Now that all the teams have the Opening weekend and Preliminary Events under their belts, we hope that you are all ready for some great competition in September. Rosann and I had a great time meeting all the teams and Captains at the Opening weekend and Preliminary Events and look forward to seeing all of you battle it out for the Cup in September. Thanks to all of the Captains for all of their hard work, determination and spirit. As we move into the September events and you review all of the information with this edition of the Captains’ Clips, please feel free to contact us in the Cup office at (330) 742-4794 or cup@youngstownymca.org with any concerns or questions.

**Team Banners**
Your team banners are ready for pick up at the Central YMCA in downtown Youngstown. Just go in and see the front desk attendant and tell them your team name, and they will give you your banner. If by September 7, your banners are not picked up, they will be at the YMCA tent on Saturday at Mill Creek Park. Teams can display their banners proudly at your their tents.

**Time Prediction Walk**
Enclosed you will find wave sheets for the Time Prediction Walk event. Please make sure your team members know ahead of time which waves they are in. This will save time when we line everyone up to start. The finish line for the 10K and TP Walk will be the same as last year at the intersection of Bears Den Dr. and New Cross Dr. at the Bears Den Cabin sign. The Walk event will begin and end at this same location.

*ABSOLUTELY NO TIMING DEVICES ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN DURING THE TIME PREDICTION WALK. THEY WILL BE TAKEN OR YOUR TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!*

**Obstacle Course**
Don’t forget a demonstration of the obstacle course will take place at 12:00pm at the tug field. The course will be set up for practice between 10am and 12pm Saturday, September 7. During practice and the competition, there will be two identical obstacle courses in use. Heat 1 will start immediately following the demonstration.

**Volunteers**
Please remind your volunteers to check in up to **one hour prior** to the start of the event with which they will be assisting. They must check in no later than **½ hour prior** to the start in order to receive credit. Check-in for the 10K and Walk events will be in the Morley Pavilion parking lot. Check-in for the Obstacle Course and Tug-o-War will be at the tug field near the YMCA’s tent. A large number of volunteers are needed to run the Mill Creek Park events. Your team’s volunteers will be an important component of making these events a success. Please make sure they follow through on their commitment to volunteer. Keep in mind that any team member who turned in a waiver is eligible to volunteer and earn points for your team. A list of the volunteer duties for the September 7th events is included with this Captains’ Clips.

**Tent Locations**
Also enclosed you will find a map containing hospitality tent assignments. Tents will be set-up on Friday and will be ready to go when you arrive Saturday morning September 7. The tables and chairs that you ordered will also be at your tent for you to set up as need be. All vehicles must be off of the field by 10am on Saturday. Tents will be removed following the awards ceremony at approximately 5pm.

**Catering Your Tent**
Jersey Mike’s in Boardman is willing to cater your tent and deliver it as well. If you are interested in this please call George Dimos (owner) at 330-330-8600. Mention this for the Community Cup at Mill Creek Park on Saturday, September 7. He has agreed to deliver to your tent by 11:00 am.
Company Mascots
If your team/company has a mascot or knows of one that is from any company or organization, then please feel free to bring them to the events on Saturday, September 7 at Wick Recreation Area from 11am to around 2pm. There are always families there with their children and friends. What a great way to have fun at the Cup!

Kids’ Events
Please let all of your teammates know to bring their children for the kids’ events that will be taking place at the Community Cup this year. Directly behind the YMCA tent there will be a bounce around slide from Confetti House for them to play on. There will be a small tent set up near the bounce around that will have face painting and animal balloon making from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for the kiddos. Once again we will have a smaller children’s version of the Obstacle Course at the far end of the field by the trees. The Youngstown Fire and Police Departments will also be there with their vehicles for the kids to check out.

We will once again have the children’s Tug-o-War. The Tug Meister has agreed to let the kiddos tug again this year, just like Mom and Dad. Have the kids ready to tug after the completion of the Obstacle Course. We’ll make an announcement to call them out to the rope. With all of these kids events, it will truly be a full family experience.

Awards Ceremony
Please encourage your team members to stay for the Awards Ceremony following the Tug-o-War. We expect results to be tabulated within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the final tug. While waiting for the final results, teams will be able to find out who won the Youngstown Meltdown event, as well as the top three participants that lost the most weight. In addition to the “Most Spirited Team Award”, the Awards & Festivities judges will bestow the “Best Tent Award” during the Awards Ceremony. Then of course, we will crown each Division with their Cup championship for 2019.

Final Note
There is still time for participants to take advantage of the YMCA’s Community Cup membership. Although the Youngstown Meltdown has finished, the YMCA memberships are still valid thru Saturday, September 7th. If you have enjoyed using your Community Cup membership throughout the summer months, please contact the Youngstown YMCA and see what offers they have for Community Cup members to continue your membership!

**Good luck to all the teams and participants!**