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Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

Welcome to the Escalon Youth Football and Cheer Program. Our organization provides the children of Escalon with a healthy, supervised sports activity – while at the same time promoting positive character traits. We are operated entirely by volunteers. Every activity, including our board of directors, coaching staff, field set up, gate entry, scoreboard/clock running game announcing, concessions, merchandising, fundraising and events and more occurs through the efforts of these volunteers. It is because of our parents and volunteers that the program is known to be one of the best in the area.

We play in the Motherlode Valley Football League built on the principles of “one town – one team”, friendly, small town competition. All of the teams in the league are well established, well respected, feeder programs to their local high schools, much like we are.

This letter is intended to help answer some of your questions and what to expect for this up and coming season. We advise that you visit our website escalonyouthcougars.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram as you can find this and additional information regarding our season. Go Cougars!

**Divisions for both Football and Cheer:**

Junior Novice: 1st & 2nd Grades

Novice: 3rd & 4th Grades

Junior Varsity: 5th & 6th Grades

Varsity: 7th & 8th Grades

**Football:**

2024 Cost of Season $425

Player will get to keep his/her football jersey. All other equipment (Helmet, chin strap, shoulder pads, pants, and practice jersey) will be returned at a set date at the conclusion of the season. Failure to return equipment will result in losing your $350 equipment deposit. Football bag orders with logo and player name will be offered for an additional cost and are optional (details to come).

**Cheer:**

2024 Cost of Season

$700 New Cheerleader w/ uniform, $430 Returner w/o uniform

Competition: $765 New Cheerleader, $495 Returner

Cheerleader will receive full uniform, poms, shoes, 3 bows, camp cloths and attend a cheer camp. Backpack orders will be offered at an additional cost and are optional (details to come).

**Parent Volunteers**

Mandatory volunteer hours are 10 hours for one child and 12 hours for a family in the season. Failure to complete your hours will result in losing your $350 Volunteer deposit. Volunteer coordinator will coordinate a schedule. Example of volunteer duties are; working snack bar, working gate, chain gang, field set up, field/stands clean up, etc.

**Fundraisers**

Fundraising is a great way to assist in the cost of your child’s season. Please visit our website for current fundraiser information and forms. $50 buyout option if you would like to pass on the mandatory fundraising this year. Contact Fundraiser chair for payment options.

<http://www.escalonyouthcougars.com/fundraisers.html>

**Games:** Engle Field at Escalon High School

**Practices:** Community Center Baseball Fields. Practices are Monday – Fridays (typically for the first couple of weeks) 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. then will be changed to 3 days a week.

**Game times** (times are subject to change)

Jr. Novice: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Novice: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jr. Varsity: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Varsity: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Important dates** (dates are subject to change)

Physical Night -TBD

Orientation – TBD

1st Practice – TBD

Equipment hand out – TBD

Cheer Camp – July 27-28th @ Oakdale High School

Cheer Competition – October 20th @ Stockton

Cheer fittings – May 6th @ 5:30

Munchies/Jamboree – TBD

Picture Day – TBD

Night Rally – TBD

Homecoming – TBD

8th Grade Night – TBD