

Homer Stallions Youth Football & Cheerleading 2011 Handbook

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PARENTS...

After the children, you are the most important part of this organization. Please make every attempt to have your child at all practices and games (on time). Check the area after practices and games to make sure your child leaves nothing on the field.

Attend your child's games and watch them develop through the season. They practice very hard and look for your support and interest in what they do.

This organization's success depends on parental support. Attend monthly meetings, and help out when you can. There are many areas where you could give a little time and make a big difference.

Web Page

www.Homerstallions.com

You can email any of the board members from our web page.

Information Updates

Be sure to send change of address, insurance, or phone numbers to **Homerstallions@Homerstallions.com**

Newsletters and E-mails

Newsletters and updates will be sent out from **Homerstallions@Homerstallions.com**

Be sure this address is not being blocked or email from it may go in your spam folder.

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Old Town Hall (161st & Cedar) and begin at 8:00 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings and to be a part of the decisions that effect the whole organization. This is a community organization and we are always receptive to new ideas, opinions, and suggestions that will improve the program we provide for the children.

FAMILY PARTICIPATION FEE REIMBURSEMENT

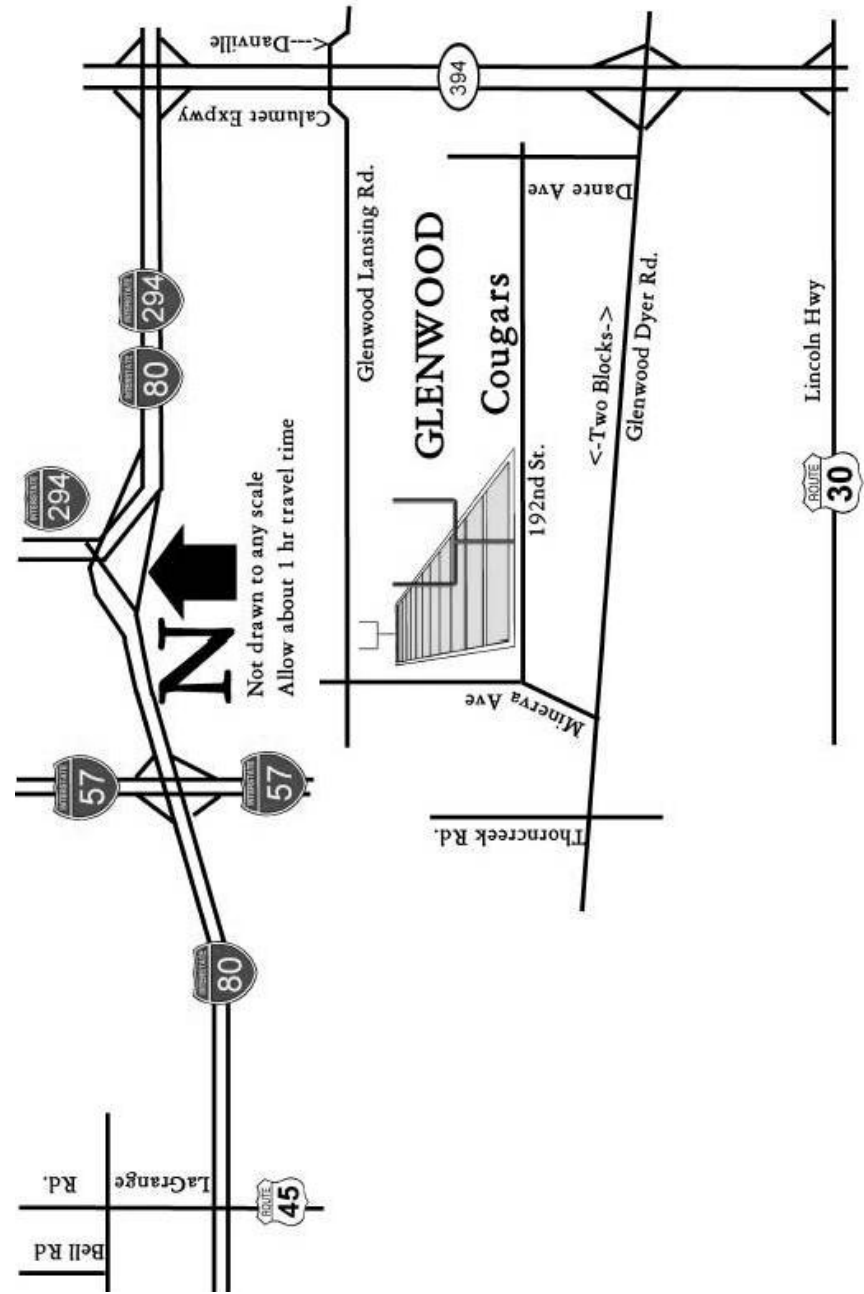
To have your \$100.00 Family Participation fee refunded, you must have worked voluntarily at least eight (8) hours and you must have returned all Homer Stallions equipment in good working order. All refunds will be mailed upon completion of the above requirements. **It is the responsibility of the parent to put in 8 hours of participation time.** When you work your hours, make sure to sign in to the concessions director or to one of the board members in charge of the activity that you have worked. **If you do not sign in and out, you jeopardize losing the time you have put in.**

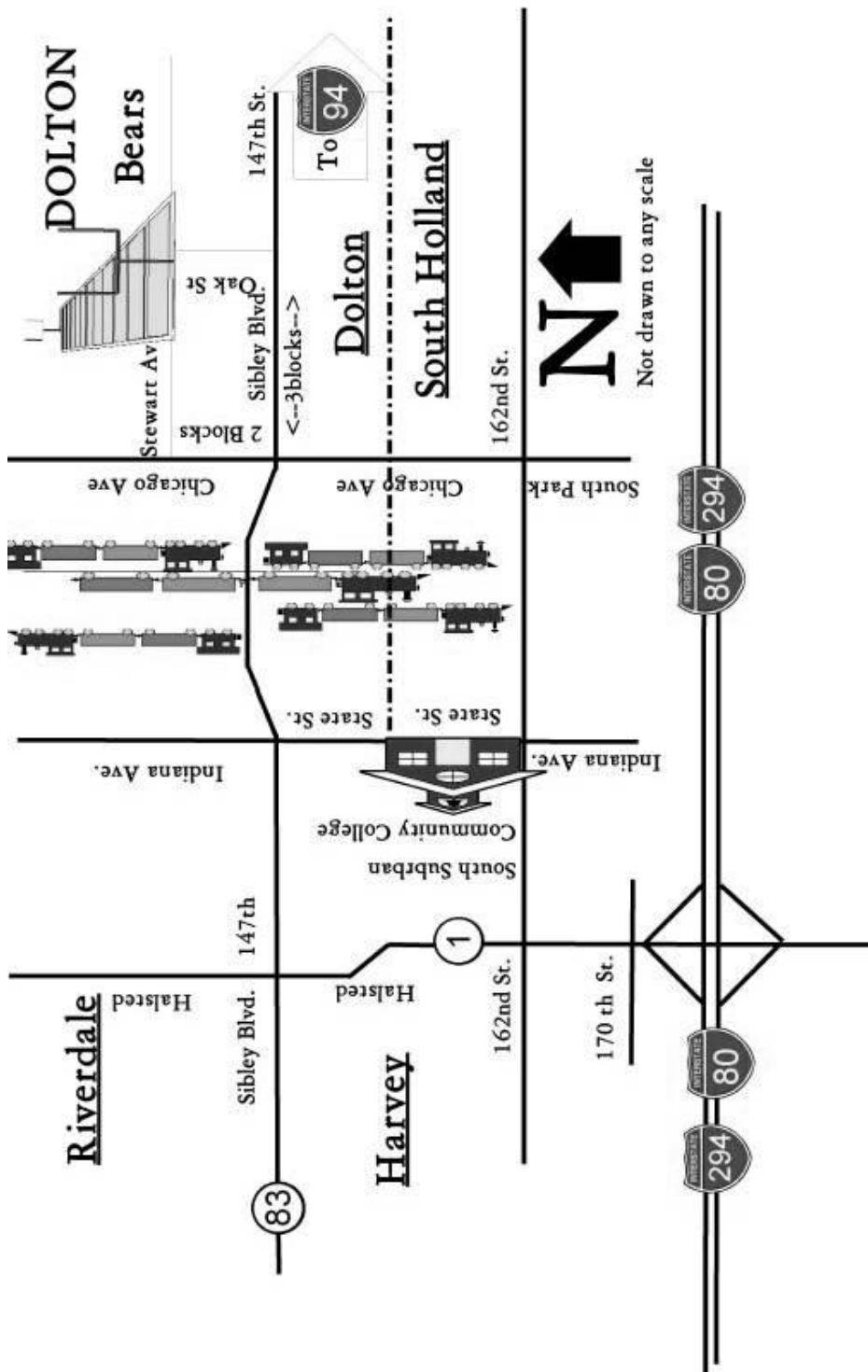
Absolutely no refunds will be given after the December board meeting. All books are closed for the year. If you have any questions regarding the Family Participation fee, please feel free to contact any of the board members.

VOLUNTEERISM

The Homer Stallions Youth Football Association is a non-profit organization founded and run by volunteers who are residents of Homer Township. We are currently providing this program for the children of Homer Township, Lockport, Lemont, and surrounding areas with funds received from registration fees and fund-raisers. Like all private organizations, we are dependent on volunteers who will donate their time and energy to produce a quality activity for our children. When you register your child for football or cheerleading, you become a member of the organization with the right to be involved in the decision-making process.

We pride ourselves in the quality of people who volunteer their time to make the Stallions a better organization for the kids.





Many of our volunteers do not even have children in the program, but they stay because of the new friends they have made and they wanted to give something back to the community. **Please get involved....** you will be surprised how many new friends you'll make and how much fun it will be. Taking the first step is the hardest, so ask one of the board members how you can help.

Some of the areas for which you can volunteer are: Football Coaching, Cheerleading Coaching, Team Parent, Picture Day, Concessions, Field Maintenance (set-up before and clean-up after for home games), Fund-raising, Dance Chaperone, Homecoming, Parking, Grill, Garbage Detail, Split the Pot, etc.

REGISTRATION

Each year we have many registration opportunities for the convenience of the families. **If you fail to register and pay in full by July 31st you will forfeit the early bird registration fee.** We also reserve the right to institute waiting lists if the turnout is higher than we can handle. We try to give every child a quality experience that includes a team with less than a 30 children for the football squad or 28 for the cheerleading squad.

INSURANCE

The registration fee includes full supplementary insurance coverage for all participants. If your child should sustain an injury in this program, we ask that you submit the claim with your primary insurance company first. After your insurance company has processed the claim, you can submit a claim for the amount that was not reimbursed by your primary insurance coverage to the league insurance company. You may also submit a claim for all medical expenses if you do not have primary insurance coverage. Claim forms and instructions for submittal can be found on the website or contact the respective Cheerleading or Football Athletic Director. All claims must be signed by the respective Football or Cheerleading Athletic Director before submittal.

PAYMENTS

When making any payments to Stallions by check, there will be a \$25.00 fee for any check (s) that are returned Non-Sufficient Funds. **Registration payments after the July board meeting can only be made in the form of cash, money order, or cashiers check.**

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the Homer Stallions of any medical condition that a child may have. This includes but is not limited to allergies, asthma, diabetes, or any physical limitations. **A green stripe will be placed on the front and back of the player's helmet. This will alert us that the player has a medical condition.**

GRIEVANCES

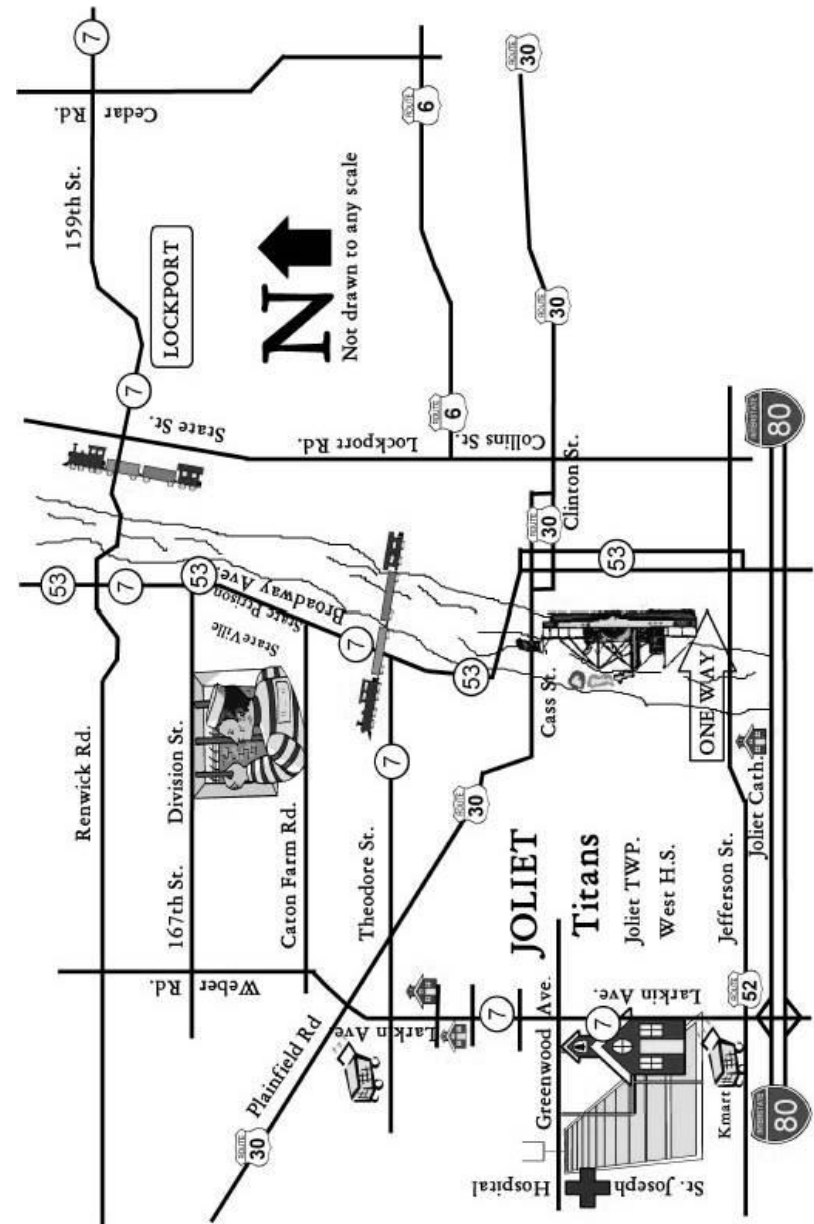
Any grievances arising during the season should be taken first to the **Head Coach** and then to the appropriate Athletic Director. If a satisfactory result is not obtained, they may bring it before the Executive Board.

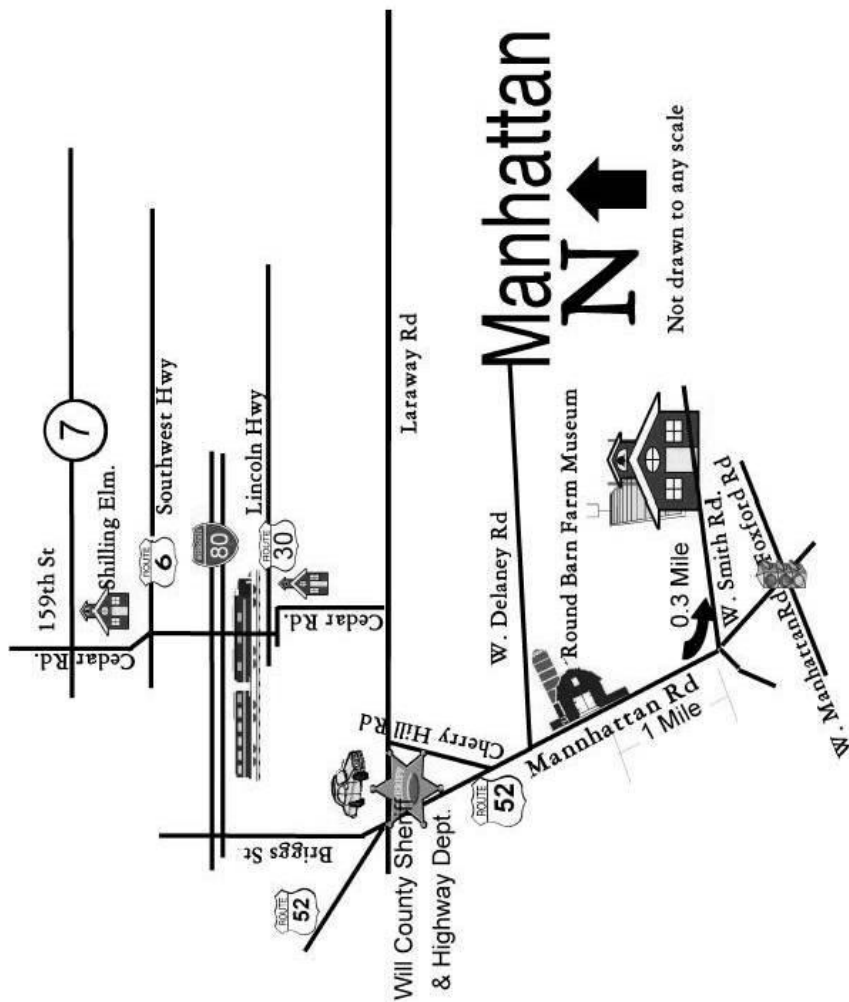
If further action is needed, they may file a written complaint to the Executive Board who will appoint a grievance committee consisting of three (3) impartial members of the organizations. If the committee finds the complaint to have merit, they will present their findings at the general meeting for closure.

An Executive Board Member, Coach, Volunteer or child participant can be removed from service for any misconduct detrimental to the organization. It must be done at a meeting of the Executive Board and shall require a 2/3 vote of the 9 member Executive Board.

PRACTICE ATTENDANCE

Football and Cheerleading more than any other sports, is dependent on consistent practice. Each child must know and be able to execute their assignment during the game. The teamwork that is developed through practice is essential for the enjoyment and safety of each child and the team or squad. If your child must miss a practice, notify one of the coaches. If absences are frequent, the head coach will discuss with you the effects on the team or squad and your child.





PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Location: Homer Sports Complex 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL. 60491 (on 151st Street just west of Parker Road behind the Homer Township Public Library and Township Offices)

Pre-Season: The first day of practice will be Monday, August 1, 2011 for everyone. All practice times are from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Football Practice during the month of August will be held on Monday through Fridays.

Cheer Practices during the month of August will be held Monday through Friday the first week. The rest of August, practice will be on Monday through Thursdays.

Flag Football & Cheer practice Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Thru August.

Regular Season (starting August 29th):

Football Practice will be limited to three (3) times per week and held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays.

Cheer Practices will be determined as gym time is available.

Flag Football & Cheer will go down to two days after August 30th depending on which two fit the team needs best.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

Each squad will be assigned a practice area.

- You should drive completely into the complex to drop off and pick up your children. **No U turns should be made.**
- **DO NOT** park in the Homer Library lot.
- Please be on time. Practices start and end on time. Coaches may adjust the time if needed. **The coaches also have families to take care of and shouldn't have to wait for the children to be picked up.**
- Drive slowly and carefully in the parking areas. Please be patient. There are approximately 700 children being transported to the complex at the same time. Carpooling is a great idea. Try to set up a spot where your children can meet you to pick them up, so they are not running through the parking lot looking for you. Instruct your children not to leave their squad locations unless they have told their Head Coaches where they are going first. **Absolutely no drop off or pick-ups on 151st Street**

RULES FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS

- Mandatory Academic/Religious functions take precedence before any athletic practice or game.
- Make sure your name is marked on all items you bring.
- All participants should bring a water bottle to practices filled with water only (NO SPORTS DRINKS)
- Please dress appropriately – it tends to be windy & cooler at the Complex (bring jacket/sweatshirts)
- Football players: practice pants, protective cup, rubber or plastic spikes (NO detachable or metal spikes) Game jerseys should never be worn to practice unless you are notified of a special occasion. All holes should be patched or covered on any jersey
- Cheerleaders: Sneakers – no sandals, flip flops or bare feet, gym shoes that lace-up or velcro-close. No bare midriff tops. Comfortable shorts/sweats – no jean shorts. No jewelry should be worn to practices or at games. This includes posts, etc. for new piercings, & hair pulled back.
- Children are not allowed to leave the field without adult supervision
- If you will be unable to attend practice, please let your Head Coach know ahead of time.

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND

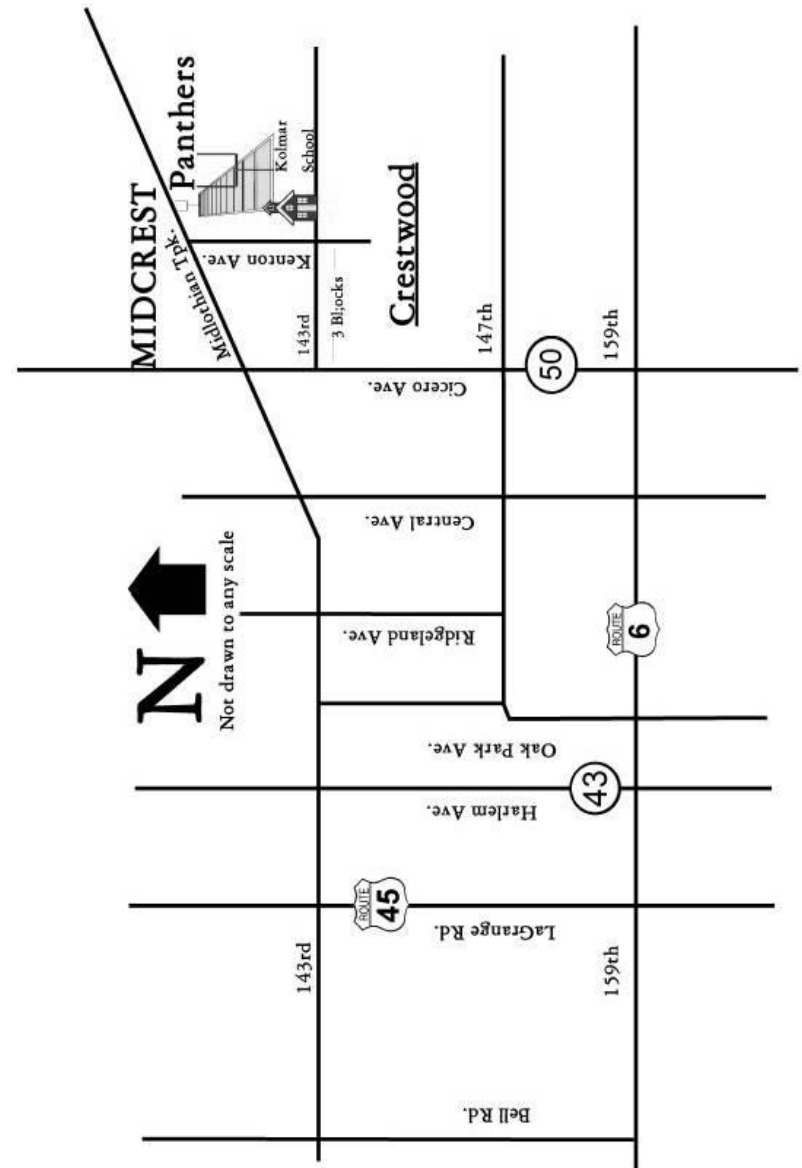
No personal golf carts or motorbikes are allowed on township property at any time. This includes parking lots, streets, and entryways along with any playing field. Any family found using these vehicles will be warned the first time, and then if needed, removed from the program.

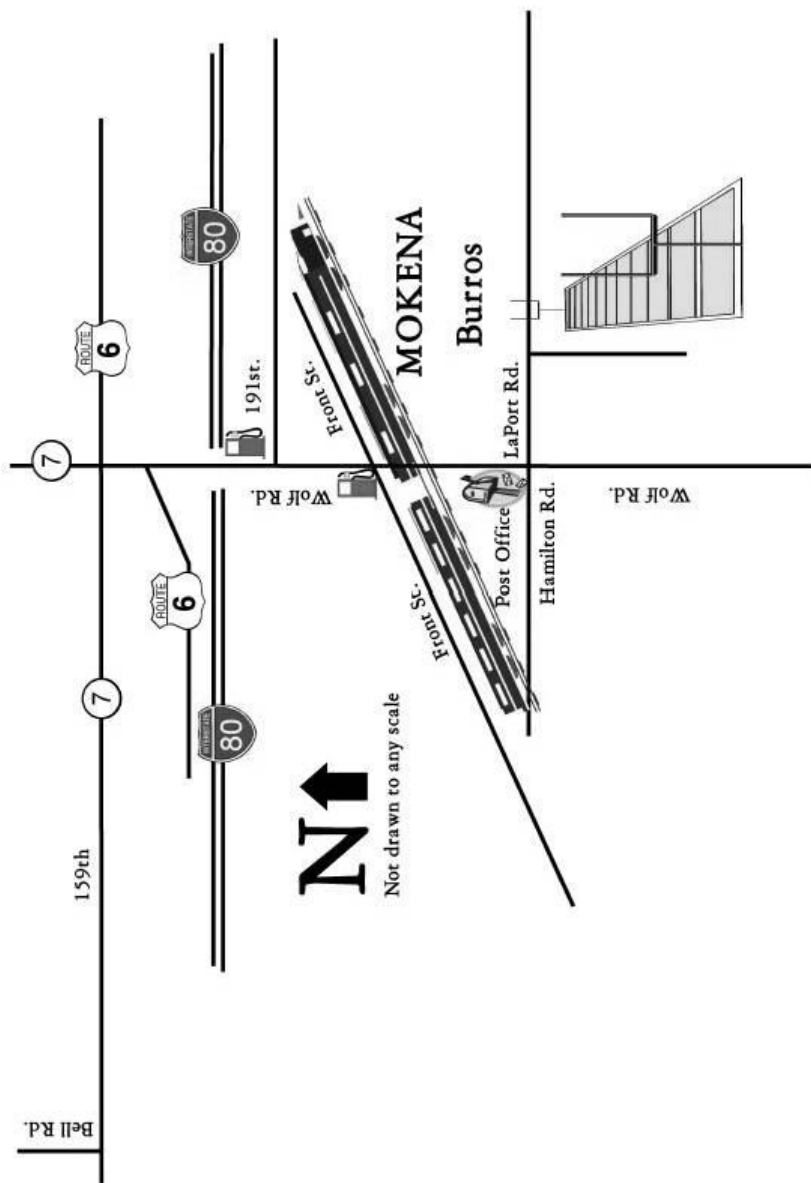
FARM ANIMALS ALONG WEST SIDE OF ENTRYWAY

No one is allowed to play with, feed, touch, or throw stones at the farm animals that are along the west side of the entryway. Anyone caught doing so may be removed from the program after vote by the executive board members.

SPLIT THE POT

During the games, someone will go around to both sides of the field and sell tickets for split the pot. The cost will be one (1) ticket for \$1.00 or six (6) tickets for \$5.00. The amount collected is split between the person holding the winning ticket and the Homer Stallions. If the winner is not present to collect their prize, another ticket will be drawn.





GAME DAY

It is very important that your child arrive at the designated time given by your coach before the start of your game (45 minutes before for cheerleaders and 1 hour before for football players). This time is necessary in order for them to properly warm-up and stretch out before the start of the game. Without adequate warm-up time unnecessary injuries could occur. Every effort is made for your child to participate in each game. Please discuss any problems or questions with the child's Head Coach and if necessary with the Athletic Director. It is the responsibility of the parent to transport their child to and from away games.

GAME DAY BEHAVIOR

Our game referees consist of refs who are very familiar with our specialized rules in each division. Most of them are either current or former H.S. Football Players. They have all been selected because of their knowledge of the game, their character, their love for the game, and their desire to do the best job possible. One thing is certain in every football game, including the N.F.L. which uses professional referee crews, there will ALWAYS be questionable and missed calls made by the referee crew! PLEASE – understand that they will do the best job they can.

Harassment of yelling at our referees WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! The ONLY person who may talk to the referees during a game is the HEAD COACH of each team. If coaches, players, parents, or fans are deemed abusive or argue with the refs, an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty may be called on their team, and if it continues, they may be asked to leave the field and repeated abuses may result in being refused participation in the program. If the actions of an individual be it a coach, player, parent, family member, friend, etc. result in the Homer Stallions being assessed a monetary fine by the SWMFL the individual will be responsible for the payment of said fine. Remember that this is just a game, and we are here to have fun, and support our children. Coaches, parents, and fans should set a good example for our kids!

PLEASE NOTE!! SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING OR PRACTICE FIELDS. OUR FIELD IS LOCATED ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED.

NO PARKING AT THE LIBRARY.

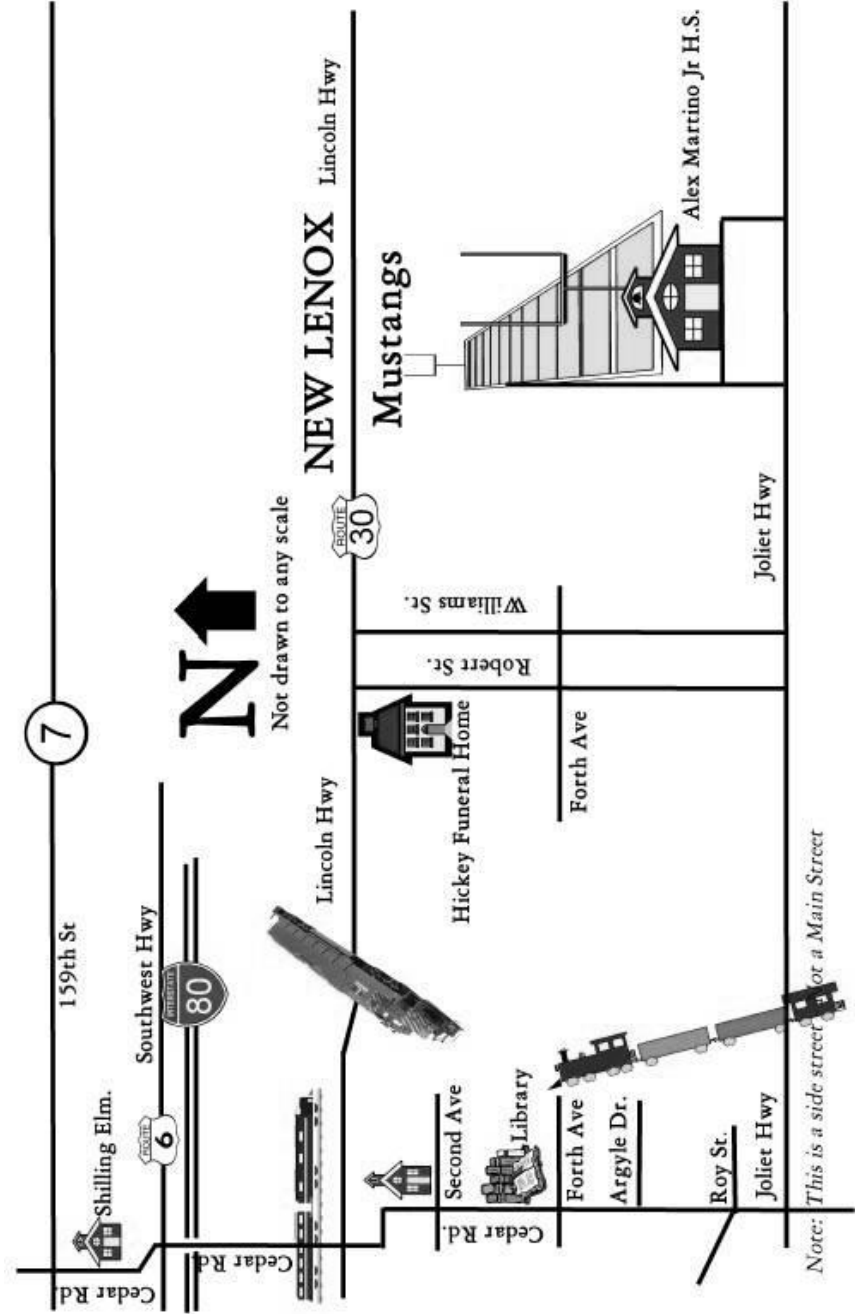
RULES FOR CHILDREN'S DANCES

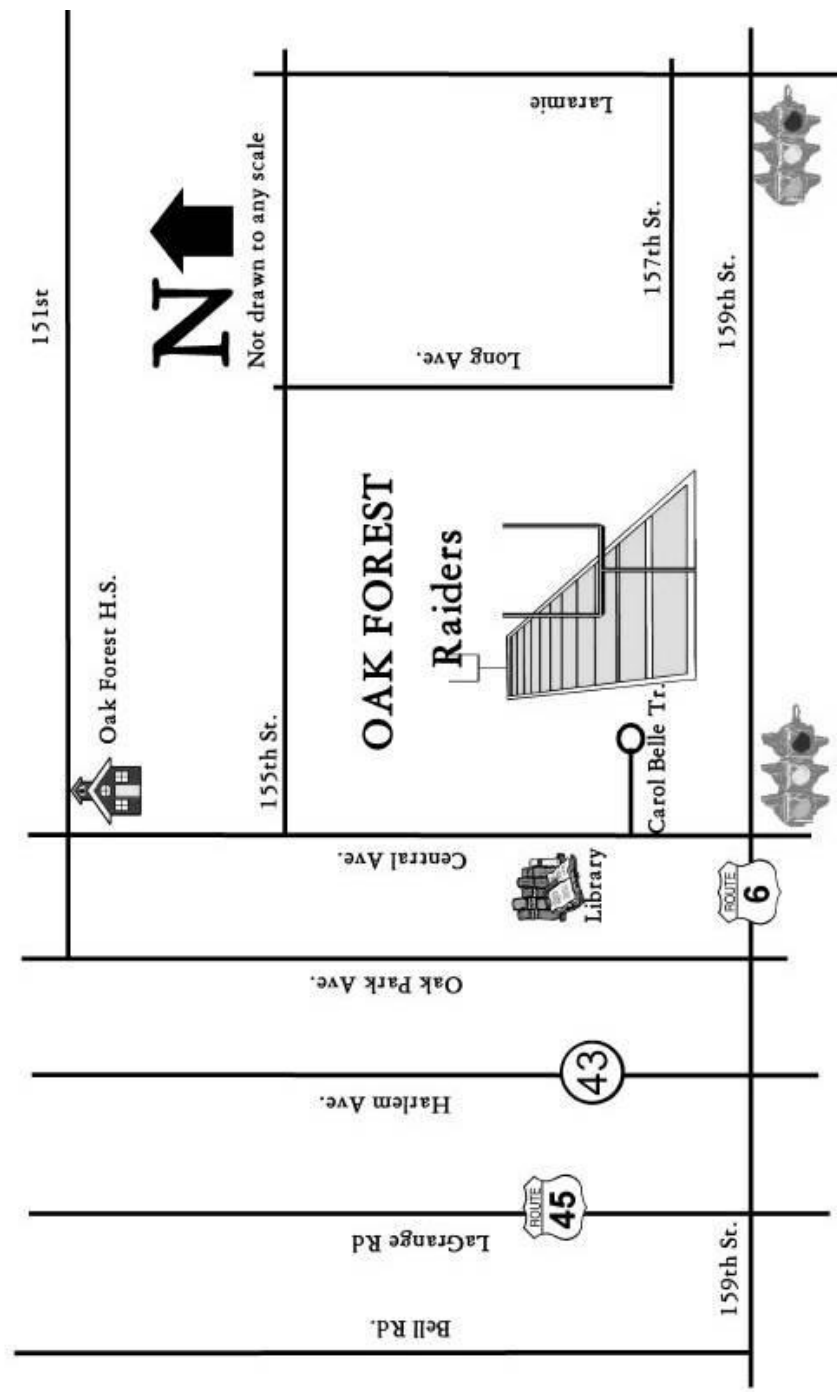
We need a lot of help from the parents to make the evening a success. We hope that you would give a little of your time to help us out. We need parents to work throughout the evening at concessions and acting as Chaperons. We want to maintain a safe and fun evening for the kids. (Anytime you could give would be greatly appreciated). Please do not come to the conclusion that we will have plenty of help. You will be surprised that a lot of people think the same as you do and that only a handful, come out to support us. Please get involved with your children.

We are going to enforce some strict restrictions for our dance, in order for us to have a successful and safe evening.

The following rules will be strictly enforced:

- We follow school dress code. Children will be turned away if not properly dressed. If you question wearing it, then it probably shouldn't be worn. **NO HATS** allowed.
- Any child, who is in 4th grade or younger, will not be admitted unless they have an Adult Chaperone with them (who must be present throughout the entire dance). Older siblings will not be accepted as chaperones. If a child is dropped off at the door, and falls into this category, their parents will be immediately called to come and pick them up. They will not be allowed to enter the dance.
- **No hats or black-soled shoes will be allowed.**
- Unruly or destructive behavior will not be tolerated.
- Dances are for Kindergarten – 8th grade students.
- The Stallions are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Pleaes if you must bring a cell phone, camera, purse, & etc. keep them in your possession at all times.





PICTURE DAY

Date Sunday, August 28th, 2011

Location Kevin Killmer Field

All boys, girls and coaches will be photographed and should be in full game uniform. (Football players should wear gym shoes for pictures because spikes are not allowed in the building if it rains). Picture money envelopes will be distributed earlier in the week and should be fully completed and returned with payment inside the envelope. **Deliver to the squad's Picture mom or dad on picture day. Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time so that you will not miss the group's shot and will not delay other groups that follow. If your child is not present for the group picture it will not be re-taken once you arrive.**

REGARDING THE WEATHER

Please make sure to dress your son or daughter properly for practices. Practices will be held no matter how the weather is outside – cold, windy, sunny, snowy, etc. **Practice would be cancelled only due to lightning or extreme amounts of rain.** The fields will be checked before practice gets cancelled. The weather should not be used as an excuse for not attending practice.

The website will be updated if practice is cancelled. The weather conditions sometimes change after the children have been dropped off. Please keep an eye on the weather. If the weather turns bad, please come and get your child (children). Let your child know who they can get a ride with or who they may call to be picked up if you are not available. Check the website www.homerstallions.com for practice cancellations and be sure we have your email address since practice cancelled emails will be sent out.

ALL EQUIPMENT RETURNS

Any and all equipment not returned by the designated date (the week following the team's last games) will cause forfeit of family to participate as a Homer Stallion in the following season. You will also be billed for missing equipment. Date to be announced!

**FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT
LARRY KILLMER (708) 301-1341**

The Homer Stallions will furnish each player with a full uniform and protective equipment. This includes their game jersey, game pants with thigh and knee pads, girdle with hip and tailbone pads, rib guard, shoulder pads, helmet with mouthpiece, and chin strap. Participants are responsible for furnishing their own practice pants and jersey, protective cup, spikes with rubber or molded cleats (no metal or detachable), belt for game pants, a water bottle. All items issued by the Homer Stallions (except your game jersey) will be returned to the organization at the end of the season or when you quit during the season.

Look closely at your equipment weekly – check for cracks in shoulders pads, and loose screws in helmets and face masks. If your equipment becomes damaged or needs adjustments, please see the Equipment Director.

If the equipment furnished to you is lost or not returned the participant is responsible for the following full replacement costs:

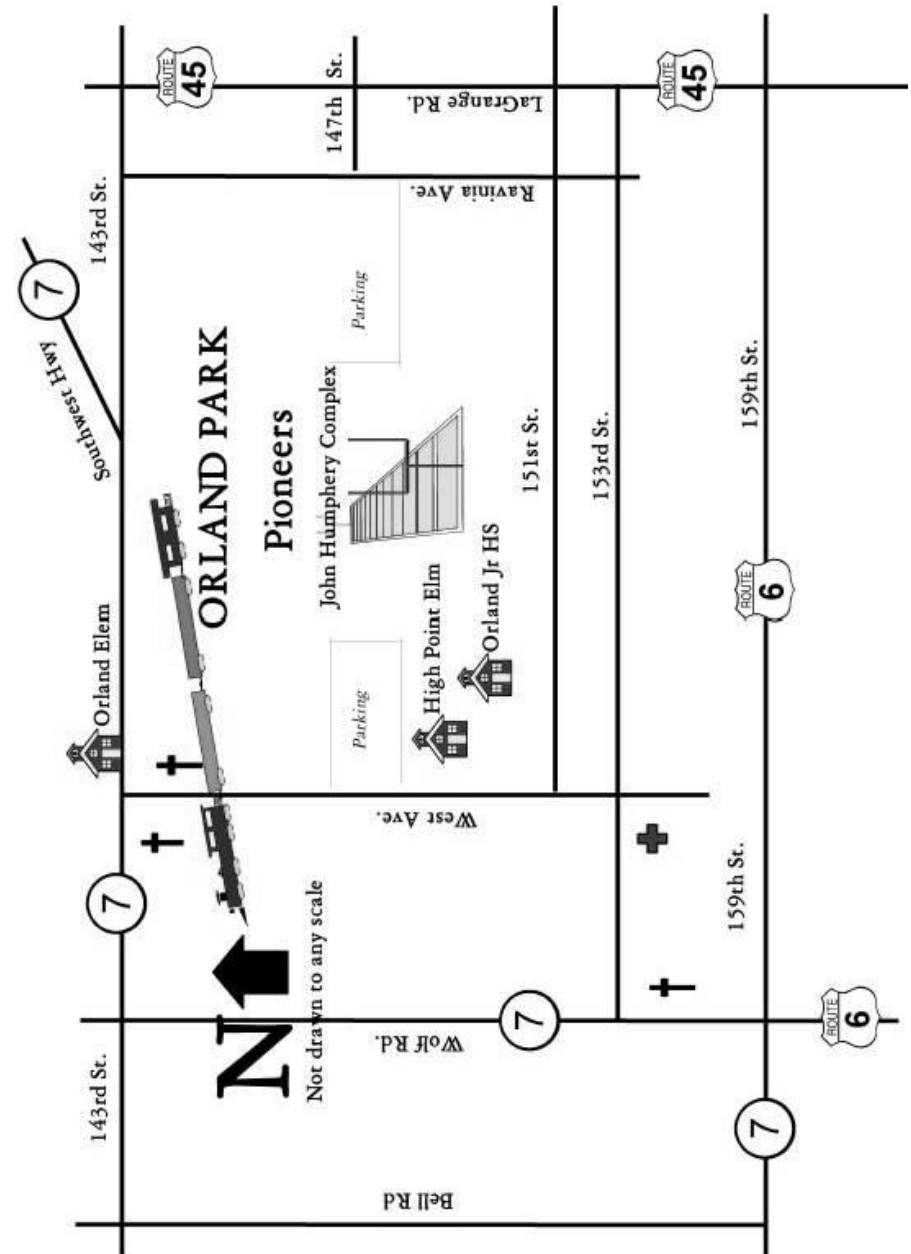
Helmet	\$135	Thigh Pads	\$6
Shoulder Pads	\$45	Knee Pads	\$6
Rib Guard	\$25	Hip Pads	\$8
Game Pants	\$45	Chin Strip	\$3.50 Soft
Game Pants Belt	\$7	Chin Strip	\$14.00 Hard

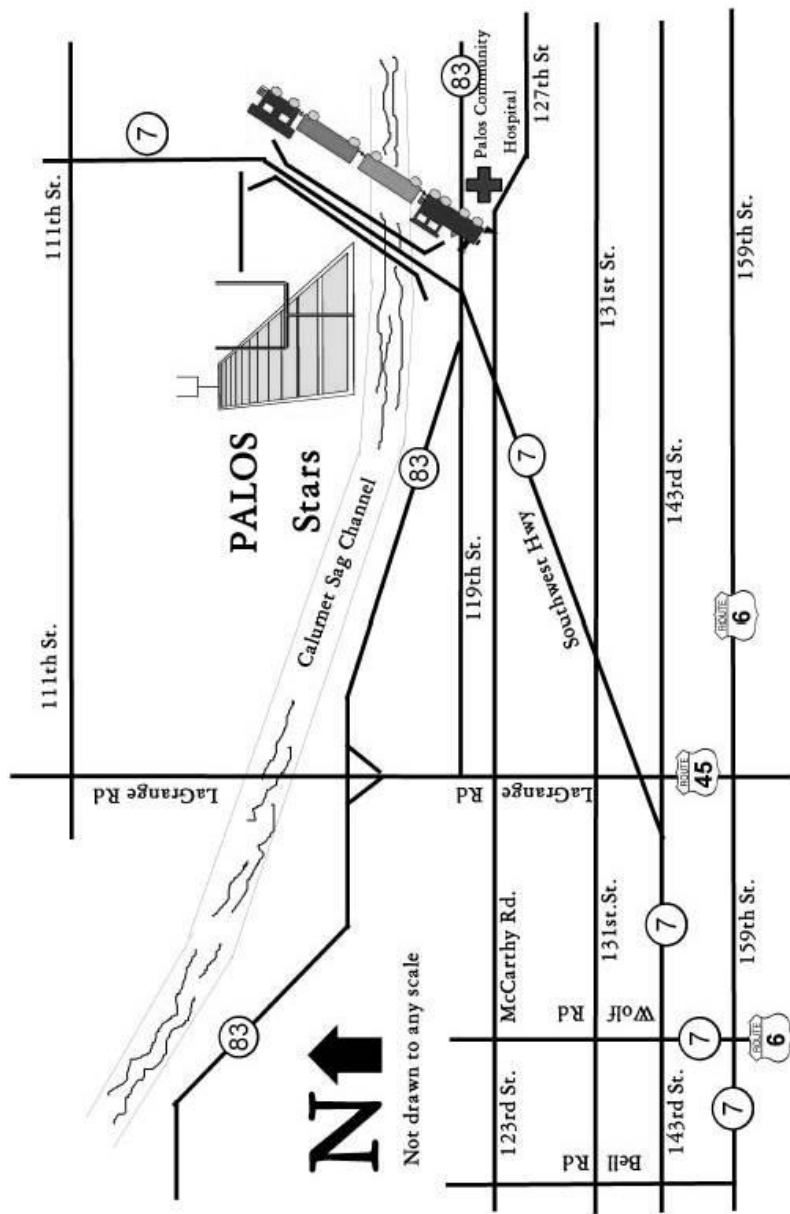
**CHEER EQUIPMENT
KRIS TEERLING (815) 838-9855**

The Stallions will provide cheerleaders with a skirt, vest, bodysuit, socks, and a hair ribbon. The skirt and vest and varsity bodysuit (if applicable) must be returned at the end of the season in the same condition you received it in. Participants are responsible for furnishing their own maroon briefs. Pee Wee squads and up (4th through 8th grade) must purchase wind suits that are chosen and ordered by the Cheer A.D. Flag and Widgets Squads (K thru 2nd grade) will purchase girls plain white leather gym shoes (no platform or decorations).

If your uniform is lost or not returned, the participant is responsible for the full replacement costs.

Vest \$82/Skirt \$63/Body liner \$16/Hair Ribbon \$8/ Socks \$5





**CHEERLEADING PROGRAM
CHEERLEADING ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
HOLLY CLEMENT (815) 462-7798**

The cheerleading organization is committed to developing good sportsmanship, self-esteem, team spirit, teamwork, and discipline. We show the girls that setting goals and working hard to achieve goals is a rewarding experience. The season is spent learning sideline cheers, half time routine, and a competition routine. At the end of the season we hope each girl has gained an appreciation of teamwork.

TEAM PLACEMENT

Each girl is assigned to a squad by grade.

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| Flag | K & 1 st Grade |
| Widgets | 2 nd Grade |
| Super Widgets | 3 rd Grade |
| Pee Wees | 4 th Grade |
| Super Pee Wee | 5 th Grade |
| Lite | 6 th Grade |
| JV | 7 th Grade |
| Varsity | 8 th Grade |

*In the event of a capped squad, a girl could be placed on a higher team

**FOOTBALL PROGRAM
FOOTBALL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
DAN McDEVITT (312) 718-2568)**

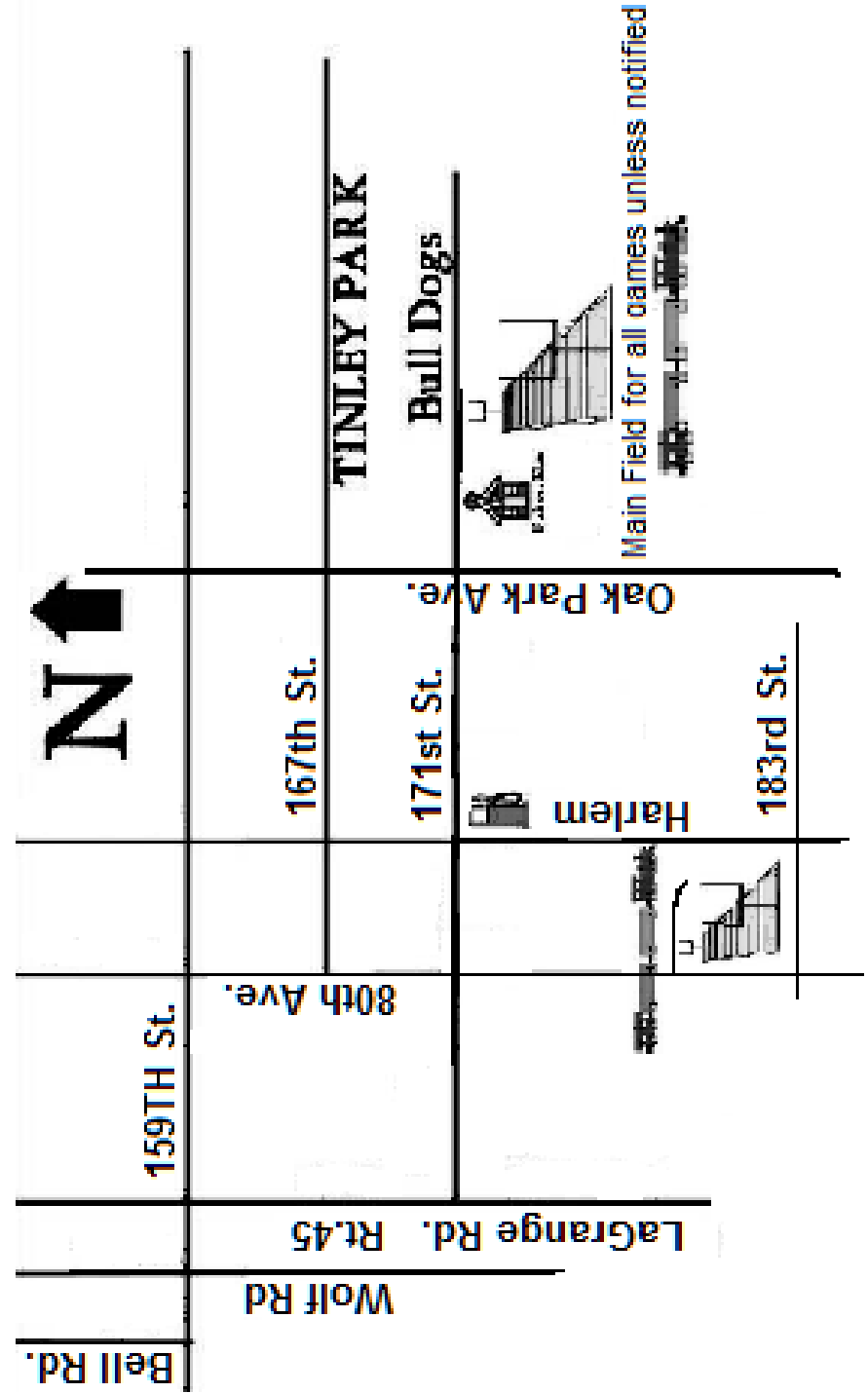
The Homer Stallions Youth Football Association is devoted and committed to the development of fundamental youth football skills from the Flag to the Varsity level of play. This includes the development of good sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, coordination, competitiveness, and physical fitness. Our goals will be accomplished by an organized and uniform method of training which includes the following:

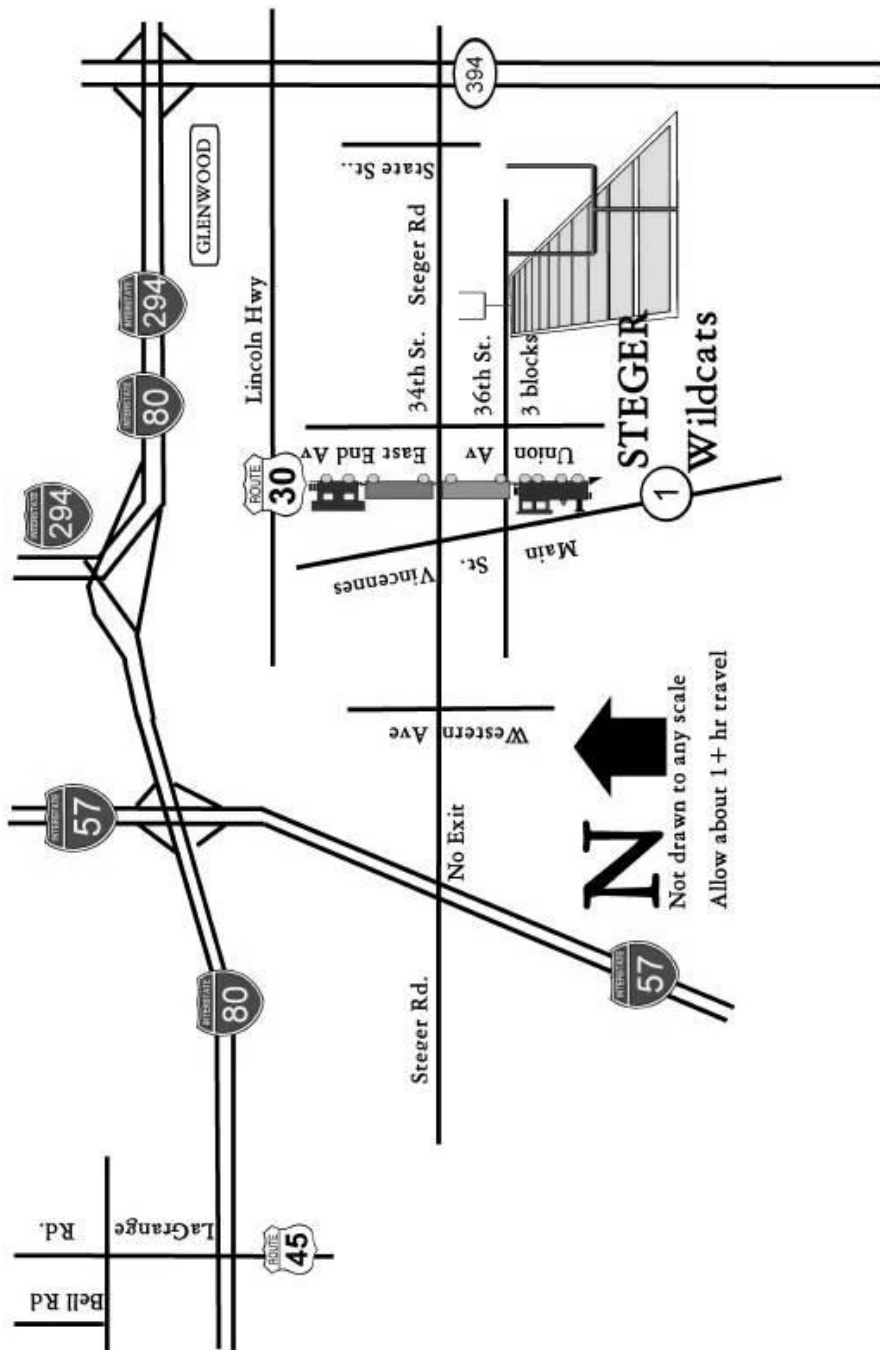
- The developmental and implementation of organized practice that stress the fundamentals of football related to physical fitness including stamina, and stretching exercises.
- Teaching the fundamental skills in the areas of blocking and tackling.
- Teaching offensive and defensive strategic and tactics.
- Evaluation and placement of players according to talents, potential, and desire.

WEIGH-INS

Our football players are placed on teams by age and weight, whichever is greater. There is a weigh-in before the 1st game of the season for all players and another weigh-in approximately ½ way through the season for Pee Wee through Varsity. Although it is somewhat inconvenient for us all it is imperative we show date of birth (birth certificates) **with your game jersey** and attend the weight-ins to ensure your child's safety in being placed on a team having players of comparable weight and age. If your child will miss a weigh-in, parents must make special arrangements with the Athletic Director to see if he can be officially weighed on another date before the posted weigh-in, otherwise he is ineligible to continue to play. If you have any questions please talk to the Athletic Director.

2011 Dates are August 27th and September 24th (no 2nd weigh in for Jr. Teams), Time to be announced.





TEAM PLACEMENT

Each player will be assigned to one of our seven teams based on the age and weight restrictions listed:

FLAG

AGES: 5, 6, and 7 year olds

WEIGHT: 70 lb max

WIDGETS

AGES: 7, 8, and 9 year olds
(10th birthday must be after September 1st)

WEIGHT: Up to 80 lbs.

SUPER WIDGETS

AGES: 7, 8, and 9 year olds
(10th birthday must be after September 1st)

WEIGHT: Up to 80 lbs.

PEE WEES

AGES: 10 years old and under *
(11th birthday must be after September 1st)

WEIGHT: Up to 90 lbs.

SUPER PEE WEES

AGES: 11 years old and under *
(12th birthday must be after September 1st)

WEIGHT: Up to 100 lbs.

LITE

AGES: 12 years old and under *
(13th birthday must be after September 1st)

WEIGHT: Up to 110 lbs.

JV

AGES: 14 years old and under
(15th birthday must be after September 1st)

WEIGHT: Up to 120 lbs.

VARSITY

AGES: 14 years old and under
(15th birthday must be after September 1st)

WEIGHT: Up to 170 lbs.

*** A PLAYER MAY BE ONE (1) YEAR OVER THE AGE LIMIT FOR ANY TEAM IF HE IS 20 LBS. UNDER THE WEIGHT LIMIT FOR THAT TEAM.**

SWMFL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

(South West Midget Football League)

The Stallions are a member of the SWMFL by choice. All members of the league follow the same rules, weights, and guidelines that are set for football and cheerleading. Each group of AD's (football/cheerleading) meet monthly to discuss rules, changes, new members, penalties, fines, etc., and if needed vote on changes. Every member of the league is represented by an AD who has one vote. This assures each organization the same chance to win while maintaining a safe environment.

The Stallions are responsible for making sure our rules fall with-in the rules of the SWMFL. The SWMFL and the Homer Stallions support a positive coaching and playing atmosphere. If the actions of an individual be it a coach, player, parent, family member, friend, etc. result in the Homer Stallions being assessed a monetary fine by the SWMFL the individual will be responsible for the payment of said fine.

Homer Stallions Youth Football Corporation

BY-LAWS - REVISED 8/18/11

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be called the Homer Stallions Youth Football Corporation

Article II. Object

The Homer Stallions Youth Football Corporation in a non-for-profit organization devoted and committed to the teaching and development of good sportsmanship, teamwork, team spirit, respect, discipline, coordination, and physical fitness in children while developing fundamentals in football and cheerleading. We are solely dependent on volunteer parents, young adults, alumnae, and anyone interested in giving their time and energy to produce a quality program for our youth.

Article III. Members

Section 1. The general membership shall consist of all paid participants and active volunteers of the Homer Stallions Youth Football Corporation. An active volunteer shall be defined as an individual who puts in a minimum of 8 hours recognized volunteer time in the current calendar year.

Article IV. Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Athletic Football Director, Athletic Cheerleading Director, Athletic Lacrosse Director, and Concessions Director. These are elected positions determined by the general membership at the annual election held in November.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Board are:

- a) To establish a proposed budget for each new season which shall be submitted to the general membership for approval not later than the February general meeting.
- b) To meet monthly to establish a meeting agenda prior to the general meeting.
- c) To handle any matter arising between general meetings that requires immediate action.
- d) To approve bids for appropriate budgeted items.

Section 3. A majority must be present for any issues to be voted on. Any emergency meeting called between meetings must have the topic declared prior to the meeting. The President or Acting President votes only to break a tie.

LACROSSE PROGRAM

LACROSSE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

RICK CLEMENT (630) 269-7702

The Homer Stallions Lacrosse Organization is committed to providing the opportunity for children to learn the fundamentals and specific game skills for the game of Lacrosse. This also includes developing within the athlete, the understanding of good sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, competitiveness and physical fitness. To accomplish these goals, the Homer Stallions Lacrosse program will:

- Provide organized and structured practices for teams from the 3rd /4th grade level through the 7/8th grade level.
- Teach fundamental skills that are necessary to learn, enjoy and excel in the game of lacrosse.
- Teach offensive and defensive strategies that will help to develop the game skills of the player.
- Provide a positive learning environment for all Stallions Lacrosse players.

Teams will participate in the Illinois Boys Youth Lacrosse Association. The Homer Stallion Lacrosse Organization will field teams at all age levels in the league and at the appropriate competitive level for the organization. Teams are based first on the grade the player is currently in, and then within the grade, the teams will further broken out based on skill. Team evaluations and placements will take place during the first 2 weeks of practice of the current season.

Sections 2. A head football coach may not move to another team because his/her child is changing levels unless approved by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The President shall appoint someone to fill any vacancy left on the Executive Board between annual elections with Executive Board approval. This person is to serve until next annual general election. If the President's position becomes vacant, the 1st Vice President shall assume the President's position and appoint someone to fill the 1st Vice President's position with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of all head coaches to select their assistants in coaching the team. It shall also be their duties to be responsible for all equipment passed to their team by equipment manger(s).

Section 5. All children participating in the Stallions Organization **must be 5 years** of age by September 1st of that season. Birth Certificates will be required.

Section 4. No Board member of the Homer Stallion's organization may be a Board member of another youth program (i.e. Baseball, Soccer, Basketball, etc.) inside the boundaries of Homer Glen / Homer Township. It is necessary for all Homer Stallion Board members to hold their position solely in the Homer Stallion best interest.

ARTICLE XIV: Advisory Board

Section 1. The Executive Board may appoint a special advisory board for the purpose of maintaining continuity and quality of the organization. The intent of the provision is to allow the Executive board flexibility to utilize experienced Stallion supporters as aides in decision making.

a) An Advisory Board member must have completed 5 years of active service and held an Executive Board position for at least 1 year.

b) The Advisory Board shall be comprised of no more than 4 members

c) New member of the Advisory Board may be appointed at any time during the year.

d) The term of the position shall be 12 months from the date of their appointment.

e) The Advisory Board shall attend Executive Board meetings.

Section 2. The lifetime Advisory Board shall consist of the following members – Ray Benis, Larry Killmer, Jim Latarawicz, Sr., and Mike Costa.

a) These positions shall be part of the Advisory Board (as non-voting members), their term will end upon their resignation.

DEDICATION

We express our unending thanks to those "Founding Individuals" who gave their time and unending support to establish this corporation for the youth of Homer Township. With the guidance of these by-laws, we strive to maintain the pride and team spirit that was first established.

Article V: Parliamentary Authority

Sections 1. The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert's Rules or Order Revised shall govern this Organization in all cases where the matter is not covered in the by-laws of the Homer Stallions Youth Football Corporation.

Article VI: Officers and Their Duties:

President It shall be the duty of the President to preside over and conduct all meeting to enforce the organization's by-laws, and be ex-officio, a member of all committees. Any special meeting will be called by President.

1st Vice President It shall be the duties of the 1st Vice President to assist the President in his/her duties. He/She shall appoint chair persons or committees for the following: field maintenance, awards banquet, and trophies and oversee their duties. The 1st Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence.

2nd Vice President It shall be the duty of the 2nd Vice President to appoint and chair a fundraising committee involving any and all Stallions fundraising projects, (i.e. Ad Book, candy sales, raffles, dances, apparel sales, cookie dough, homecoming) including a Booster Club. An accurate record of all income must be kept and presented at each monthly meeting. The 2nd Vice President shall assume all duties of the President and 1st Vice President in case of both their absences at meetings.

Secretary It shall be the duties of the Secretary to keep accurate records of the meetings of the organization attend to any correspondence, posses a current mailing list, and all mail notifications and up-to-date materials to the membership. It shall also be his/her duty to appoint a **press director/webmaster**, and organize picture day and oversee these duties. The **press director/webmaster** shall give all information to any publication to promote the organization. The secretary should have copies of the current charter, by-laws, insurance policies, and copies of and league rules.

Treasurer It shall be the duties of the treasurer to receive all moneys collected by the organization, deposit same in organization accounts, renew the charter annually, and pay out any debts incurred as specified in the by-laws. The Treasurer shall write all checks, unless otherwise specified in the by-laws, and have two written signatures on the check as determined by the Executive Board. An accurate record of all expenditures and income must be kept as presented at each monthly meeting. An up-to-date annual financial report will be submitted at the December meeting.

Concessions Director It shall be the duty of the concessions director to purchase all goods for the selling at the concession stand and the set up any committee needed to achieve this goal. An accurate record of all expenditures and income must be kept and presented at each monthly meeting. The concessions director shall submit an annual report at the general meeting in November.

Athletic Director The Football Athletic Director shall oversee all aspects concerning football. It shall be the duty of the Athletic Director to:

- a) Attend all league meetings or send a representative and report all information back to the organization.
- b) Schedule all pre-season and post-season games.
- c) Set up football practice schedules.
- d) Attend official weigh-ins.
- e) Appoint all head coaches, subject to approval of the Executive Board. This list of head coaches to be presented to the Executive Board no later than March of that season. A list of offensive and defensive coordinators shall be presented to the Executive Board for approval prior to the start of practice.
- f) Shall appoint any assignments he deems necessary to help fulfill his obligations.
- g) Shall appoint a football equipment manager.

Athletic Cheerleading Director The Athletic Cheerleading Director Shall oversee all aspects concerning cheerleading. It shall be the duty of the Athletic Cheerleading Director to:

- a) Attend all league meetings or send a representative and report all information back to the organization.
- b) Set up practice schedules and locations.
- c) Appoint all head coaches subject to approval of the Executive Board. This list of coaches is to be presented to the Executive Board no later than June of that season.
- d) Assign available High School coaches.
- e) Shall appoint a cheerleading equipment manager.

Athletic Lacrosse Director The Lacrosse Athletic Director shall oversee all aspects concerning Lacrosse. It shall be the duty of the Athletic Lacrosse Director to:

- a) Attend all league meetings or send a representative and report all information back to the organization.
- b) Schedule all pre-season and post-season games.
- c) Set up lacrosse practice schedules.
- d) Appoint all head coaches, subject to approval of the Executive Board. This list of head coaches to be presented to the Executive Board no later than March of that season.
- e) Shall appoint any assignments he deems necessary to help fulfill his obligations.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

Section 1. The regular monthly meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of month at the Old Town Hall, unless otherwise specified, at 8:00 p.m. A quorum of at least 8 members must be present to conduct any business including two Executive Board Members, one to preside over the meeting and one to take minutes. The annual meeting shall be the regular meeting in December at which all board members shall be prepared to turn over all Stallions property to the newly elected officers, who will then take office immediately.

ARTICLE VIII: Elections

Section 1. Nominations for the Executive Board shall be held in October and November with elections being held at the November general meeting. Nominations must be made by an active member for an active member. Voting is done by written ballot. A written ballot can be waived by unanimous decision if the person is running unopposed. New board members will begin their positions as of January 1st.

Section 2. An Executive Board position may be filled by an existing Board Member in that same position if nominated and elected.

ARTICLE IX: Voting

Section 1. For the purpose of election of Executive Board Members or by-laws changes, voting privileges shall be maintained if the member attends four meetings in the past 12 months.

ARTICLE X: Disciplinary Action

Section 1. Any grievances arising during the season should be taken to the appropriate Athletic Director. If a satisfactory result is not obtained, they may file a written complaint to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will then appoint a grievance committee, consisting of three impartial members, to investigate the issue. If the committee find the complaint to have the merit, they will present their findings at a general meeting for closure.

Section 2. An Executive Board Member, coach, volunteer, or child participant can be removed from service for any misconduct detrimental to the organization. It must be done at a meeting of the Executive voting board and shall require a 2/3 vote of the 9 member Executive Board.

Section 3

The SWMFL and the Homer Stallions support a positive coaching and playing atmosphere. If the actions of an individual be it a coach, player, parent, family member, friend, etc. result in the Homer Stallions being assessed a monetary fine by the SWMFL the individual will be responsible for the payment of said fine.

ARTICLE XI: Purchases

Section 1. Any non-budgeted items over the **amount of \$350.00** shall be submitted to the Executive Board for inclusion on the agenda for the next regular monthly meeting for discussion and approval.

Section 2. Three Bids are required for **unusual** purchases of equipment/services over the **amount of \$350.00**

ARTICLE XII: By-Laws

Section 1. Amendments or revisions to the By-Laws need to be submitted in writing to the general membership for approval. A vote may then take place at the following general meeting.

ARTICLE XIII: General Rules

Section 1. An annual audit shall be completed after the end of each fiscal year. The results of the audit will be announced no later than the January meeting. Members of the audit committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and no more than 3 non-Executive Board members or members.