Lacey Gridiron Club Receives Generous Donation From Local Family

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The 7th and 8th grade football program, the Lacey Gridiron Club, recently received a generous donation from a local family so that they could lower the cost for their registration this year.

The club had already lowered the fee from \$225 to \$125 as they did well with fundraising last year but with the additional donation, they are able to bring registration fees down to \$60 for the first 35 kids to sign up.

About the program:

The Lacey Gridiron Club was established in 2010 to provide a Youth Football Program in Lacey Township that is available to all 7th and 8th grade students. The primary focus is teaching the fundamentals of football with an emphasis on preparing the students for High School Football. The program is designed to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical fitness. The coaching staff encourages strong ethical standards both on and off the field as well as establishing leadership skills and the advancement of personal growth for student athletes.

The program is grade based (7^{th} and 8^{th}) but unlimited weight which means that the kids who don't fit into the weight and age matrix of a traditional program don't have to wait until freshman year to play football. With the formation of the program, all 7^{th} and 8^{th} grade kids can play football in Lacey.

The focus is on preparing youth players for the Lacey High School Football Program. This gives them an advantage as they begin their freshman year knowing the program.

The team plays in a scholastic league against all middle school based (and funded) teams including Barnegat, Lakewood, Pinelands and Southern. Although the club is privately funded (we are a 501 (c) (3) organization), Lacey Board of Education allows them to practice and play at Lacey High School. The other unique thing about the program is that everyone plays a whole game. This is called the "B" program.

You can check out more info on the club here: http://www.facebook.com/laceygridiron or on their Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/laceygridiron

Upcoming registration dates and times are:

February 6 at Lacey High School from 7 to 9 p.m.

February 16 at Lacey Middle School from 7 to 9 p.m.