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September 2nd BAYFL Update

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Saturday September 3rd

9AM

49ers v. Patriots

10:30 AM

*Cape Elizabeth v.
Dragons (6th)*

12:00 PM

Packers v. Ravens

*All games at Fair
grounds Field
Topsham*

Tuesday September 6th

Photos for Mt.
Ararat Middle
School Teams at
MAMS

The Season is Underway



BAYFL founders Barry McArthur, Linda Dobson and Ken Ames perform the coin toss for the 8th Grade Eagles and Dragons to kickoff the 2011 Season. Photo Courtesy of Brian Beard

**Turn in 1st
Envelope with
Subway Card
Proceeds to Team
Parent**

**Friday
September 9th**

Photos for BJHS
Teams at Crimmins
Field

On Friday Night, August 26th, with the Blue Angels as our "pre-game" show, BAYFL kicked off its 2011 season at Fairgrounds Field. We had beautiful weather and approximately 335 football players and cheerleaders participated.

Incidentally, 335 participants makes this BAYFL's biggest year ever. As Randly Klatt used to say, "We're going to make this a football town!".

Schedules Are Updated!

All of the [team schedules](#) on the BAYFL website have been updated as of this morning. Even if you checked your team's schedule as recently as yesterday, please check again as every team but the 8th Grade teams has had at least one date/time change and many have had multiple changes.

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We apologize for the changes. They were necessitated by late additions to the schedules of the 4th-6th grade teams. We've been trying to get them as many non-BAYFL opponents as possible and the teams we've picked up couldn't give us a date until they had their own schedules given to them by the leagues they play in.

The [field schedule](#) is also on the website if you would like to know when there are games being played so you can watch some extra football.

Subway Card Fundraiser "Check-In" Date Tuesday, Sept. 6th

Tuesday, September 6th is the "check-in date" (1/2 way through) for the Subway fundraiser. All players should turn in their 1st envelope to their team parent on this date with any funds from cards sold.

Please note that players who have sold enough to get the free cards and other prizes should not be taking the cards/cash from the supply of cards the player was issued or the cash from the proceeds. The prizes/cash are issued by the fundraising company at the completion of the

sale (this way the prizes come out of the company's share and not BAYFL's).

Please do all you can to make this fundraiser a success. This is our final mandatory fundraiser of the season and we want it to do well so we can replace all of the 7th and 8th grade helmets next year. The 1st-6th helmets replaced this year cost us about \$15,000 and the price of the 7th and 8th grade helmets will be comparable. We're also hoping to be able to go ahead with the amenities which need to be built at Stowe Field so it will be ready for use next year once the grass situation has been resolved by the contractor.

We Have a Tournament for the 4th-6th Grade!

One of the biggest disappointments with leaving MYFL is that there would not be the end of the season MYFL Harvest Bowl in which to participate. However, we now have a tournament for our 4th-6th Grade Teams. It will be a round-robin tournament called the "Halloween Bowl" the weekend of 10/29 in Cumberland (whether it is Sat., Sun or both is yet to be determined). The format will be setup so that every team gets to play multiple short games, as opposed to the "win or go home" format of the Harvest Bowl. While the kids will be keeping score, there will not be a tournament champion, the concept is designed to give all of the teams a fair amount of playing time and have a big party with all of the towns. At the very least, we will have BAYFL, Cumberland, Auburn and Cape Elizabeth participating.

Great Turnout for Topsham Fair - Parking and Bleacher Painting

Our "in-kind" obligations which are part of our 2011 rent for the field have been fulfilled. Thank you to all the BAYFL families who volunteered. everyone The Topsham Fair is very grateful, especially for the last minute Highland Games parking assistance. We're developing a great relationship of trust with the Fair which should benefit both organizations for a long time to come.

Bleacher Painting

Thursday, July 28th we had so many volunteers (about 250) that we painted 8 sets of bleachers in under two hours.



Parking Cars August 9th - 14th, 20th



OK, so Sunday night (pictured above) was not the busiest night (hence why we had time to pose for the photo). However, we had 12-16 volunteers each night and particularly on Saturday night and during the Highland

games, we needed every one of them to park people efficiently enough that we did not have to use the field. On a number of the nights we not only parked the back entrance (which is the one we committed to park) but we were able to help park the infield (center of the race track) which the Fair needed badly because the Maine Raging Bulls (adult semi-pro football team who had promised to park the infield in return for practicing somewhere at the Fairgrounds other than our field) never showed up.

Have You Been to Our Website?

Cancellations, schedules & more?

Our website (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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