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Bradenton Gladiators host annual back to school drive

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If giving back is a testament to a person's character and it speaks volumes; the Bradenton Gladiators continue to turn the radio up.

After coaches, players, staff and volunteers from the Bradenton Gladiators' minor league football program sweated it out July 22nd-24th during their third annual Bradenton Gladiators Youth Football Mini Camp; the Gladiators' organization is back at it doing boundless good deeds for the betterment of our youth.

The Gladiators will give away "Gladiators' School Packs" on August 9, 2008 at the Manatee County School Board. The school board is located at 215 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205. The packs will include backpacks filled with school necessities such as paper, pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks and much, much more. The giveaway will begin at 9:00am and the packs will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

School supplies are needed more than ever as the list of required materials lengthens. Families spend an estimated \$50 to \$200 or more each year on supplies, depending on the children's ages. There are many children whose families do not have the resources to properly equip them for school.

"If children don't have the proper supplies, they cannot do their schoolwork or homework. This makes it difficult for them to achieve academic success" says

Gladiator President Edrick Sweeting. "To do our part the Bradenton Gladiators will provide children attending elementary and middle schools in Manatee County with free school supplies before they begin the 2008-2009 school year."

"The Bradenton Gladiators focus on growth and helping our youth and young adults of today. We want to motivate them and continue to give them some kind of awareness that there are positive things out there for them and people who care," Sweeting said.

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. For more information contact us by phone at (941) 320-7576, via email at gladiators@tampabay.rr.com or visit us online at www.bradentongladiators.com.