



Grizzlies Grades 7 & 8

Jr. Grizzlies Grades 4, 5 & 6

Grizzly Cubs Grades 2 & 3

2011 Parent Information Packet

Our Mission Statement

To build a tradition based program that enhances personal learning and growth for each child in a fun, safe environment. Gorham Football encourages participation from all parents and supporters. All program decisions are based on what is right for the kids.

2011 HEAD COACHES

GHS Rams	Dave Kilborn
Grizzlies	Craig Bassingthwaite
Jr. Grizzlies	Joe Hansen
Grizzly Cubs	Wayne Young

2011 Board of Directors

Mary Mercier	President
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RATES FOR 2010

For all participants in grades 4 thru 8: \$135.00 per participant, \$145.00 after April 14th.
 For all participants in grades 2 and 3: \$90.00 per participant. \$100 after April 14th.

Make Checks Payable to Gorham Football Boosters, Inc.

Send Checks to:

Gorham Football Boosters
 P.O. Box 413
 Gorham Maine 04038

Family rate: Full rate for the first child registered with a \$10 discount for each additional family member

Payment Options:

Pay amount in full at time of registration.

We will refund the registration fee if a child leaves our program for whatever reason. Before any refund is paid, the child's clean uniform and/or equipment in good shape must be returned to the Gorham Football Boosters. Refunds will be prorated on the following basis:

If your child leaves the program:

before first practice	100%
before first game	50%
after the first game	25%
after the second game	0%

Note: The refund amount may be adjusted for damaged uniforms and/or equipment. Any uniforms or equipment that is issued to a participant is to be returned to Gorham Football Boosters. The parent/ guardian agrees to take full responsibility of items missing and will be financially responsible for unreturned items. The amount will be determined by the Gorham Football Boosters.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for each home game; approximately 25 volunteers per game. Our volunteer coordinator will be contacting you to schedule a time for you to help out. Additional volunteer opportunities are available through out the calendar year for fundraising events that support the Gorham Football Program and its players. Active parent participation is highly encouraged and sought after.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

All participants in the program are required to have personal health care coverage. In addition, we strongly suggest that all participants have a physical within 2 years of each season. We also strongly encourage parents to review the Center for Disease Control's website on concussions to familiarize you and the player with the signs associated with a concussion. <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html>

<p>Each Football Player Must Provide: NOCSAE* Approved Helmet NOCSAE* Approved Shoulder Pads Practice Jersey Undergarments & personal protection Socks/Cleats Girdles w/pads Cubs Players must also provide the following: Game Pants – black (will also be used as practice pants) Pads – thigh & knee</p>	<p>Gorham Football Will Provide: Game Jersey Game Pants (not applicable to Cubs level) Practice Pants (not required for Cubs) Pads – thigh & knee (not applicable to Cubs level) Mouth guard</p>
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All parents and guardians of participants in our program are members in Gorham Football Boosters, Inc. The Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Gorham Rec. Conference Room (6:30 PM). The first 30 minutes of each meeting is open to the public. Please join us and share your thoughts!

SMYFL REQUIREMENTS

SMYFL requires proof of age for registered Grizzlies. Participants must be less than 15 as of the first practice of the season. We collect a copy of birth certificates the first year that a child registers for either football team and keep it on file until they move to the high school. You do not need to provide a copy every year. Children, who have not provided proof of age eligibility, will be allowed to practice with the team but may not participate in any game until that proof of age has been received by the Board of Directors.

League rules prohibit any Jr. Grizzlies player who weighs over 160 lbs. on the day of the SMYFL Jamboree from playing for the Jr. Grizzlies. However, any 6TH grader weighing over 160 lbs. may play for the Grizzlies. There is no weight limit/requirement for 2nd/3rd grade players. All participants must reside within the Town of Gorham or be attending Gorham schools full time.

CODES OF ETHICS

Gorham Football Boosters has adopted Codes of Ethics for coaches, parents and participants. Common themes in those codes are:

- Our children come first; this program is for them, not the adults.
- We must provide a safe, positive environment for our children to learn about football.
- We will treat everyone with respect and provide positive role models for our children.
- Being a good student is as important as being a good athlete.
- Our children should have fun while they learn about the sports of football.
- Good Sportsmanship is essential in all that we do.

Ways in which we expect these values to be demonstrated include:

Children First

- Decisions will be made based on what's best for the children and their teams.
- All participants will have a chance to learn and to demonstrate their skills.
- All parents volunteer during the season for 2-3 hours at a couple of games.
- Parents participate in program fundraisers.

Safe, Positive Environment

- Participants are expected to make every effort to attend all practices. If you have to miss a practice, please let your coach know in advance. If injured, please plan to attend practice and listen unless directed to stay home by your doctor.
- Parent will ensure that participants arrive at the field on time with the necessary equipment for their sport.
- Parents, participants will not be dropped off any earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of practice and please be prompt picking them up.
- Any injuries sustained during practice or a game must be reported to the head coach immediately.
- Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, street drugs or non-prescribed drugs at the Narragansett facility by any coach, parent or participant will not be tolerated.
- Coaches, participants and parents/spectators must refrain from the use of offensive or abusive language while attending a football event.

Respect

- Coaches will recognize the developmental needs of the age group they work with and structure their program appropriately
- Parents will refrain from distracting their child(ren) when he or she is on the field (behind the ropes). They need to be paying attention to their coach. Please do not distract them with conversations or food.
- Participants will stay off the school playground equipment.
- Disagreements will be resolved in a mature, responsible manner that provides a good model for our children to follow.

Scholastics

- Children will be encouraged by coaches and parents to put school first.

Have Fun!

- We will celebrate the end of each season & all participants will be rewarded for their efforts.

Good Sportsmanship

- All participants and attendees at Gorham Football Booster events will abide by the SMYFL criteria for good sportsmanship.

SMYFL Sportsmanship Criteria

Good Sportsmanship will be demonstrated when:

COACHES

1. Respect Officials judgment
2. Treat opposing coach(es) with respect
3. Greet opposing coach; offer water; direct to appropriate sideline and end zone
4. Shake hands with opposing coach in view of public
5. Show no behavior that could incite fans

PLAYERS

1. Treat opponent with respect
2. Shake hands with opponent whether win or lose
3. Show no signs of outwardly behavior towards Official's judgment
4. Play hard, but play within the rules
5. Represent the organization with pride and respect as it is a privilege to represent their school and community

PARENTS AND FANS

1. Demonstrate good behavior before and after games
2. Respect the judgment of Officials
3. Show compassion for an injured player
4. Applaud positive performance
5. Do not heckle, jeer or distract players; avoid using profane language and behavior
6. Respect other fans, coaches, directors and players

SPIRIT GROUPS

1. Use only positive cheers, signs and praise
2. Avoid antagonizing or demeaning opponents
3. Accept decision of Officials
4. Shake hands with opposing teams
5. Maintain enthusiasm and composure serving as a positive role model
6. Cheer at proper times

OTHER INFORMATION:

FUNDRAISING

Registration fees only cover a portion of our budget. Other critical sources of revenues are fundraisers such as the Father Daughter Dance, program and field advertisements and our field concessions. If you have any ideas for fundraisers for our program, please contact any Board member.

RESOLVING ISSUES

If a question or issue arises, the first step should always be to discuss the matter directly with the individual involved. If a coach is involved, you can contact a board member to assist in discussions. If your initial conversation does not resolve the situation, we have established a procedure for working towards resolution of issues. Copies of our Grievance Procedure are available from any Board member.

WEBSITE

Check out our website for team schedules and directions to fields in other towns as well as other important program information:

www.gorhamfootballboosters.com

2011 Registration Form

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- GRIZZLY CUBS FOOTBALL
 JR. GRIZZLIES FOOTBALL
 GRIZZLIES FOOTBALL

(All new registrants for football must provide a copy of their birth certificate)

Please print clearly in all fields!

Player Information

First Name:		Last Name:	
DOB:	School Grd. Fall 2011:	Height:	Weight: lbs.
Home Address:		Town:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Prior Experience: Yes No	Where?	

Parent/Guardian Information

First Name:		Last Name:	
Cell Phone:		Work Phone:	
Email address for football communications:			
Email address for football communications:			

Only fill in below information if different than player's information

Home Address:	Town:	Zip:
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Parent/Guardian Information

First Name:		Last Name:	
Cell Phone:		Work Phone:	
Email address for football communications:			
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Only fill in below information if different than player's information

Home Address:	Town:	Zip:
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* (Newsletters & other important program information will be distributed via e-mail.) **Please let us know if this changes**

Please list TWO emergency contacts in the event that we cannot reach you:

Contact Name:	Phone:	Relationship to player:
Contact Name:	Phone:	Relationship to player:

Please list any Physical Limitations and/or Medication(s) applicable to your child that may limit his/her ability to participate in our program:

Please be sure to complete the Waiver form. Your child will not be allowed to participate in our program if we do not have a signed waiver form.

Any uniform/ equipment issued by Gorham Football Boosters shall be returned at the conclusion of the season. The Parent/Guardian will be financially responsible for missing items. A participant will not be issued uniforms/equipment in future years until payment of missing items are returned or paid for in full.

My child and I have read the attached information package and agree to abide by the requirements stated.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Player Signature:	Date:

GFB Official Use Only

Registration Cost:	Check No.:	Check Amount:	Birth Cert. Provided:	Waiver Signed:

Waiver Form

RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS

-- READ BEFORE SIGNING --

IN CONSIDERATION OF _____, my minor child/ward ("my child"), being allowed to participate in any way in the Gorham Football Boosters, Inc. program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury to my child from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child's participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE THE other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. I, for myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____
(PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE) (PRINT NAME)

Date Signed: _____

UNDERSTANDING OF RISK

I understand the seriousness of the risks involved in participating in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to rules and regulation, and accept them as a participant.

X _____
(PLAYER SIGNATURE) (PRINT NAME)

Date Signed: _____

Volunteer Agreement Form

I/We understand that parent and supported power is the lifeblood of volunteer organizations. Small contributions of time promote sharing of the workload and builds community within the organization. To support my child and the organization, I will volunteer to serve on the following committee(s) and be an active participant:

Please choose at least three options ranking them from 1-3; first choice is not guaranteed however; placement in one of your three options is guaranteed. While we (the Board) try our best to accommodate specific job requests, assignments are subject to change based on need.

Fundraising	Concessions	Field Maintenance	Board Member
Coach/Asst.	Home Game Announcer	Team Volunteer Coordinator	Team Administrator
Merchandise	Home Game Spotter		

Please Print Clearly

Child Name:	Team:(circle one) Grizzly Jr. Grizzly Cubs
Parent/Guardian 1:	Date:
Parent/Guardian 2:	Date:

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature:
Parent/Guardian 2 Signature: