

Dear Parent of a Varsity Football Player (those going into grades 11 & 12),

I am contacting you to ask for your help in regard to the Varsity Football Team Retreat that we have planned for June 16/17 here at Rosemount High School.

I would like your assistance with allowing your athlete to participate. The retreat will begin at 3:00pm on Thursday, June 16 and end around 1:15pm on Friday, June 17. We will be sleeping in the Irish Sports Dome the night of the 16th.

We understand that we are asking a great deal of your family to allow your son to attend during summer vacation. With Varsity Coaches planning to attend, our families will be making the same sacrifice. We firmly believe that this retreat will help your son grow as a person and a teammate. We expect that this experience will create positive life-long memories for your son and teammates. We have run successful retreats since 2001 every two years but couldn't have one during Covid. We have planned activities that are specifically designed to accomplish the following goal:

- To begin the process of establishing a great culture and develop team loyalty!

We look forward to your athlete attending this retreat. We are asking that they prioritize this event over other sports commitments they have. This retreat is establishing the expectations our team will have through the summer and fall and it is critical that all players attend.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jeff.erdmann@district196.org. Please have your athlete return the 2 waivers attached to this letter by May 15th. (ISD196 waiver & Irish Dome waiver) Please also complete this online waiver for the company running parts of the retreat:

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/rmngfbemmp64s7k4kntcwq/web/>

Thank you in advance for the efforts you might make to allow your son to participate in this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jeff Erdmann - Head Football Coach

Common Questions:

Is there a fee? No - the Booster Club is covering all fees and meals but we are asking parents to help with 2 items.

- 1) We do ask incoming seniors to bring a 12 pack of Gatorade/Powerade or water and incoming juniors to bring a box or two of some sort of granola or protein bars to be used as snacks between activities.
- 2) We ask that all varsity players purchase a gold practice jersey with their number/name on it during our spring clothing sale that they will wear during the retreat. The jersey will cost \$20 and the athlete will keep it after their RHS career is done.

What should they bring?

- Sleeping bag/blanket, pillow, sheet for the ground?
- Swimsuit, sweatshirt, 2-3 different sets of workout clothing
- Toiletries for overnight....athletes will be showering at RHS on Thursday night.
- Most activities will be in the dome or on the outside turf/grass