

Welcome to the Youth Football of the Lutheran Activities Organization
(LAOFootball.com)

CLARIFICATION: Secularly the term “Youth Sports” refer to sport for participants pre-high school while in Christian Circles a Youth group refers to persons who are typically in high school. This is a football program that is focused on the Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation ages of 10 through 14 or 5th through 8th grades.

Every Christian Family is confronted with similar distractions in the training up of their children **Proverbs 22:6**. Participation in secular sports programs today present new and different challenges then they may have to our parents. Twenty, thirty or more years ago participation in these sports would have never interfered with worship times or Catechises. But today it is quite common, and we have allowed it to be so. Whether one more practice is “needed” before the big game or participation in that out of town tournament is deemed indispensable; we are sending the wrong message to our children.

We are called to “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” **Exodus 20:8**. While it is understood that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath **Mark 2:27** we are called to not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another . . . **Heb 10:25**

It is the intent of LAO Sports to adhere to OUR Mission Statement while providing a competitive sports environment.

What: Tackle Football

The Lutheran Activities Organization (LAOus.com) has recently been granted permission to participate in the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Football League in the Metro Detroit Area for the season beginning the fall of 2008

When:

Practices:

CYO football is very competitive and follows the MHSAA for practice restrictions and when practices may begin. As a rule of thumb practices start on or around 15 August.

Practice is 1 ½ to 2 hours 5 nights a week with games.

Games:

- Played on Saturdays or Sundays
 - Sunday’s begin after 1:00 pm
- First game is 2 weeks after the first practice
- 8* Games are played. *As new teams are added to LAO Football the opportunity will present itself to have a Lutheran Playoff and Crown a Champion of the Reformation Bowl*

Where:

Practices:

Due to the economic commitment of this endeavor, the variation of the interest level of any single congregation from year to year, AND the intent of LAO to build Christian friendships within and outside of ones home congregation, teams will be determined based on the Circuit your congregation belongs to OR the Circuit you home address is in.

Eligibility:

Staying consistent with the mission statement of LAO **Heb 10:23-25** [Hold Fast, Encourage & Assemble]

And

Since competition can occur on Sundays it is biblically prudent per **Matthew 6:33**, **Ezekiel 3:20**, **Romans 14:13**, **1 Corinthians 8:9** that OUR priorities are in the right order and special considerations are taken to not give the appearance of indifference with respect to corporate worship (Assembling)

Participation is open to all boys who are *baptized* and whose families are *members of an LCMS congregations* or *students of one of the LCMS day schools* AND *actively participating in Confirmation Classes, Jr. Confirmation Classes or equivalent*. (In the case of 5 & 6 graders “Equivalent” = Day School Religion classes or Sunday School).

And

are able to with the help of their pastor complete the Covenant to Mission Form (content on back)

At this time participation is limited to Circuits 15-29 of the Michigan District and those congregations of the English District, Circuits 11 & 12, that are in the same geographic location as those mentioned from the Michigan District.

Covenant to Mission (Excluding signature blocks)

Hold Fast – *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.* HEB 10: 23

+ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

+ And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

+ I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Parent or Guardian & Participant

My signature indicates that this is the faith that we believe and confess

Encourage: *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.* HEB 10: 24

Parent or Guardian & Participant

My signature indicates that I (we) will pray for and with my child. Encourage each other, fellow teammates, parents and coaches, to exemplify our faith stated above.

In all we do we do to the GLORY of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Assemble: *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.* HEB 10: 25

Pastor:

My signature indicates that this family is a member in good standing. As a Shepard watches over his sheep I will encourage them such that their regular participation in corporate worship will not be interrupted by their participation on this activity.

Parent or Guardian & Participant

My signature indicates that with Gods help OUR participation in this activity will not interrupt OUR regular participation in corporate worship.

Cost:

In preparation for this notice, LAO surveyed 47 Metro Detroit Youth Football programs. Most of them have been in existence for 25 to 50 years. So their start up expenses are long since absorbed. By enlarge there annual cost includes a registration fee and a fundraising obligation which total to **\$225**. Yes, the start up issues is substantial but with prayer and creativity obtainable.

Parental Involvement:

Parental involvement will be the key to the success of LAO Football.

There are plenty of opportunities!

Enthusiastic Parents and New Coaches are always welcome!

Bottom Line:

WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD A PROGRAM FROM THE GROUND UP! In year one, 2008, we are looking to field at least 1 team of 5th and 6th graders in the metro Detroit area made up of 2, 3 or more congregations. To be able to field a team in your area, we need 25 boys to fill out **PRELIMINARY INTEREST** form found at www.LAOFootball.com and e-mail back to info@LAOus.com by the end of the year.

If you have any questions:

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Or

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Thank you for your time and may
GOD Bless YOU!

Youth Tackle Football

For Confirmation age &
Pre-Confirmation age boys



Christian Youth Football Program
that maintains ones focus on our
relationship with our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ WHILE
demonstrating a fearless
competitive attitude.