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Spartans to Host Youth Football Clinic at Oktoberfest

The La Crosse Spartans announced today that the team will be participating in Lacrosse's historic Oktoberfest. The Spartans will host a youth football clinic for kids ages 6-14 on Monday September 28th from 6pm-9pm on the north side festival grounds. "We are well aware of how important Oktoberfest is to the La Crosse Community. We are excited to be apart of this historic event," said Chris Kokalis, Spartans co-owner and general manager.

The clinic is free to attend and participants can expect to learn basic fundamental football skills such as passing, rushing, and catching. The Spartans and Oktoberfest officials invite all local students, youth football players, and families to come out for an evening full of football fun. "This is a great opportunity for families to have some fun and at the same time for us to get involved in the community," said Kokalis. Along with the clinic the team will also give away prizes including team merchandise and gift certificates.

The team also encourages fans to visit the Spartans at the team's booth which will be located on the south grounds. Fans will have their first opportunity to purchase team merchandise.

Season Ticket Reservations Continue

Fans continue to have the opportunity to reserve Spartans season tickets through the team's website, www.lacrossespartans.com, or by calling the Spartans office at (608) 567-4299.

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The nine day Oktoberfest festival offers something for all ages. The Grand Maple Leaf Parade is on opening Saturday @ 10AM, carnival rides, arts and crafts show and ethnic foods. Authentic German entertainment, national entertainers as well as local and regional country, pop, rock, and children's acts during the week. The beautifully illuminated Torchlight Parade is on Thursday @ 7p.m. Both North and South fairgrounds require buttons to enter.

The La Crosse Spartans are an expansion franchise playing in the Indoor Football League. The team's season will kick off in March 2010. The Spartans are coached by Packers-great, Gilbert Brown. Coach Brown and the Spartan's organization are committed to actively participating in the La Crosse community. For more information on the team, visit www.lacrossespartans.com.

The Indoor Football League (www.goifl.com) is a 19-team league based out of Richmond, Virginia with franchises in 13 states (including Alaska). The league holds a 14-game regular season schedule that runs March through June. The IFL's playoffs culminate in July with the IFL United Bowl. In addition to a seven-game home schedule, the Spartans will also host one pre-season game and a family night event.

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