

# BAYFL

## July 2011 BAYFL Update

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**July 25th - 27th**

**5PM to 7PM**

*BAYFL Non-contact  
Camp at Crimmins  
Field (Brunswick)*

**Sunday  
July 31st**

**10 AM - 1 PM**

*Equipment issue  
for 1st-3rd Grade  
Football*

**1 PM-4PM**

*Equipment Issue  
for 4th-6th Grade  
Football*

*All equipment issue  
is at Fairgrounds  
Field  
(Topsham)*

### Welcome to BAYFL!

If this is your first year with BAYFL, welcome! If your family is returning for the 2011 season, welcome back!  
*Communication*

We've found that this newsletter is the best way to spread league information. Once your player is assigned to a team, you will also get communications from your child's coach and team parent, but this newsletter is how you will get league information.

### *Volunteer Help Needed*

Each year BAYFL has over 300 players - usually about 60 cheerleaders and 250 football players (divided into 14 teams). We could not do this without lots of volunteer help from lots of people. From Pam our concession manager who has volunteered 20+ hours per week during the season for the past 10 years, to the parent of the new cheerleader who helps park cars for one shift at the Topsham Fair. When you are asked to pitch in and help out - whether it be to coach, assist with the bottle drive, work a shift at the concession stand or any of the multitude of ways we need volunteers - please do so. Every parent is expected to volunteer in some way. Not

**Monday  
August 1st**

**5PM - 7PM**

*First practice for  
4th-6th Grade  
Football Players*

*4th & 5th  
Fairgrounds Field  
(Topsham)*

*6th Dragons  
Crimmins Field  
(Brunswick)*

*6th Eagles  
MAMS Field  
(Topsham)*

**Saturday  
August 6th**

**9 AM - 12PM**

*Equipment issue  
for 7th & 8th Grade  
Football*

*Fairgrounds Field  
(Topsham)*

**Monday  
August 16th**

**5PM - 7PM**

*First practice for all  
cheerleaders,  
1st-3rd Football  
and 7th &  
8th Football*

*All cheerleaders  
and 1st-3rd  
Football Players  
Fairgrounds Field  
(Topsham)*

*7th & 8th Dragons  
Football  
Crimmins Field*

only is it how we keep costs down, but it gives the league the feeling of a family and that we all have a hand in this big undertaking. Everyone who does anything for the league is a volunteer - no one is paid - even the volunteers (primarily BAYFL board members) who put at least 20 hours a week into this effort from July through early November. Please help us to keep from burning out the volunteers who donate large amount of time to lead the effort by filling shifts where help is needed.

## Topsham Fair - Parking and Painting Help Needed

The Topsham Fair has been very good to BAYFL and charges us an extremely low rent. However, they depend on us for volunteer help parking cars (and give us credit towards our rent for parking them). They have also asked us to paint the wooden decking on the movable bleachers which we use.

## Bleacher Painting

Thursday, July 28th from 6PM to 9PM we will be painting the bleachers with rollers. The bleachers are currently in the infield (the area in the middle of the racetrack). We have about 10 volunteers to far, but if anyone else wants to join us, please email [registrar@bayfl.org](mailto:registrar@bayfl.org).

## Parking Cars August 9th - 14th

This year we need help parking cars from from 4PM to 8:30 PM, Tuesday August 9th through Sunday, August 14th. We need about 10 people per shift, so it's a big effort for the league. However, it's a chance to get out and be part of a team parking cars and see people you haven't seen for awhile attending the Fair.

**We still have a lot of shifts open! We're looking for parents, high school students (we will give documentation for community service credit) or older BAYFL players to assist. Please email Mark Waltz at [registrar@bayfl.org](mailto:registrar@bayfl.org) if you can assist and let him know which night(s) you can help.**

*(Brunswick)*

*7th & 8th Eagles  
Football  
MAMS Field  
(Topsham)*

**Friday  
August 26th**

**5PM - 8PM**  
*Kick-Off Night  
All football players  
and cheerleaders, K  
- 8th GR*

## Field(s) Update & Practice Plan

You may have heard that Stowe Field in Brunswick has grass problems and the architect is requiring the contractor to correct them before it will be accepted. This means the field will not be available to BAYFL until at least mid-September. In the meantime we will use Crimmins Field in Brunswick to practice the 6th-8th Grade Dragons. The 6th-8th Grade Eagles will practice at Mt. Ararat Middle School as they have in the past.

All cheerleaders and all 1st-5th Grade football players will practice at Fairgrounds Field in Topsham (though not on the middle portions of the field which were reseeded).

With a few exceptions (which might be at Brunswick High School or Stowe Field if the grass there becomes playable before the end of the season) all home games will be at Fairgrounds Field in Topsham. This is because (a) it is in better condition than Stowe Field and (b) none of the amenities have been constructed at Stowe Field yet (announcing booth, scoreboard, concession stand, etc.). Our long-range plan (hopefully in 2012) will be to play games at both Fairgrounds Field and Stowe Field, but we need the amenities before we can play many games at Stowe Field. The concession stand revenue (about \$6,000 per year) pays for the referees we hire for the games.

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All of the work we did bringing a water line to

Fairgrounds Field, and mowing and watering it this summer has given the new grass a good start at getting established. We've had so little rain the past six weeks, that we wouldn't want to see what the field would look like without the off season work.

Thank you to Bryan Cassidy and Guy Steinman for donating their time to build the pumphouse for the watering equipment.

Thank you to Jeff Girardin for a lot of hard work getting the water line project coordinated and [Mark Ponziani Excavation of Topsham \(729-5618\)](#) for doing the excavating work (and supplying loam) at a steep discount.

Thank you to [Enterprise Trenchless Technologies, Inc.](#) for their manufacturing the 4" water line.

Finally, another thank you to [Ray Labbe & Sons](#) who also donated loam for the project last fall.

### [When and Where Does My Player Need to Be Next?](#)

The first event for all football players is equipment issue. ***All equipment is issued at the Fairgrounds Field storage building to the rear of the field.*** The schedule is in the left hand column of this newsletter. **Please make every effort to attend equipment issue as this is the time that we have all of the volunteers to issue equipment quickly and efficiently.** If you must miss the equipment issue for your age group, it is preferred that you come to the equipment issue for another age group. Finally and we will also be issuing equipment and exchanging equipment (fit issues always come up) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (7PM to 8PM) for the two weeks following the Topsham Fair.

The equipment building will be locked and equipment will not be issue at other times because of accountability issues (when it is issued at other times we've had

problems with items not being noted, returned, documents and payment not being turned in, etc.).

Practice starts Monday, August 1st for 4th-6th Grade football players. It starts Monday, August 16th for everyone else. You'll get an email with more details, but the Monday and Tuesday of the first week of practice for 1st-5th players are a pre-draft evaluation so we can try to make the teams as equal as possible during the draft. Draft occurs on the first Wednesday and the players are put on their teams that night.

### [It's Not Too Late to Register!](#)

If anyone has not registered yet for the 2011 season, please go to:

<http://www.bayfl.org/registration/>

Please note that all registration must be done online this year. We upgraded the website so that registration is directly input to our website and no longer uses the fillable .pdf forms which caused problems in the past. We think you'll find it fast and easy.

### [Have You Been to Our Website?](#)

#### [Cancellations, schedules & more?](#)

Our website ([www.bayfl.org](http://www.bayfl.org)) has a wealth of information about the league. Any league cancellations (and team cancellations requested to be posted by coaches) will be posted on the website on the home page. Except for last minute weather changes, these cancellations are normally posted by 4PM for practices.

As soon as game schedules are set (which hasn't happened yet because we are still waiting for game schedules from some of the leagues in which we play) they are posted on the website.

Questions, comments, etc...

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