

# Paterson Mustangs Youth Organization

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please let me take this opportunity to reintroduce myself. My name is Kiya and I will be holding the position of Mustangs Fundraising Coordinator for the 2007 football season. Many of you already know me but for those of you who do not, I have two boys, one of who has been with the Mustang program for 6 years. I personally have been an athlete and a spectator of sports for as long as I can remember so I can say that I know what fundraising can do for a program and what can be done to a program due to the lack of it.

The Paterson Mustangs Youth Organization is a nonprofit organization offering both youth football and youth cheerleading. As a community, Paterson has a long tradition of football excellence. The Mustangs have long been part of that tradition, 2007 will be our 10th year of being a leader in youth sports in our community.

Both football and cheering participants will learn more than just the fundamental skills of their sport. While the fundamentals needed to be successful will be taught to each individual, we hope each child comes away with some basic life skills also. We are committed that each child learns the values of being a good citizen. Ideals like Family, Education, Teamwork, Commitment, Preparation, Loyalty, and Discipline will be shared on an ongoing basis with your children. The children will learn that being part of a team, and having pride in oneself and respect in one's teammates will prove to be beneficial in both competition and in life.

The Mustangs Organization is ready and committed to teaching and coaching the children. They will be taught the basic fundamentals to improve their athletic skill and help ensure their safety. We are committed to excellence in competition as well as involvement and enjoyment for every child. We want to be part of each child's quality of life.

Like any organization, the Mustangs are only as strong as its members. A strong membership and therefore a strong program mean not only a great commitment from its players and coaches, but that same level of commitment from the parents. Volunteers and the efforts of all involved is what makes us strong, and increased time and efforts from all its members is what it takes to keep the Mustangs progressing and moving forward. We are an organization made up of people who teach, coach, love, and care.

There are many things we would like to do for our children as well as adults this season but in order to do them we are asking for each family's cooperation and participation. If you haven't done so already, I am asking that you please read and sign the attached

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Fundraising Agreement form and return it to me by August 24<sup>th</sup>. In the coming days we will be having a table at the practices selling t-shirts and other novelties. Please feel free to stop by and show your support by purchasing an item. I would also like to take this time to ask those of you that have received box/boxes of candy to sell and have not turned in your money, to please do so by August 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be running an "Order Taker" fundraiser starting August 24<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Further details are forthcoming.

As always, should you have any questions regarding fundraising feel free to give me call at 973-356-7410 and I will try to help you as best I can. I am also open to suggestions regarding future fundraisers but please know that some ideas are already in the works and not all suggestions can be used this year. Your voice will not go un-heard. Please keep in mind that we are trying very hard to become *the* best Football Program in Paterson, however, the Program is only as strong as the parent participation. Be part of the organization, be part of the community, be a part of our children's life.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation,

*Kiya Marche*

The Paterson Mustangs Football Fundraising Coordinator

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## *Parent/Guardian Fundraising Agreement*

By signing this form I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree and understand that  
(parent/guardian)

1. There is a mandatory, non-refundable fee of \$100 per household.
2. This fee must be submitted no later than September 7, 2007.
3. This fee will offset the price for the many activities our Activities Committee has planned for the upcoming season for our children.
4. If the fundraising fee is not paid on or before September 7<sup>th</sup> my child, \_\_\_\_\_, will not be able to participate in any  
(Participant's name)  
Mustang activity, including practices and games.
5. There will be fundraising held throughout the year and my participation in at least three (3) is mandatory, not including the registration fundraiser. Each fundraiser will have a minimum amount to be raised by each household. This amount will be specified at the start of each fundraiser.
6. I have two choices. I may either pay the money upfront or I must do the fundraising.
7. It is my responsibility to make sure that all my fundraising obligations have been met and if there are outstanding balances I will reconcile them as soon as it is brought to my attention.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date