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2011 Lightning softball

The 2011 Lightning softball team was very successful going 4-0. The players consisted of Arthur Hill, Patrick Dewey, Jeff Schweinsberg, Teddy Kolarik, Brendon Martindale, Tyler Hages, Noah Thon, Matt and Ashley Blankenship and Kiele DeVries. The team won games against Midland and Roscommon and won the first place trophy at the Benzie tournament. The team was coached by Dave Pruder, Joe Retlewski and Andrea Bowns.

2011/12 Winter sports season first practice

The 2011/12 Winter sports season training will begin Saturday November 26th from 10:30 am-noon at Tobico Recreation Area near the Bay City State Park.
Training will be every Saturday morning. Anyone interested in Cross country skiing or snowshoe can attend. You must have an up to date physical to train. If there is no snow, we will walk. No denim jeans will be allowed to train. Wear sweat pants or nylon winter pants. Proper winter attire is a warm hat, gloves, boots, and warm jackets.
We will be attending a winter sports meet in Grayling and Midland. The 2012 State Winter Games will be held February 7-10, 2012.

Area 9 Cruisers Pedal to Win

The Cruisers Cycling Team attended the state Final which were held in Chelsea,MI on Sept.10,2011 and pedaled to take home twelve gold, six silver, four bronze and six ribbons. Chysler hosted the event at their training grounds that had the athletes pedaling through the woods and up hill. The athletes who participated are: Laura Rousse, Jayden Murphy, Adam Stevens, Jeff Pearsall, Rusty Wellman, Bonnie Richards, Erin Brady, Deb Lambert, Kara Wildee, Jeremy Kerkau, Brad Cherry, Ted Corcoran, Drew Christie, Nathan Covaleski and Andrea West. All of the athletes did a great job under coaches Mary Pearsall and Jay Crane. We look forward to cycling again next year. Way to go **CRUISERS!!**

... Happy Holidays...

Completed physicals should be returned to Janelle Miller @ 500 N. Sophia St. Bay City 48706... If you need a blank form call (989) 450-6114

Soccer 2011

2011 was a fun season with our 3 teams. We had several new athletes, which allowed us to have 3 teams. We attended tournaments in Roscommon and Farmington, as well as games in Midland and on our home fields.

The Orange Wildcats played 5 aside and were coached by Betty LaPan and Dana Newman. Players were Amber Newman, John LaPan, Zac Allen, Joey Sauseda, Craig Hool, Trinity Jacobs, Teddy Kolarik, and Amy Lynch. They won the Silver Medal at the State Tournament after losing 1 game and winning their 2nd game in an exciting shoot-out!

The Orange Tigers played 7-aside, coached by Gene Thompson and John Szewc. The players were Troy Redfern, Brendan Martindale, Tyler Hages, Noah Thon, Kevin Szewc, Steven Shapland, Robert Bialek, Krista Gross, and Carrie Wisniewski. The Tigers won the Bronze Medal at the State Tournament, winning one game and losing one game. Both of their games were very close.

The Orange Crush played 7-aside and coached by Charlie Gourd and Kayla Courneya. The players were Mariah Gourd, Justin Ward, Andrew Bell, Matt Vennix, Paul LaFave, Chad Cardish, Brent Newman, John Steward, Scott Johnstone, and Michael Courtney. The Crush won the Bronze Medal at the State Tournament. They lost their 1st game in a shoot-out after 19 players kicked at the goal. They lost their 2nd game 1-0. Both were exciting games. Congratulations to the players and coaches for a great season!

The State Tournament was fun and a great ending to a successful season! We called it the "Mud" Bowl since the fields were mostly under water!

Thanks to the Bay Area Soccer Association for the use of their fields when we hosted games against Midland, Roscommon, and Mt. Pleasant. We also thank Handy Intermediate School and Mike Toyzan for the use of the practice fields. Thanks to Bob Steff for his medical staffing at our practices and games, as well as the State Tournament.

Special thanks to Ron Lynch for the use of his van when we traveled out of town. We missed Ron this year and know that he will be back soon!!

Coach's Corner

We are looking for interested people who would like to coach Softball for Special Olympics. Our season is May-July.

If there are other sports you would be interested please let us know. Call Charlie Gourd @894-4360.

BASKETBALL....

The first basketball practice for ALL athletes is December 14th at Handy Intermediate School from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Please come dressed to practice, teams will be chosen that night so if you plan to play you MUST attend!!! We will not be adding players to the roster after this night... you must be there! If you have any questions call Don Rosebush at (989) 684-0144.

DANCE DANCE DANCE

February 10, 2012
Bangor Twp. Hall
7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Music by: Hildago Entertainment
Tickets: $15.00 each or 2 for $25.00
Info/tickets : Amy (989) 450-1494

STATE GUIDELINES

The state office is standing strong on the "physical" policy – **ALL** athletes must have a valid physical on file at the **START** of practice! *Not in the middle of the sport it **MUST** be valid at the **START!!** ***ALL** physicals **MUST** be **COMPLETE** to be considered valid (doctor's information, personal information, etc.) If you have questions feel free to contact Janelle at (989) 450-6114.

Expiring or expired Physicals:

Ted Bradley 01/14/2012

William Divo 09/09/2011

Krista Gross 11/03/2011

Anthony Haveman 12/06/2011

Julie Killips 12/04/2011

Paul Lafave 01/18/2012

Michael Leggett 10/13/2011

Shawn Lynch 01/15/2012

Shawn Nowl 01/17/2012

Barb Parkhurst 10/07/2011

Kyle Redfern 10/23/2011

Megan VanDriessche 02/18/2012

Rusty Wellman 11/18/2011

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