



GARDENDALE QUARTERBACK CLUB PARENT INFORMATION 2018-2019

Welcome to the Gardendale Quarterback Club! When you made the decision to join the GHS Football team, your family also joined and is now apart of the GQC! We are an Athletic Booster Club that helps support our Coaches and Players emotionally, physically and financially. It is very important as a parent/guardian of a football player that we can count on you this year to help by attending our monthly meetings, paying your dues, signing up to help with parking, signing up to help with pregame meals, working all fundraising events, participating in all fundraising activities, and making sure all your fundraising money is raised by June 29th.

Board Meetings

The GQC is composed of a Board with members. We accept nominations after the current season is over and vote each year for Board Members. We conduct monthly meetings held at the school or Field House. Our monthly meetings are important to attend as they keep you informed of fundraisers, purchases made or purchases we will make, the latest information from the Coaching Staff and we will address any issues or ideas that you may have concerning the GQC. Your annual dues to the GQC is \$25.00. This amount is included in your GQC Fees. Monthly meetings are typically at 6:30 pm in the lunchroom or the field house in the team room. Coach Eads or one of the Assistants will be in attendance at most of our GQC meetings. The 2018 Board is composed of:

President: Ben Franklin

1st VP: Christy Cato

2nd VP: Kenny Mcshan

Secretary: Nancy Hancock

Treasurer: Jimbo Cunningham

Fees

The GQC fee covers expenses that are required to successfully run the program throughout the year. This year the fee covers the players spirit pack if they make the check points, described in the next section. The fees could and may include uniforms, new helmets, locker room updates, Banquet ticket, playoff gear, workout gear, team meals, travel expenses, charter bus rentals, team camps, field house equipment and upkeep, sports medicine equipment, etc. This fee for this season is \$700.00(includes a volunteer fee - see next paragraph). This amount is due by June 29th. If you have more than one player that plays football, the cost for each additional player will be \$300. We offer ample opportunities for you to fundraise the entire amount and not pay any out of pocket expense. We have attached a sheet that shows all expenses that the GQC is required to pay. If you choose not to fundraise and wish to pay your fees in full, the amount due will be \$900 and you will be responsible for paying for your spirit pack. **The GQC will not issue any refunds for any amounts that have been paid or fundraised.** Returned checks are processed through Nexcheck and you will be charged a \$30.00 fee in addition to your bank fee.

Finances

The GQC has set up payment deadlines and due dates for your fees. The first payment of \$150.00 is due by April 5th. The second payment of \$150 is due by May 3rd. The third payment of \$150 is due by June 5th. The last payment of \$200 is due June 29th. If you are fundraising all your money we will accommodate you. With fundraisers each month during the Feb - June season, you should be able to meet the deadlines. If you fall short on the fundraisers one month and need to make a payment or add to your fundraised amount, you can mail your payment into GQC P.O. Box 453 Gardendale, Al 35071 or you can pay through paypal by sending payment to gdaleathletic@gmail.com. We will have balances available at all GQC meetings and you can also contact the treasurer for detailed info by email at gdaleathletictreas@gmail.com.

If you are having any kind of financial stress, difficulty, loss of a job, etc...we ask that you communicate with one of the Board Members. Please do not communicate with Coaches about fees. They will only refer you back to a Board Member. We want to help if necessary, but we can't help if we don't know!

Check Points For Spirit Pack

April 5, 2018 = \$150 Total Fundraised Credit = Rocket Shorts and T-shirt

May 3, 2018 = \$300 Total Fundraised Credit = Compression Shirt

June 29, 2018 = \$650 Total Fundraised Credit = Game Day Polo and Football Cleats

***If you miss a checkpoint you can make up at the next one and still receive your items, but there isn't a make up after the last check point. After the last check point there will be no more makeups and you will be responsible to purchase the remaining items needed for your players spirit pack.**

Volunteer Fees

The GQC expects and needs every parent to help with at least one or two projects/events/parking throughout the year. We include a volunteer fee of \$50.00 in our \$700 fee. If you help or volunteer in one event/project/parking your fee will be reduced to \$675. If you help or volunteer in two events/projects/parking your fee will be reduced to \$650. It is very important at every event/project/parking that you make sure you sign up on our website under the volunteer tab to work, then you must sign in at the event/project/parking to verify that you did volunteer. If at the end of the season you have not worked your volunteer fees and you still owe \$50, you must pay this before your player will be allowed to attend the end of the year football banquet. Opportunities for working fundraising events, serving meals on game days as well as working parking for the JV and Bragg games will be posted on our website under the Volunteer tab for you to sign up. The Bragg Athletic Club works our parking on Friday nights.

Payments

The GQC will set times for meetings, fundraising dates, and special times we offer to collect money for fundraisers, as well as pick up times for fundraising sales. The Coaching Staff will not take any money from any player or parents. The GQC has a money dropbox on the wall inside the coaches offices downstairs in the field house. This is where all players are to drop any money. It must be labeled clearly with their name and what it is for. If it is not labeled we will not know who or what the money is for and it will not be properly credited to your account. **PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS AND DO NOT TURN MONEY INTO THE COACHES. PLEASE USE THE DROP BOX DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FIELD HOUSE OR AT ANY GQC MEETING.** We do check the dropbox often during the week. We also accept payments through our PayPal account. You can send your payments to gdaleathletic@gmail.com. We will also accept payments through cash, checks, or credit card at any of our GQC Meetings. If you have any questions concerning your account, a payment, or how much you owe, please address this with the Treasurer at gdaleathleticreas@gmail.com or you can address at a meeting. Coach Eads will be given an update regularly of all player balances. We will give Coach Eads a final copy of all player balances after June 29th which is the deadline to pay your balance.

Communication

The GQC tries to communicate as efficiently as possible. The best way to communicate with you is important to us. Please help us by letting us know the best way to communicate with you on the membership form. We offer emails, text messages, website, social media through Facebook and Twitter. We must have a good email address and 2 working phone numbers. We can be found on our website: gardendalequarterbackclub.com; Facebook and Twitter as Gardendale Quarterback Club. Our email is gdaleathletic@gmail.com. We use the Remind App to send text messages. You can join by texting @efkfc to 81010.

Fundraising Opportunities

We offer several fundraisers throughout the season to help cover player fees. Our first fundraiser in February is the “**Fundraising Ticket!**” Our second fundraiser in March is “**Laundry Detergent.**” Our third fundraiser in April is “**BWW Pancake Breakfast.**” Our fourth fundraiser in May is the “**Bedsheets.**” In addition, any “**Program Sponsors**” or “**Corporate Sponsors**” secured will also help to cover player fees. We will have events where we need everyone’s help - BWW pancake breakfast- April 28th, Meet the Rockets - August 17th.

Stadium and Fieldhouse Work Days

We have a huge responsibility toward our team and coaches in keeping our field looking first class and our facilities updated with the most modern equipment. The GQC will call for **Stadium Work Days** often before and during the season. Stadium Work Days calls for volunteers to help with grass cutting, weed eating, edging, and blowing off the bleachers and track. We are responsible for the upkeep of all our lawn equipment. We strive to make and keep our stadium looking first class. This takes everyone efforts in fundraising as well as physically working together.

Parking

We require parents to work parking on Monday night and Thursday nights at our home football games. 11th and 12th grade parents work Monday nights, 9th and 10th grade parents work Thursday nights. You can sign up on our website under the volunteer tab. Times to work vary from 4:45 - 7:30 depending on game time.

BWW Spirit Night & Meet Coach Eads – March 5, 2018 (Coach will be on site after 6:00pm)

We will host a Spirit Night on March 5th for all our parents, players and fans! This will also be a great opportunity to meet Coach Eads! This is a great night of fun for everyone! Invite your family!! We make 20% of all sales.

BWW Pancake Breakfast - April 28, 2018

BWW sponsors a Pancake Breakfast for our football team. They cover all expenses except to go plates. We organize a group of parents and players to cover all jobs and shifts from 5:30 am - 10:30 am. Every parent and player is expected to help with breakfast. A signup sheet will be posted on our GAC website under the volunteer tab. This is 100% profit, so we need every player to sell 10 tickets or more.

Rocket Golf Tournament – May 4, 2018

This year's golf tournament will be at Mt. View. If you are interested in playing, having a team or being a sponsor please let Ben Franklin know. Details will be posted on the GQC website.

Rocket Top Golf Tournament – Date To Be Announced (July or August)

This year we are trying something new! We will be the first school to have this type of tournament at Top Golf. If you are interested in playing, having a team or being a sponsor please let Ben Franklin know. Details will be posted on the GQC website.

Rocket Football Calendar

Please visit the GQC website to view the calendar for workouts, makeup workouts, practices, scrimmages, various camps and vacation for players. Sometimes these dates change, but every effort to make accurate has been done

Scrimmage Game “Practice”

Scrimmages will be on May 12th 9am – 12pm at Driver Stadium.
This practice scrimmage is open for anyone that wants to attend.

Scrimmage Game – May 18, 2018 Maroon vs Grey

This scrimmage will consist of 9th graders & some 10th graders.

Scrimmage Game – August 18, 2018 “Walk Through”

Our boys will scrimmage on August 18, 2018 @ Driver Stadium 5 till
This scrimmage will be a full scrimmage designed to prepare our boys for their 1st game this season! You are welcome to attend this scrimmage also.

Spring Game – May 19, 2018 Legion Field (Time TBA)

Something New! Our boys will have a Spring Game this year at Legion Field! What team and the game start time will be coming soon.

Summer 7 on 7 Camp – July 12-14, 2018

This year we will be participating in the Hoover Elite 7 on 7 at the Hoover Met.

The New Meet The Rockets – August 17, 2018

Make plans to come out to Driver Stadium for “Meet The Rockets!”

Meet the Rockets will be more of an event for the community not a scrimmage game or practice. The concept will be like a fan day. We will have food trucks on site, obstacle courses for kids and adults, blow up slides, performances by the GHS Band and an opportunity to have your program signed by your favorite Rocket. This year marks the 50th Anniversary for GHS so we will also have a large group of Alumni at the event celebrating 50 years of tradition at GHS.

Team Meals

We strive to get every team meal on Friday afternoon games donated through local churches, civic clubs, or local business, but it is not always possible. We also have meals on Monday afternoons for the 9th/JV games that we usually have catered because we can not over ask our potential donors. If you have any connections with a restaurant, church or club that would be willing to donate or sponsor a meal for our team, please contact our meal coordinator, Jenny Franks at rocketteammeals@gmail.com or contact a Board Member. The following churches and clubs helped us last year with meals: Gardendale First Baptist Church, Gardendale Mount Vernon, Gardendale Civitans, Jeff Dennis, and Gardendale Walmart.

Parents Football Apparel

This year our GAC is offering a special online store for our parents only to purchase Rocket gear for the upcoming season. Our store will be open for several weeks before the season begins so everything will be delivered before the season starts. We will notify you when the store opens. It will most likely be during the month of July. This rocket gear will be exclusive so you will not be able to purchase this style and design at our games. The items will be as follows: t-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, ½ zip pullovers, collared shirts, hats, visors, blankets, stadium chairs. We will sell other apparel at the spring scrimmage games and every home football game this fall.

Parking Pass

You can purchase a Parking Pass for \$40.00 that will get your parking paid for all Varsity, JV, and Bragg Home games plus you will get in the GAC Member parking lot closest to the gate. You can purchase additional parking passes. Parking passes do not apply during playoffs. All parking for Bragg, JV Games and for Varsity Games is \$5.00. Gate fee into home games for Bragg and JV is \$5.00 and \$7.00 into Varsity games. Playoff games entry fee is \$8.00.

Homecoming Week (Hazel Green 9/28/18)

The week of Homecoming is a special week for our football team. Tuesday after practice, we feed our team and then head to our community bonfire at Moncrief Park. Wednesday after practice we feed our team a special meal from Whiskers Catering. Thursday night Juniors and Seniors have special dinners with classmen and coaches. Friday morning is special pep rally and then parade at 1pm. The team will remain at school all day on Friday until game. On Friday, we give special goody bags to each of the players and then they are fed a special meal before their Homecoming game.

Football Banquet – January 12, 2019

The Football banquet will be at the GCC. Senior parents are allowed to decorate in a designated area to celebrate their players at the banquet. Players banquet ticket is included in their football fees. Ticket order forms will go home with each player who has completed their fundraising fees. Forms will be given out in December before the break. If all your fees are paid, there is no charge for football players. If fees are not paid, there is a \$25 charge. Each guest is \$25.00.

TAG Football Videos

You will be given the opportunity to purchase a Football DVD that is put together by a professional company of our entire season. This is an absolute treasure for you and your football players to keep and cherish. The DVD's are \$25 to purchase and can be purchased during the season or at the banquet. The DVD will be shown at the banquet and delivered to the parents that pre-ordered one. Order forms are in your packet as well as under the forms tab on our website.

Corporate Sponsorships:

Every player is given the opportunity to sell corporate sponsorship packages to businesses to earn money toward their fundraising fees. You will receive a form with corporate sponsorship options listed in detail. You will also receive a list of businesses along with the players that secured them from last season. Players that secured that business from last season will get first access to that business again. Please be respectful before asking for support and make sure no other player asked from last year. Players from last season will have until the end of March to renew their businesses from last season. Beginning in April, all players will have access to any business that hasn't been secured. Forms are on the website. All sponsorships are due by JUNE 29th.

Windscreens/Signs for Businesses: (included in Sponsorship levels this season)

Every player is given the opportunity to sell signs to businesses that will hang in the stadium during the season to earn money toward their fundraising fees. Forms are on the website. All orders are due by JUNE 29th.

Team/Individual Pictures

Individual and Team Pictures will be taken this summer in June. The pictures will begin at 7 am sharp in the football stadium. There will be a makeup picture day for individuals but not for the group picture.

Senior Dinners

Every Thursday night before a Friday night game, the seniors gather together for a dinner. Senior Parents are given the opportunity to volunteer to host one of the dinners. More details will be sent directly to senior parents through email. Please contact your senior rep. for more info.

Senior Windscreens

Every Senior parent is given the opportunity to purchase a windscreen/banner for your senior player that will hang at the stadium entrance and then again at the banquet. The windscreen/banner will be given to the player after the banquet. The windscreens are \$50 each. These will not be ordered if they are not pre-paid. There is an order form on the website.

Senior Night (Oxford 10/26/18)

Senior night will be the last regular season home game. Every Senior will be recognized before the game. Parents or guardians will escort the player. Each senior will receive a miniature Gardendale Rocket Football Helmet as a gift from the GAC.

Senior Pictures for Program/Yearbook

Every Senior is invited to attend a picture session typically on a Sunday evening that will include pics of all senior football players and cheerleaders. There is small fee involved in this picture session, but each senior will receive rights to the pics on a cd picture disk. The date will be decided and all seniors will be notified.

Personal and Business Ads for the Program

Every player is given the opportunity to sell ads to businesses to earn money toward their fundraising fees. You may also purchase a personal ad for your player at a 25% discount. All money for program ads personal or business is due by June 29th. NO EXCEPTIONS. Ad forms are on the website. Ads will need to be emailed to gdaleprogramad@gmail.com.

Class Representatives:

We have class representatives from each grade level. These class reps will be your contact person for questions that might arise before and during the season. They will contact you when we need help with parking or any event when we need volunteers. They will contact you through text, phone calls, or email.

9th grade Class Representatives: Ernie Moore & Mike Rigdon

10th grade Class Representatives: David Crim & Kristy Lowe

11th grade Class Representatives: Jackie Partridge & Dawn Waters

12th grade Class Representatives: Bob Hancock & Leslie Baldwin

Typical Weekly Schedule for a Home Game for a GQC member:

- ★ **Make sure the field and stadium is first class - mowed grass, edge, blow off everything.**
- ★ **Make a pep rally if we can!!**
- ★ **Make sure meal is ready to be served at 3:15 for the team. Make arrangements to pick up and deliver food and have people set up, serve, and clean up.**
- ★ **Arrange a local pastor or youth pastor to give a short devotion after meal.**
- ★ **Make sure all street feather flags are up along the drive, all flags over home side stadium are put up then take them down after the game.**
- ★ **Make sure press box is covered fully.**
- ★ **Make sure all signs are hung along fence with none damaged.**
- ★ **Make sure you have all money bags for parking & merchandise.**
- ★ **Make sure parking is covered.**
- ★ **Pass out money bags and parking vest at 4:45 or earlier.**
- ★ **Make sure parking signs are put out.**
- ★ **Set up all tables & merchandise to sell during the game and take down after game.**
- ★ **Have copies of the Rosters available at first game.**
- ★ **Make sure the Sign is on field for team to run through.**
- ★ **Make sure all announcements are typed out for the announcer at the game.**
- ★ **Organize and manage all game time presentations.**
- ★ **Make sure we have chains covered for the game.**
- ★ **Collect all parking bags and vest.**
- ★ **Clean up and pack away all merchandise.**

We have a huge duty every game especially home games to make sure everything is absolutely perfect for our players and our coaches. We want them to feel loved, appreciated and especially know that we are supporting them and want the very best for them! We try to take away all the worries and stress that they would typically be burdened with if they did not have a Booster Club! So please help us throughout the season when we need help. We appreciate you and I know that Coach Eads the Coaching Staff and Players do as well! We are looking forward to a great season!!! GO ROCKETS!!