

Muskets Athletic Club

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Red Bud Muskets Athletic Club. We are proud to announce **THE MUSKETS 33rd FOOTBALL SEASON**. Registration for the upcoming 2008 season is now in progress. Due to our increasing enrollment, equipment needs, field maintenance and coaching preparations; we have established the following registration guidelines for this year:

REGISTRATION FEES: The registration fee for tackle football is \$55.00 and cheerleading is \$35.00.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION MAY CLOSE ON JULY 23, 2008. Any registrations sent in after this date will be put on a waiting list and placed on a team depending on availability. The late registration fees will be \$75.00 for football players and \$55.00 for cheerleaders. **Families with three or more participants will be given a \$10.00 discount per participant.** Please be advised that there will be a \$25.00 fee for any bounced checks.

REFUNDS: All registration fees are non-refundable once the participant begins practice. For all others, refund requests must be made prior to August 31, 2008 and must be sent in writing to the president via e-mail or to the Muskets P.O. Box listed below. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER AUGUST 31, 2008, NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!** Previously approved refunds will be issued after August 31, 2008. Please allow up to two weeks to receive your refund. Please be advised there will be a \$20.00 administration fee for those requesting refunds.

TACKLE FOOTBALL: Tackle football is for participants 5 years old through 14 years old. The Muskets compete in the Tri-County Football Conference. Depending on scheduling, teams will play on Saturday or Sunday. Players will be placed in a division based upon their age and weight qualification. Requests to play on or with a particular team, player or coach will not be considered unless circumstances allow. Our goal is to promote a positive learning experience by having each participant play at a level of competition that is appropriate for them. Our #1 goal is the safety of each player.

CHEERLEADING: Cheerleading is available for children 5 years old through 8th grade. Performances will vary between Saturdays and Sundays based on squad assignment.

EQUIPMENT: We, as an organization, take great pride in the equipment and uniforms that we provide your child. We ask that you keep all equipment that is given to your child clean and in good condition. Please help us control enrollment fees by returning equipment promptly at the end of the season.

CONCESSIONS: All non-profit organizations need volunteers to enable their programs to work. The Muskets ask that each family work in the concession stand at least one shift during the season per participant. There will be a sign up sheet in the concession stand for you to sign up for a work shift. If you are unable to serve, a \$20 donation is suggested.

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PARENTAL APPROVAL MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Participant's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

As parent/legal guardian of the above named child, I do hereby approve participation in the activities of the Red Bud Muskets Athletic Club during the 2008 season. The game of tackle football is a contact sport that, despite proper precaution and supervision, carries with it inherent risk of personal injury that could be serious or life threatening. Should my child become injured as a result of participation, I do hereby waive and hold harmless any and all claims against the Red Bud Muskets Athletic Club, its coaches, directors and officers, Red Bud School District #132 and the City of Red Bud, IL.

I affirm that my child is healthy and in good physical condition as is required for Tackle Football. I understand it is my responsibility to have my child checked by a medical doctor to verify fitness. I further agree to notify the coaching staff of any previous medical condition(s), **including any medication or allergies**, which may impair my child's ability to participate in this sport or hinder emergency medical attention.

I understand and acknowledge that the Red Bud Muskets Athletic Club holds a secondary medical insurance policy, which carries a \$250 deductible per incident, and that I further agree to pay any non-covered expenses in the event my child requires medical treatment.

I appoint the Red Bud Muskets Athletic Club, its coaches and directors as my attorney to act on my behalf for the purpose of obtaining emergency medical treatment for the above named child. This special power of attorney shall only be valid from August 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008.

By signing below I agree to the above terms and conditions of this Parental Approval, Medical Power of Attorney and the attached Dear Parent/Guardian Letter.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____
Other than Parent/Guardian

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE – PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR COACH FOR UPDATES

May 8, 2008	First Sign Up	RAA Sports Complex	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
June 14, 2008	Muskets Football Camp	Red Bud Lincoln Park	9:00 am - Noon
June 25, 2008	Second Sign Up	Red Bud VFW Post 6632	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
July 23, 2008	Last Chance Sign-up	Red Bud VFW Post 6632	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
August 2, 2008	Practice Begins	Red Bud High School	9:00 am – 11:00 am
August 7, 2008	Equipment Handout	Football Equipment Shed	6:00 pm
August 9, 2008	Equipment Handout	Football Equipment Shed	6:00 pm
August 17, 2008	Picture Day	Red Bud High School (VFW if Raining)	1:00 pm - ??
Sept 6, 2008	Regular Season Begins	TBA	TBA
October 9, 2008	Muskets Pep Rally	Red Bud Sports Complex	7:30pm
October 11, 2008	Muskets Homecoming Games	Red Bud High School Football Field	All Day
October 12, 2008	Muskets Meat Shoot (Fund Raiser)	Red Bud VFW	Noon
Nov 8, 2008	Playoffs Begin	TBA	TBA
Nov 15, 2008	Player/Cheerleader Awards Banquet	St. John's Social Center – Red Bud	6:00 pm

Practices are typically held on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. Coaches have the discretion to call additional practices or vary the practice schedule. The Muskets compete in the Tri-County Football Conference. **Depending on scheduling outcomes, teams will participate on either Saturday or Sunday. All home games will be on Saturdays.** The tentative levels of participation are as follows:

TRI-COUNTY FOOTBALL CONFERENCE AGE & WEIGHTS		
Level	Max Ball Carrier Weight	Age as of 09/01/08
Tykes	65 lbs	5-6 yrs
Jr. Pee-Wees	85 lbs	7-8 yrs
Pee-Wees	100 lbs	9-10 yrs
Jr. Midgets	110 lbs	11-12 yrs
Midgets	130 lbs	12-13 yrs
Juniors	160 lbs	13-14 yrs

Muskets Athletic Club meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:00 pm, at the Red Bud VFW. For more information feel free to contact me.

Once a Muskets, Always a Muskets!

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