

LAKE COUNTRY CHIEFS

2026 Flag Football Season — Family Schedule & Information Guide • PeeWee & Junior Divisions

WELCOME TO THE 2026 SEASON

Welcome, Chiefs families — and thank you for your participation in the 2026 season of the Lake Country Chiefs flag football program! Whether this is your first season with us or your fourth, we're glad you're here. This guide puts everything your family needs for the season in one place: practice and game schedules, key dates, our fundraiser, and volunteer information.

FIRST PRACTICES & PARENT MEETINGS

Division	First Practice	Parent Meeting
PeeWee (1st & 2nd Grade)	Tuesday, August 4 — 5:30 PM	5:35 PM at the concession stand / shed
Junior (3rd & 4th Grade)	Thursday, August 6 — 5:30 PM	5:35 PM at the concession stand / shed

Please bring \$100 cash or check to your division's parent meeting. Checks can be made out to **Lake Country Youth Football Inc.** This is part of our 2026 Calendar Raffle Fundraiser — in return, your athlete receives a pack of 10 raffle tickets. Full details on page 3.

WEEKLY PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Division	Practice Night	Time
PeeWee (1st & 2nd Grade)	Tuesdays	5:30 – 6:30 PM
Junior (3rd & 4th Grade)	Thursdays	5:30 – 6:30 PM

Practice location: For the first three weeks of the season, all practices will take place at North Lake School. After picture day, some teams may move practice to a new location — most coaches choose a practice site (typically a feeder school) more centrally located for their team's families. Coaches must discuss any move with team families before making the change.

Communication: Coaches will communicate directly with families through the **Crossbar app**. Once rosters are finalized, Crossbar is your home base for schedules, practice updates, and team messages — see page 3 for details.

GAME DAYS & KEY DATES

SATURDAY GAME DAYS AT NORTH LAKE SCHOOL

Division	Kickoff	Game Format
PeeWee (1st & 2nd Grade)	Saturdays, 8:15 AM	Two 20-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
Junior (3rd & 4th Grade)	Saturdays, 9:45 AM	Two 25-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime

All games are held at **North Lake School**.

2026 KEY DATES

Date	Event
Fri, Jul 24 – Sun, Jul 26	Dick's Sporting Goods Discount Days — save 20% on select items for the upcoming season
Tue, Aug 4	First PeeWee practice, 5:30 PM — Parent meeting 5:35 PM at the concession shed
Thu, Aug 6	First Junior practice, 5:30 PM — Parent meeting 5:35 PM at the concession shed
Tue, Aug 18	PeeWee Picture Night (held during practice)
Thu, Aug 20	Junior Picture Night (held during practice)
Sat, Aug 29	First games of the season — PeeWee 8:15 AM • Junior 9:45 AM
Sat, Sep 5	No games — Labor Day weekend
Sat, Sep 12	Games — 8:15 AM & 9:45 AM
Fri, Sep 18	Chiefs Night at the Arrowhead varsity football game — more details to follow
Sat, Sep 19	Games — 8:15 AM & 9:45 AM • North Lake Harvest Fest is the same day and will affect parking — stay tuned for updates
Sat, Sep 26	Games — 8:15 AM & 9:45 AM
Sat, Oct 3	Games — 8:15 AM & 9:45 AM
Tue, Oct 6 / Thu, Oct 8	Last PeeWee practice (Oct 6) • Last Junior practice (Oct 8)
Sat, Oct 10	FINAL GAMES — 8:15 AM & 9:45 AM • Equipment turned in immediately following the games

Dates and times are subject to change — Crossbar and lakecountrychiefs.org will always have the most current schedule.

ROSTERS, CROSSBAR & FUNDRAISER

ROSTERS & THE CROSSBAR APP

Head coaches are finalizing team rosters now and will share them with families within the next **7–10 days**. Once that process is complete, rosters will be uploaded into the **Crossbar app**, where you'll be able to access your team's entire schedule and communicate directly with your coaching staff and other families.

Download the Crossbar app and make sure notifications are on — it's the primary way coaches share practice changes, game updates, and team news throughout the season.

2026 CALENDAR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Why we fundraise: The Chiefs are a non-profit program, and keeping costs affordable for families is one of our top priorities — we've raised our registration fee just once in the last eight years. But costs like field rentals, equipment, and our scholarship program continue to climb. This fundraiser helps offset those costs, and every dollar raised goes directly back into the program.

How it works: At your division's parent meeting, each family brings **\$100 cash or check** made out to **Lake Country Youth Football Inc.** In return, your athlete receives a pack of **10 raffle tickets at \$10 per ticket**. From there, you have two options:

- **Sell them.** Pass tickets along to friends, family, neighbors, or coworkers at \$10 each to recoup your \$100.
- **Keep them.** Write your own name on the tickets, turn them in, and take your shot at winning yourself.

Ticket Stub Return	Date
PeeWee	Tuesday, August 25
Junior	Thursday, August 27

Drawings & prizes: A winner is drawn every day in September at 5:00 PM — from September 1 through September 30. That's **30 chances to win**, with prizes ranging from **\$100 to \$1,000**. Winners are contacted by phone and announced on the website. Flag families can collect prizes at the North Lake concession stand.

Learn more about the fundraiser — the reasons behind it, what it supports, and your options: lakecountrychiefs.org/news (or scan the QR code on the back page).

VOLUNTEERING & A FINAL WORD

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

If you did not register as a coach and did not purchase the volunteer buyout, **you are required to volunteer** this season. Here are your options:

CONCESSION STAND

A signup will be available on Crossbar soon.

Pro tip: If your athlete is in PeeWee, sign up for concession duty during the **Junior** games — and vice versa. That way you never miss watching your athlete play.

REFEREES

PeeWee games: one volunteer referee required from each team.

Junior games: two parent volunteer referees required from each team. Referees must be 18 or older.

A referee meeting is held **10 minutes before kickoff at the shed** to go over questions and make sure everyone is prepared. Rules can be found on the website or in the Program Rules & Expectations document.

KEEP IT FUN

A friendly reminder to all parents as we head into the season: this league is supposed to be, **first and foremost, fun**. Secondly, our goal is to educate kids on the game of football while giving them the opportunity to build skills and a basic understanding of the game. Transparently, we also want to see these athletes transition from our flag program to the tackle program — and eventually to Arrowhead High School.

Most importantly: **we don't keep score, and we don't track standings**. These athletes are in 1st through 4th grade — it's supposed to be a fun experience for these kids. When you're cheering them on Saturday mornings, keep that in mind.

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FUNDRAISER DETAILS



RULES & EXPECTATIONS

Questions? Contact us at lcyyouthfootball@gmail.com