



How to create a Twitter account and set it up to

Receive info from the Bearkats

The Klein Football Booster Club has created 2 separate twitter accounts to support the passing of information to the Klein community. Any information posted to either twitter account will also immediately be posted to the home page of the KFBC website (www.kleinbearkats.com). This gives a way for those who do not have a twitter account to see the information as it is posted to twitter.

@BearkatFootball - The first account is @BearkatFootball and will be used to deliver general information about the football program and the booster club. It can also be used to send out time critical information.

@BearkatGameDay - The second account will be used to post live updates from the football games. Each game will have someone in the stands that will “tweet” updates live from the game to this account.

If you already have a twitter account, simply “follow” 1 or both of the accounts listed above. If you don’t have a twitter account and are not sure how to set one up, please follow the tutorial below.

First, a brief overview of twitter and how it is used...for those of you who may be concerned with having yet ANOTHER account somewhere in cyberspace. Twitter is a real-time information network that allows individuals to update their account with small thoughts or phrases (limited to 140 characters). These updates...or tweets... are posted to their account immediately. Other users of the twitter system can then “follow”...or more accurately ...subscribe to the twitter poster’s account to receive this information in real-time on their computer or mobile device. It is not required that you “tweet” to have a twitter account. Many people have accounts purely to have access to the post of other twitter users. This account will not be “tied” to any of your other accounts and so long as you do not put any personal information into the system, you will never need to worry about what may get lost. Much more information can be found here... <http://twitter.com/about>

Now...to create an account...open your web browser and go to the following link...

<http://www.twitter.com>

This will bring you to the main twitter page. On the right side you will see the new user information boxes...

A screenshot of the Twitter sign-up page. The background is a dark blue with a faint pattern of people silhouettes. At the top, the text "New to Twitter? Join today!" is displayed in white. Below this, there are three white input fields stacked vertically, labeled "Full name", "Email", and "Password" in a light grey font. At the bottom right of the form area, there is a yellow rectangular button with the text "Sign up" in black.

Enter the require data...your full name, your email address and a password. When you click the “Sign Up” button...you will be redirected to the following page that verifies your information.

It's your turn. Join Twitter.

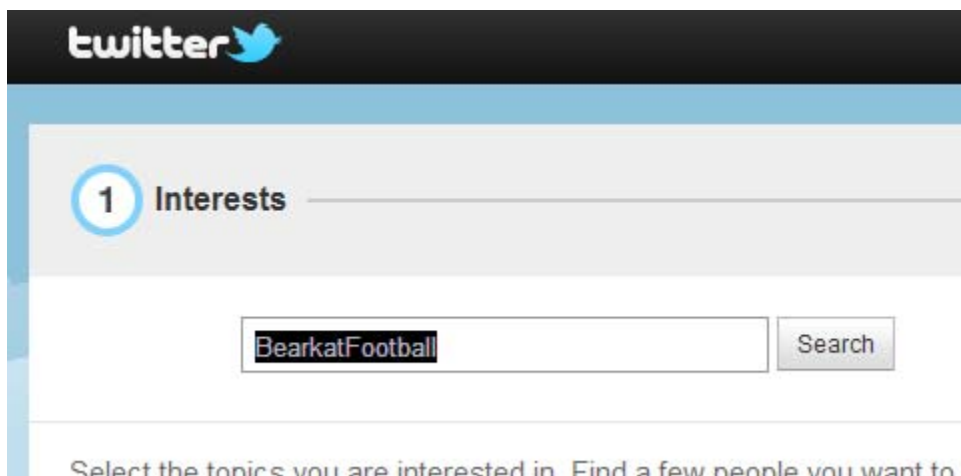
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| <input type="text" value="Bearkat Test"/> | ✓ Name looks great. |
| <input type="text" value="webmaster@kleinbearkats.com"/> | ✓ We will email you a confirmation. |
| <input type="password" value="●●●●●●●●"/> | ✓ Password could be more secure. |
| <input type="text" value="BearkatTest"/> | ✓ Username is available. |
| Suggestions: TestBearkat · TestTwitter · bearkat_test | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep me logged-in on this computer. | |
| By clicking the button, you agree to the terms below: | |
| These Terms of Service ("Terms") govern your access to and use of the services and Twitter's websites (the "Services"), and any information, text, graphics, photos or other materials | |
| Printable versions: Terms of Service · Privacy Policy | |
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Note: Others will be able to find you by name, username or email. Your email

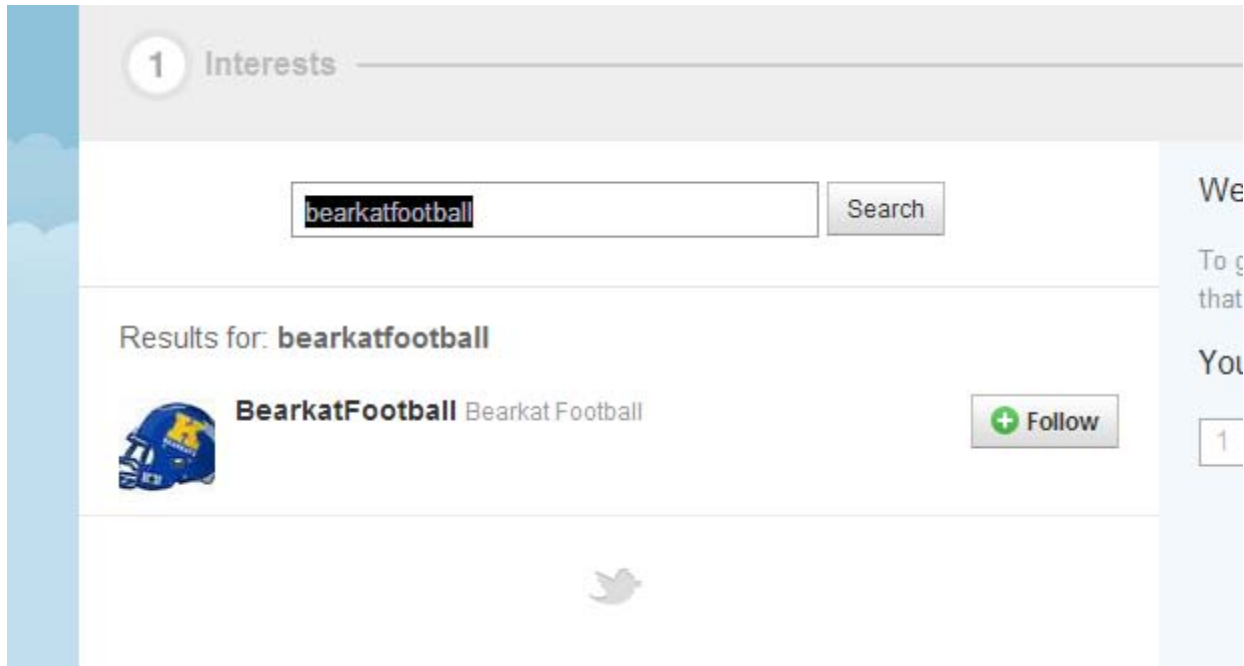
This page will verify that the user name you chose is not already in use...and that your email address is not already in use (an email address can only be used for 1 twitter account). If there are any problems with what you entered, you will have a little red “X” next to the box that requires attention. If you do receive an “X”, read the error and correct the problem. Once you have all green checks, like above, then select the “Create my account” button.

You will see an hour-glass while the system creates your account. You will end up on your newly created twitter page. It will show some suggested twitter accounts that are popular.

The next thing you will want to do is to set your account to “follow” the Bearkat’s twitter feeds. On the top of the page you will see a box with a search button. Enter BearkatFootball into the box...



Once you press the “Search” button...you will see the following...

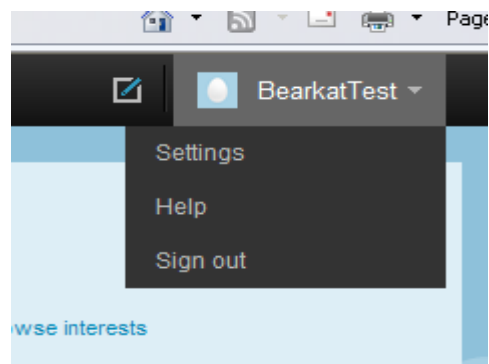


You will see the BearkatFootball account. Click the “Follow” button to the right of the account name. That’s it. You will see the little helmet on the right side under the “You Follow” heading.

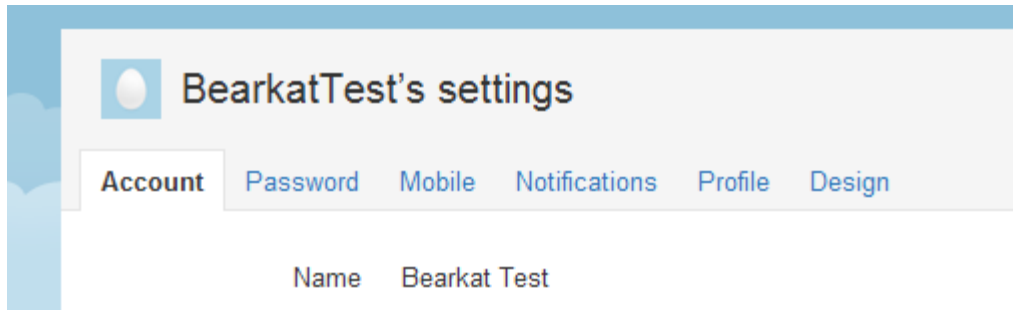
Now we do the same thing as we just did for BearkatFootball for the BearkatGameDay. Enter “BearkatGameDay” in the search box at the top of the screen and click the “Search” button. This will display the BearkatGameDay account. Click the “Follow” button next to the account...and you now following this account as well.

Now that you are following the 2 Bearkat twitter accounts...you can have all “tweets” forwarded to your mobile phone. If you have a “smart phone” ...it very likely has a twitter app. All you need to do is open the app and follow the instructions to log into your twitter account. As there are many different phone apps that may be on your phone...the exact process for doing this will not be covered.

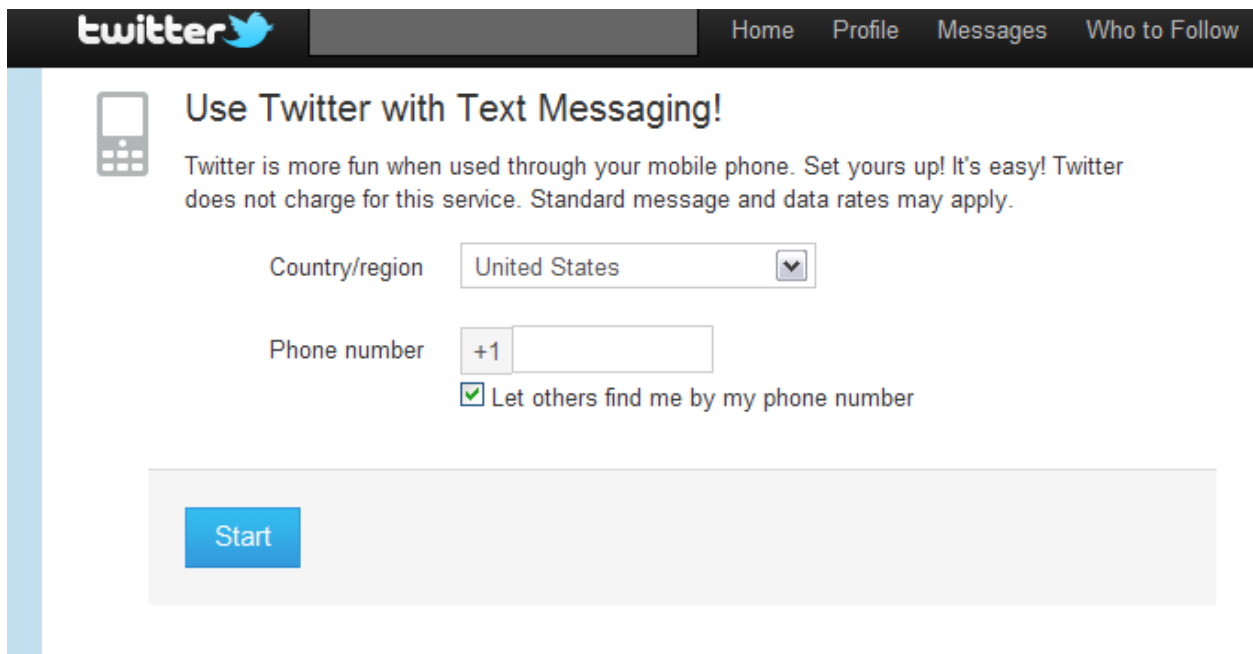
If you want to have your incoming tweets sent to your mobile phone as a text message...start by finding your twitter account name in the very upper corner of the twitter page...



From the pop down list...select the "Settings" option. You will be taken to the account settings for your account. On the top of the page are a set of tabs. Select the "Mobile" tab.



After clicking the Mobile tab...you will be asked to enter your cell phone number.



Enter your cell phone number and press the "Start" button. Now...any twitter feed from anyone you are following will automatically be forwarded to your cell phone as a text message.

NOTE: Normal text messaging rates will apply. You may NOT want to do this if you don't have an unlimited texting service on your cell phone.

You can turn on or off the “send to text” feature of twitter for each account you follow. To see which accounts you are currently sending to text messages on your phone, select your “following” list...then click on an account. For instance...the BearkatGameDay account. You will see the following....



Next to the “Following” button you will see a little circle with a picture of a cell phone. If it is green...you will receive text messages from this account. By clicking on the cell phone icon...you can turn the feature on or off for this account.