

December 8, 2022

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We are proud to offer your son an opportunity to play in this year's <u>Carolina Bowl Senior Showcase</u>! The Carolina Bowl, which was established in 2017, is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that supports the *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital* through its "*Kids Helping Kids*" fund raising initiative.

The *Carolina Bowl Senior Showcase* will bring the "best of the best" from High Schools from all over the Carolinas. During this event, the student athletes will be exposed to top level mentors, speakers and some of the best coaching in the Carolinas. In addition to football, players will participate in other activities throughout the week which include motivational speakers, media & movie night and a Thursday evening Banquet (with a special guest speaker). In addition to showcasing their athletic ability, it is our goal to help build and develop the moral character of these youth men by giving them an experience that they can take with them throughout their lives. These youth men are tomorrow's husbands, fathers and leaders...and part of our mission is to build quality men.

The Senior Showcase Championship Game will take place in Gastonia, North Carolina at the CaroMont Health Park (Fuse Stadium) on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 1:00pm. Single Day Tickets, or Weekend Passes (to include the Youth Showcase Championship Games on Friday), can be ordered through the CaroMont Health Park's Ticketing System at:

https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/team.asp?sponsorid=16453

In preparation for Saturday's game, practices will be held throughout the week in the Gaffney, SC area at a couple of various practice locations (including Limestone University). Players will be transported throughout the day on commercial buses, and all meals and lodging will be provided.

Although Physicals will not be conducted onsite, we will require each player to present a *Clearance to Play* document (to be signed by the school's Athletic Trainer or other medical personnel) during *check-in on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> between 2:00-5:00pm at their respective Hotel*. Following the check-in process, all players will be transported to the *Marriot Hotel* (299 N Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29301) to attend the *Welcome Ceremony* (7-8:30pm) by the Carolina Bowl staff where they will officially meet their coaches.

#### TO DO:

Go to <a href="www.CarolinaBowl.com">www.CarolinaBowl.com</a> and complete the Registration for your son. There is no cost, but this registration will be the confirmation of your son's participation in this event. You will have until Friday, December 16, 2022 to complete the registration. After December 16, unregistered selectees will be replaced with a designated alternate. Use passcode "Seniorshowcase" (case sensitive) when registering.

#### **WEEK OVERVIEW:**

Tuesday, December 27 Check-In & Welcome Ceremony Wednesday, December 28 Morning/Afternoon Practices

Evening Activity – Media & Movie Night

Thursday, December 29 Morning Practice

"7 vs 7", Lineman and Kicking Challenge (12:30pm @ Limestone

University)

Evening Activity – Banquet

Friday, December 30 Morning Practice

Evening Activity - Motivational Speaker/NIL Program (7:00pm @

CaroMont Health Park (Fuse Stadium))

\* Youth Showcase Games (5<sup>th</sup> Grade-10:00am; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-1:00pm; 7<sup>th</sup>

Grade-4:00pm @ CaroMont Health Park)

Saturday, December 31 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Showcase (10:00am @ CaroMont Health Park)

Senior Showcase (1:00pm @ CaroMont Health Park)

## **HOTELS:**

All senior athlete's will be lodged by team at the following hotels:

NC Senior Athletes
Holiday Inn Express
Hampton Inn

 1031 Hyatt Street
 115 Nancy Creek Road

 Gaffney, SC 29341
 Gaffney, SC 29341

 864.487.8999
 864.206.0011

# **GEAR REQUIREMENTS:**

<u>Players must bring their mouthpiece, cleats and knee pads</u>. Also, <u>bring Helmet and Shoulder Pads if possible</u>. If not, helmet and shoulder pads will be provided by the Carolina Bowl. Game Jerseys/Pants and Practice Jerseys will be provided. Practice Jersey, Girdles and Athletic shorts will be utilized throughout the week for all practices.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

Team Coordinators will be utilizing the *Remind App* as the primary means of communication with parents. To join your respective group, simply text the following information to **81010**:

NC Senior Parents – "@22cb-nc12" SC Senior Parents – "@22cb-sc12"

In addition to uniforms and other cool event apparel, players will have the opportunity to earn an event "ring" from any fund-raising efforts on their part to support the "Kids Helping Kids" initiative. Although not required to participate in the event, this fundraising initiative will help each participant in supporting a cause greater than themselves. Players who raise a minimum of \$1,250 to support this charity will receive a game ring, as well as will be entered into a lottery for additional prizes. All Donations, Sponsorships and Ad Space Sales MUST identify the Athletes Name to qualify. Utilize the links provided on <a href="https://www.carolinabowl.com">www.carolinabowl.com</a> to process all Donations, Sponsorships and Ad Space Sales. Fundraising will be recorded "by athlete" through the website. This active effort of selflessness will help build moral character and help them think of and remember those less fortunate than themselves. The benefit of this initiative and its support of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is vital for families with children who are literally fighting for their lives.

Again, we are extremely proud of your son and look forward to getting to know him better as we share in this experience. I KNOW he will be a better person at the end of this week...and look forward to him having the opportunity to showcase his athletic ability on Saturday to family, friends and the various viewers around the country. We know this experience, and additional exposure, will help him achieve his dreams as he ends this chapter in high school athletics and looks forward to the next chapter, whether it be college athletics, academia, military, or whatever his heart so desires.

If you have any questions, please reference the <u>www.CarolinaBowl.com</u> website, or feel free to contact us at (864) 513-2695 (BOWL).

Jimmy Staton, Chairman Dave Walters Todd Helms

