fully acclimated with the High School offense and defense.

3.) As the President of the LWYFL, what do you see as the biggest challenge facing the League as we move into the future? Our biggest challenge has been the tremendous growth. We have gone from 290 to 450 kids in just one year. We are now the second largest football program in the league just behind Centerville. Our program is getting noticed in the community and I believe these numbers will continue to grow in the future. Keeping a program of this magnitude running requires a very large financial backing. We have been very fortunate in that the community recognizes the benefits of our program and have stepped up with many corporate sponsors. This has permitted us to outfit our players in the very best uniforms in the league. I don't think any other Youth Football program can say that they outfit their kids in custom-made uniforms.

4.) Which LWYFL accomplishment are you most proud of? I most proud of the growth. It's gratifying to me to see the number of kids we have in our program. I felt strongly that we were doing the right thing by starting the LWYFL and the tremendous growth of our program demonstrates that the community recognizes the benefits as well.

5.) If you could see into the future of the LWYFL - What would you like to see? My long-term vision is for the Lebanon Warrior Youth Football League to build a top-notch football stadium to call our own. We have been blessed that the High School has welcomed our program and permitted us to use their field. However, eventually I would like to find or build a field that the LWYFL can call home.

QUOTES

A good football coach needs a patient wife, a loyal dog and a great quarterback - but not necessarily in that order.

Bud Grant

Flying is the second best thrill to cheerleaders; being caught is the first. -Author
Unknown

"A good coach will make his players see what they can be rather than what they are."
Ara Parasheghian:

"We didn't lose the game, we just ran out of time." Vince Lombardi



CHEER POEM

Cheerleading is a way of life, shared by a chosen few,
It is working as a unit in everything you do.
Cheerleading is rivalry, the competition makes you strong,
It is sharing secrets and tears, learning to get along.
Cheerleading is that ongoing drive to be the very best,
It is patience, perseverance, and very little rest.
Cheerleading is having poise and charm with every word you say,
It is total dedication twenty-four hours a day.
It is always being ready with encouragement or a smile,
Cheerleading is your chance to express your individual style.
Cheerleading is reaching out to comfort a sister who is sad,
It is defending each other in the good times and the bad.
Cheerleaders are always there whenever someone asks,
They treasure the present moment and let go of the past.
Cheerleading is a talent to be able to shine on cue,
It is hiding the pain and anguish that if only people knew.
Cheerleaders after all, are real people that sometimes get down,
but when they're in the spotlight, they must never put on a frown.
Cheerleaders are actresses, always ready to go,
That is why it is important for all the world to know.
Not every girl can be a cheerleader, it takes a special kind,
Cheerleaders are full of life and a little bit out of their mind.

-Unknown Author



TAKE BACK THE HOUR!!!

Please remember that Daylight Savings ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2004. Set your clocks back one hour



SPIRIT WEAR

Please visit our spirit wear tent at all LWYFL home games. We have recently added new items for the cooler weather. All prices on summer wear have been reduced for quick sale. Show your spirit for the warriors and help support our league. All proceeds from LWYFL spirit wear sales go back into the general fund to support the league.



WIN A DELL COMPUTER!

The LWYFL is currently selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a new Dell computer with 17" monitor. The cost of a ticket is just \$1, or you can improve your odds of winning by purchasing 6 tickets at the reduced price of only \$5. Tickets may be purchased from any LWYFL player or cheerleader. Proceeds will go to help run the league in the 2005 season.

WARRIOR WEEKLY NEEDS YOUR HELP

We would like to publish this newsletter on a weekly basis to keep you current with events and news of the LWYFL. Please help by submitting ideas for stories or information that you would like to see in future publications. Please send your news, comments and ideas to

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