

# Gladiator News

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## Bradenton Gladiators host 3<sup>rd</sup> annual football camp

### Press Release

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Bradenton, FL. - The Bradenton Gladiators held their 3rd Annual Youth Football Camp on July 22-24, 2008. About 70 campers ranging in age from 5-15 benefited from the camp at the Desoto Boys and Girls Club.

This year's camp focused on teaching correct football fundamentals and techniques as well as covered all aspects of offense, defense and special teams. The last day of the camp ended with the "Gladiator Gridiron Games" which allowed each participant to use their newly acquired skills and techniques in a series of timed events. The final day also included a banquet consisting of great food, gifts, certificates of completion, awards, and prizes for all of the children.

Kenny Lawson, whose 10 year old son Jesse participated in the camp, wrote that "...I was so impressed with the organization of the event that I had to contact you directly to thank you for what you have done for these boys and the community. Everything from the positive encouragement from your players and coaches to the skill drills, gridiron games, t-shirts all the way down to the banquet was an absolute hit with the kids as well as the parents. You should be awfully proud of your team and staff as they were wonderful hosts and left lasting impressions on many young athletes."

"It is comments like these that assure us that we are accomplishing our mission to serve the youth in our community," said Edrick Sweeting. He later added that "this event would not be successful without the help of sponsors and the many other volunteers who donated their time. We truly appreciate their generosity and dedication to our youth."

### Bradenton Gladiators Football, Inc.

Bradenton Gladiators Football, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Their mission is to bridge the gap between youth and young adulthood by instructing and playing top quality football and positively developing our neighborhoods and communities. The programs offered by the organization include youth camps and mentoring programs; educational award programs; and a young adult minor league football program.