

Hey Everyone!

If you are receiving this email, you are officially a member of the Paint Crew for the 2009-2010 Purdue Men's Basketball season! This is an extremely long email, so I have listed the contents of the email below so that you can find what you are looking for quickly. All the information in this email is relevant, and it would be a good idea to read/remember most of the information here.

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1. For those of you who are in the Paint Crew for the first time...welcome to largest student organization on campus. For those of you veterans, welcome back. Here is a short rundown on our priorities and benefits: (A) We are first and foremost responsible for providing the loudest, most electric atmosphere that Mackey will allow. (B) We will go to several other venues to support our Boilers on the road. (C) We compete in a charity challenge with Michigan State, and will be putting on a 3v3 basketball tournament to raise money. (D) We will have a pre-season and a post-season party, the team will be present and signing autographs at each party. (E) We will have at least one watch party for a road game, and that will be a big game that we are unable to get tickets to for a road trip. (F) If you have general admission tickets, we will be camping for four games this season. The earlier you show up (within our limitations, see part 5,) the better your seats will be. (G) You will receive a pre-game newsletter including a scouting report for our opponents prior to every game, these scouting reports will be very detailed and hopefully leave you as knowledgeable as possible of our opponents.

2. The preseason party will be held this coming Thursday, October 29th, in the Intercollegiate Athletics Facility. It will be in the arena where the volleyball team plays. The gates will open at 7:00 p.m. We have Pizza coming, which will be distributed first come-first served. I do not foresee us running out, but I suppose it is possible. We will probably have some competitions for free additional Paint Crew shirts between 7-8 p.m. Coach Painter will be arriving at 8:00 p.m. and will speak for a few minutes, which will be followed by a Q and A session for both Coach Painter and the team. After that is over, the players will be signing autographs until 9:00 p.m. or so.

3. We have obtained tickets in the lower arena of Consecro Fieldhouse for the Wooden Tradition game against Ball State. If you would like to sit with the Paint Crew during that game, you will be able to sign up for a ticket at the preseason party. This game is on Saturday, December 19th, at 4:00 p.m. To sign up, you will need to pay a \$10 deposit at the party which will be returned to you upon the pickup of your ticket later in the semester. Like last year, we will have you send us a list of people you wish to sit with at the game, and we will enter those groups into a lottery for the better seats. Please notice that this is the Saturday of finals week. Please check your finals schedule, I will not give you your deposit back because you didn't realize you had a final on that day. Transportation will not be provided to this game. You will need to find your own ride to and from Indy for the game. Again, we WILL NOT have a bus going to this game. You must be in the Paint Crew to sign up for this event.

We have also purchased the entire lower bowl for the New Years Day game against West

Virginia. This is going to be a huge game for our program, more than likely a game between two top 10 teams battling for NCAA tournament seeding. The first roughly 550 Paint Crew members (we are still determining how many seats are actually in the lower bowl) to sign up at the preseason party will be allowed to attend this game free of charge. The way the seats will be assigned for this game has yet to be determined, but it will NOT be determined by who signs up first at the preseason party. There is NO benefit to signing up first on Thursday. The game is at 2:30 p.m. Later in the semester, we will designate a game for those tickets to be picked up, and we will ask that you put a \$10 deposit towards the ticket at that time. Deposits will be returned starting at 11:00 a.m. on January 1st until tipoff (2:30), then again during halftime, and then for another 90 minutes following the game. A few things to remember, the residence halls will not be open during this game, so you will need to find other places to stay if you plan on staying the night on campus.

We have secured 50 tickets to the road game in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on December 12th. Signups for these tickets will be on a first come first served basis starting immediately after the lottery takes place establishing the line for the Cal State Northridge game on Friday, November 13th. This will be our first "official" road trip of the season, and we will be taking a bus to and from the game. Keep in mind that this is the Saturday before finals week, and we will be leaving around 11 am for the 9p.m. tipoff. We should return to West Lafayette around 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 13th. As is customary, we will ask for a \$10 deposit when you signup, and that will be returned to you as you board the bus on the 12th.

We are trying to secure a block of tickets for the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis in March. If we are successful, we will distribute those tickets to the Paint Crew members who do the most during the season. We are currently planning at least four road trips and four campouts. Those who attend the most roadtrips and are accounted for at the most campouts will be given priority in signing up for the Big Ten Tournament tickets. More information on that to come.

We are also trying to buy tickets to Northwestern and Penn State to serve as our other two road trips (Wooden Tradition will be the 4th.)

4. If you have not yet picked up your T-Shirt, you can do so at the preseason party. We have a list of people who joined on dates that we were not handing out T-Shirts so we will be able to get those to you.

5. Camping games this season will be Michigan, Illinois, Michigan State, and Indiana. We will be camping this year on the north side of Ross-Ade Stadium outside of the Local Mountain Coffee shop. Remember, you will be able to show up at 12:00 noon the day preceding the day of the game and camp overnight for the best seats in the house. Mark your schedules.

6. If you know anyone who is not yet in the Paint Crew that would like to be, inform them that they can join at the preseason party. The cost will be \$15, and that pays for the shirt, the emails, the road trip opportunities, and admittance to the pre and post season parties.

7. Paint Crew Radio takes place from 5:30-6:00 p.m. on Monday Nights as a segment of the "Monday Night Triple Threat." The "MNTT" airs from 5-7 p.m. every monday, and is a sports talk/call in show that puts an emphasis towards Purdue Sports. Tune in online at www.purdue.edu/wccr and select the "Listen Now" option on the top left of the page. We will use this show as a means of giving you information and taking calls to hear your questions/suggestions. Learn more at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=5103247146&v=info>

8. If you are interested, the every Wednesday home game the Pacers play will be a college night.

For \$10, you will get not only a ticket to the game, but also a free t-shirt. The Pacers play some pretty good teams this year on Wednesday nights, including the Lakers, Suns, Blazers, and Spurs. More information can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10617628011&ref=ts>

9. Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/thepaintcrew

Check out our new and improved website, www.purduepaintcrew.org

Line for the first day begins at noon on November 3rd. We will be reverting back to groups of 10 for the games this year.

Look out for our next email, which will probably be on its way late this weekend, with a preview of the first exhibition game.

Boiler Up!

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