

2008 GHS SOFTBALL BOOSTERS INFORMATIONAL LETTER

Dear Parents and Players,

Welcome to Gainesville High School Softball. We hope the information in this letter answers some of the questions you might have about GHS Softball, and the Softball Boosters.

Funding

Schools have very limited funds for extra curricular activities. The Softball Boosters pay for new or replacement equipment, field maintenance and improvement, and team uniforms. Like every other high school sport or activity, each Junior Varsity and Varsity player is responsible for paying their “fair share fees”. The 2008 Varsity players’ fair share is \$250, and Junior Varsity players’ fair share is \$175. Participation in team fundraisers can help pay off individual fair share accounts. Fundraisers for Fair Share include sales of banners for the field, game program ads, garage sales, chicken dinners, and tickets for breakfast at Applebee’s. Additional fundraising suggestions are appreciated and will be discussed during Booster meetings. The first payment of half the fair share accounts need to be paid by 2/15/08. Final payments need to be made by 3/15/08.

Family participation

The revenue to fund the general budget for GHS Softball comes primarily from gate entrance fees and concession stand sales. Many volunteers are needed for every Junior Varsity and Varsity home game. Parents are needed to dress the field before every game, collect fees at the gate, run the scoreboard and work in the concession stand. A team parent from Junior Varsity and Varsity usually coordinates the communication for all of the above-mentioned events. When GHS hosts a tournament (usually one Saturday a season), many volunteers are needed over a 10-12 hour day. Find a way to become involved as a GHS Softball Booster as early as possible. Players who work field maintenance days and work during games also earn service hours.

Transportation

Parents must provide transportation to all away games. The Booster Transportation Coordinator will hand out the Alachua County School Board’s transportation form at the first team meeting. Parents please bring a copy of your driver’s license and a copy of your proof of insurance. Once a pool of drivers is set up, transportation from GHS to the away school is coordinated for each game. If your child is traveling back to Gainesville in a team carpool, you are responsible for picking her up at Gainesville High School.

Communication

Each family will also be provided with a list of player contact info as soon as possible. The schedule and other information will be updated on the GHS Softball website linked to the Gainesville High School site, <http://ghs.sbac.edu>. By working together, we can share the goal of making GHS Softball a great experience for our girls.

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GHS Softball Booster President