

# YAMF Newsletter



**Yough Area Midget Football Mission Statement** - To build and instill lifelong values in our football players and cheerleaders, developing leadership qualities, dedication to teamwork, discipline and self-respect in our areas youth.

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## YAMF Board Updates

*A report on what your newly elected Board has been working on since officially taking over in January 2013.*

### YAMF Fundraising

Last fall we asked for your suggestions on how to make the YAMF organization better moving forward. Many of you told us that you didn't like the Olde Country Lucky Lotto fundraiser. We listened to your suggestions and have been working diligently to find fundraising options that will generate money for our organization and not be difficult on our membership to sell.

The Board is pleased to announce that we have worked out a deal with a local ATV dealership and will be raffling off a quad this fall. The winner can choose the prize or money.

To make the tickets even easier to sell, YAMF will have two booths at the "Rock the Yough Music & Summerfest '13" on July 27<sup>th</sup>. There will activities for the kids at this event and four excellent bands for entertainment ("Sorry, We're Closed", "Usual Suspects", "One South East" and the main event is Chris Higbee formerly of the Povertyneck Hillbillies!) The Sewickley Township Recreation Board has been planning this for almost a year now and they are expecting approximately 3000 people to attend. Please see attached flyer for details.

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## Important Dates for 2013

Final Sign-up's (Bruno Field Concession Stand)

**Cheerleading – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Football – July 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

YAMF Summer Football Camp

*Sunday's from 6-8:00 p.m. at Bruno Memorial Field*

**June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7**

Football Conditioning Camp

Monday-Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cheerleading Conditioning Camp (TENTATIVE)

Monday-Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Additional Dates

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – Mandatory League Coaches Meeting (TBA)

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Practice (First 3 days no contact)

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – First Day of Contact

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – YAMF Banquet

Game Day Schedule

*Whether games are played on Saturday or Sunday is dependent on other scheduled events. We will provide additional details as they become available.*

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - Home Scrimmage vs. TBD

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - Charleroi (Kickoff Classic)

Sat./Sun., August 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> - @ Elizabeth Forward

(Opening weekend of season)

Sat./Sun., August 31<sup>st</sup>/September 1<sup>st</sup> - @ Bentworth

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - Beth Center

Sat./Sun., September 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> - @ Union-Finley

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - South Allegheny

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Rostraver

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - California

Sat./Sun., October 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> - @ Brentwood

Sat./Sun., October 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> - First Round of Playoffs

Sat./Sun., October 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> - Semifinals

Sat./Sun., November 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – Championship

All home games will be Saturday and they will start at 2:00 p.m. or later if at the high school field.

Because this is such a large venue, the Recreation Board has approached YAMF to see if our membership would be interested in providing help at this event. In exchange, they will share a portion of the ticket sales, 50/50 and give YAMF two booths (1 for the fundraiser; 1 for the sale of funnel cakes and fresh squeezed lemonade). There will be a sign-up sheet available at our concession stand on the remaining Sunday night YAMF Summer Football Camp evenings for volunteers to help at the Rock the Yough festival. Volunteers will get into the event for free and this will be counted against your YAMF concession stand duty.

We will also be selling tickets that are \$5 each (kids 5 and under get in free with each paid adult) for the Rock the Yough event at the concession stand at the Summer Football Camp.

Any quad tickets that aren't sold at Rock the Yough will be distributed to YAMF members to sell after the event. We hope you will bring your family out for the Rock the Yough event and support YAMF in the process!

A special thank you goes out to all of the folks that have shared additional fundraising ideas over the last few months. The Board is reviewing everything and will communicate details once they are finalized regarding additional ways that we can generate funding moving forward.

As always, we welcome additional suggestions. Please contact Jim Sokol, President at [jsokol@coenoil.com](mailto:jsokol@coenoil.com) or Bucky Croushore, Treasurer at [abcpa6@verizon.net](mailto:abcpa6@verizon.net) with your ideas.

### YAMF Summer Football Camp

All players who have already registered or plan on registering for the 2013 season are encouraged to attend the summer camps. The camps are open to all four teams (Cub, Bobcats, Wildcats and Cougars) and will be conducted by the coaches of YAMF.

In coordination with the YAMF Board, the coaches of YAMF have decided to implement an organization wide system. All four teams will be operating under the same defensive and offensive system. Similar terminology and techniques will be taught at all levels. This is being done in order to strengthen the organization as a whole and minimize the learning curve from one level to the next.

Also, YAMF will be better able to utilize all of its coaches. With all coaches operating under the same system, coaches can help with any team if such help is needed.

These camps will be used to instruct the players on the basic fundamentals that will be necessary to succeed within the system. Many aspects of the system that will be used by YAMF will have direct ties to the Yough High School football team and the system that they use.

### Welcome YIFA Football Players & Cheerleaders!

Yough is united one again! After many years we are now playing as ONE stronger organization. Here are our latest numbers following the June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> sign-ups. YAMF is now 158 families strong with a total of 218 children in our program.

Team	Football Players	Cheerleaders
Cubs	34	34
Bobcats	27	30
Wildcats	25	20
Cougars	22	26
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>110</b>

This is amazing and with a little help from everyone in this organization, we can do great things for these children moving forward. It is truly all about the kids.

### Communicating With You

Open communication is key to any organizations success and something that you asked for in the suggestions you provided. We are communicating three different ways.

1. This newsletter will be sent out once a month until the season starts. During the season, Team Mom's will be coordinating with coaches to distribute information weekly.
2. We are just putting the final touches into our YAMF dedicated website through eteamz.com. Until that is completed, we are temporarily using the Sewickley Township page ([www.sewickleytownship.org](http://www.sewickleytownship.org)) under the Helpful Links tab. Click on the Football & Cheerleading tab.
3. Like us on Facebook (Yough Area Midget Football)

### Financials

Our current financial statement is attached.

### **Contact Us**

*Please share your suggestions. We want to make this the best organization possible and would like to hear from you.*

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