

BHSN COUGAR ENCOUNTER

Friday, August 8, 2008, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cougar Encounter is the first step in transitioning into the Bloomington High School North community for incoming freshmen and their families. Incoming freshmen attending Cougar Encounter will have a head start as they enter Bloomington North. Research indicates that participants in these types of freshmen transition programs have earned higher grade point averages, been more likely to be involved in extra-curricular opportunities, and have fewer disciplinary situations than those who have not participated. There is no doubt that the experience will be informative and fun and we highly encourage all incoming freshmen to attend Cougar Encounter. The class of 2008 had more than 90% of their class attend the Cougar Encounter - we believe the class of 2009 can do even better than that!

On the day of Cougar Encounter, students will have the opportunity to meet other incoming freshmen while touring the school and participating in a variety of activities led by their trained Cougar Leader mentors. Students will also have an opportunity to find and practice opening their lockers, figure out the cafeteria procedures, and navigate their schedules. Parents can pick up their new Cougars at 11:00 a.m. near the flagpole at the main entrance of BHSN.

In addition to the activities provided for our incoming freshmen on the day of Cougar Encounter, there will also be a parent meeting in the auditorium from 7:00-8:30 a.m. In this session, parents will have the opportunity to meet and talk with administrators, faculty and staff, and BHSN parents. For those who are unable to attend the parents' session during Cougar Encounter, an additional evening session will be held for parents on Thursday, August 7th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In order to support our freshmen transition program, including Cougar Encounter, a \$6 fee is necessary. All Cougar Encounter participants will receive a t-shirt, a snack, and loads of informative fun. If you are paying by check, please make it out to BHSN and put Cougar Encounter on the memo line. *Students who receive free and reduced lunches or have extenuating financial circumstances should please note this on their registration form and a fee waiver will be granted.*

To reserve a spot in this year's Cougar Encounter, please return your registration form and the \$15 fee in one of the following ways:

- 1) Turn it in to the teacher who originally provided you the form or to your front office (please make sure your check or money is securely attached to your form).
- 2) Hand it in to one of the North representatives when they come to your school to talk about Cougar Encounter (Sri North # 9; & Batchelor # 7).
- 3) Mail to Bloomington High School North, 3301 Cougar Encounter, 280 N. Indiana, Bloomington, IN 47409.

We look forward to seeing you on August 8th!

Cut and return the registration form below with \$15

Name: @@@@

Address: @@@@

City/State/Zip Code: @@@@

Telephone Number: @@@@ **E-mail Address:** @@@@

Middle School: @@@@ **Shirt Size:** 83dult SiAes7 S > / B/ BB/ BBB/

Become a Cougar Encounter Patron and help support on-going freshmen transition activities with an additional tax-deductible contribution of \$6-\$1000. Other @@@@

