



U.P. FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME



All-Star Week Planned

MARQUETTE, MI – The schedule has been finalized for the 2012 U.P. Football All-Star Week.

The all-star game will be played at the Superior Dome, on Saturday, June 30. Game time is set for 3 PM, with the doors opening at 2 PM. Many activities are planned throughout the week for the community and players.

Monday, June 25, the players and coaches check in. There will be a food drive for the Beacon House food pantry taking place at the check-in, which is at Meyland Hall. The time will be from 10 Am-Noon. All community members are invited to stop by, welcome the players, and make a donation to the pantry.

Tuesday evening (June 26) will be the team and individual pictures, as well as media day. Players and coaches will be available for interviews from any media personnel that are present. Media Day will take place from 7PM-8:00PM at the Dome.

Wednesday afternoon, June 27 will be the Players' Skills Challenge. The players will compete for the titles of Fastest Man, Strongest Man, Best Receiver, Quarterback, Kicker and Punter. The coaches will have the afternoon off from coaching duties while the players are having their Skills Challenge.

Thursday, June 28, is the Bay Cliff Health Camp trip. The players and coaches will travel to Big Bay, to spend the afternoon with the campers, who range in age from 3 to 17. The All-Stars will show the campers football drills and perform a scrimmage. Bay Cliff has also invited the All-Stars to have a picnic dinner, so it will be an afternoon filled with many memories that will have a lasting effect on all who are involved.

Friday evening (June 29) will be the All-Star Banquet. All players will get introduced, awards will be given out and the keynote speaker will motivate all in attendance. The guest speaker will be Eric Beverly, former NFL player for the Detroit Lions and Atlanta Falcons.

Saturday morning before the game will be the Underclassman Combine, which will be held for any players who will be in grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year. All athletes will be physically tested in speed, strength and agility, so they can be compared to other players from around the U.P. Registration is available on-site. Cost is \$45.

The U.P. Football All-Star Game will be donating proceeds to the following U.P. charities: Beacon House Food Pantry, as well as two individual U.P. high schools. Those two schools will be announced later in the week. A lottery drawing will be performed to select the two schools, and donations will be made directly to the football program of those schools chosen. Each year, new schools will be chosen until all U.P. schools have received benefits from the game.