



Captains' Clips

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Now that all the teams have the Opening weekend and Preliminary Events under their belts, we hope that you are all ready for some great competition in September. I had such a wonderful time reconnecting with all my favorite people and meeting so many new people and teams. I am really looking forward to seeing all of you battle it out for the Cup in September. Thanks to all of the Captains for all of their hard work, determination and spirit. As we move into the September events and you review all of the information with this edition of the Captains' Clips, please feel free to contact the Cup office at 330-744-8411 ext. 143 or cup@youngstownymca.org with any concerns or questions.

NOTE!

We are at WEAN PARK in Youngstown. We are not at Mill Creek Park. In past Captain's Clips issues and talking to some of the captains through the season I mentioned that we would be in a new spot for the September events. To make a long story short, Mill Creek Park is charging astronomical fees for the last big day so I had to look elsewhere.

Team Banners and Scavenger Hunt envelopes

The team Banners that you made and the graded Scavenger Hunt envelopes are currently at the Youngstown YMCA's front desk. If you do not have a chance to pick them up they will be at the YMCA tent on Saturday, September 9 at Wean Park. Teams can display their banners proudly at your tents.

Time Prediction Walk

Enclosed you will find wave sheets for the Time Prediction Walk event. Please make sure your team members know ahead of time which waves they are in. This will save time when we line everyone up to start. The walking event will start in the Covelli parking lot. I will make an announcement. The Walk event will begin and end at this same location.

***ABSOLUTELY NO TIMING DEVICES ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN DURING THE TIME PREDICTION WALK. THEY WILL BE TAKEN OR YOUR TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!**

Obstacle Course

Don't forget, a demonstration of the obstacle course will take place at 12:00 pm at the tug field. The course will be set up for practice between 10am and 12pm Saturday, September 9. During practice and the competition, there will be two identical obstacle courses in use. Heat 1 will start immediately following the demonstration.

Volunteers

Please remind your volunteers to check in up to **one hour prior** to the start of the event with which they will be assisting. They must check in no later than **½ hour prior** to the start in order to receive credit. Check-in for the 10K and Walk events will be in the Covelli Center parking lot. Check-in for the Obstacle Course and Tug-o-War will be at the tug field near the YMCA's tent. A large number of volunteers are needed to run the Wean Park events. Your team's volunteers will be an important component of making these events a success. Please make sure they follow through on their commitment to volunteer. Keep in mind that any team member who turned in a waiver is eligible to volunteer and earn points for your team. A list of the volunteer duties for the September 9th events is included with this Captains' Clips.

Tent Locations

Also enclosed you will find a map containing hospitality tent assignments. Tents will be set-up on Friday and will be ready to go when you arrive Saturday morning September 9. The tables and chairs that you ordered will also be at your tent for you to set up as need be. All vehicles must be off of the field by 8:30am on Saturday. Tents will be removed following the awards ceremony at approximately 5pm.

Company Mascots

If your team/company has a mascot or knows of one that is from any company or organization, please feel free to bring them to the events on Saturday, September 9 at Wean Park from 11am to around 2pm. There are always families there with their children and friends. What a great way to have fun at the Cup!

Kids' Events

Please let all of your teammates know to bring their children for the kids' events that will be taking place at the Community Cup this year. Directly behind the YMCA tent there will be a bounce around slide from Confetti House for them to play on. The Youngstown Fire and Police Department will also be there with their vehicle for the kids to check out.

We will once again have the children's Tug-o-War. The Tug Meister has agreed to let the kiddos tug again this year, just like Mom and Dad. Have the kids ready to tug after the completion of the Obstacle Course. We'll make an announcement to call them out to the rope. With all of these kids events, it will truly be a full family experience.

Awards Ceremony

Please encourage your team members to stay for the Awards Ceremony following the Tug-o-War. We expect results to be tabulated within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the final tug. While waiting for the final results, teams will be able to find out who won the Youngstown Meltdown event, as well as the top two participants that lost the most weight. In addition to the "Most Spirited Team Award", the Awards & Festivities judges will bestow the "Best Tent Award" during the Awards Ceremony. Then of course, we will crown each Division with their Cup championship for 2023.

YSU/OSU Game

I know the big game is at noon the same day as the Community Cup. I will be honest with all of you, I am a little worried there won't be as many participants. Please know that the entire green space has WiFi so you will be able to watch the game on a device. Bring whatever you want to watch it. I will be providing a large screen and projector with hopes that we can watch the big game on that while participating in the Obstacle Course and Tug-O-War.

Let me know if you have any ideas to watch or something you want to bring.

Final Note

I just want to take a minute to thank all captains and participants for being a part of the Community Cup and for giving it your all. Without all of you this wouldn't be possible and I truly love every minute I get to spend with all of you.



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**Good luck to all the teams and participants!
Unity Within Community!**