



Georgia Buckeyes 2024 Season Packet  
Important Parent Information

## Important Dates

January 1 – Player Registration Opens for Spring Season

February 1 – Player Registration Opens for Fall Season

*February – May – Spring Season*

May 25 – Organization Cook Out

May 26 – June 1 – Dead Period

June 3 – Early Registration Closes

June 4 – Fall Conditioning Begins (Tuesday / Thursdays)

June 7 - Registration Fundraiser Opens

TBD – Juneteenth Festival in Austell

June 22 – Buckeyes Day At The Braves Money Due

June 29 – Buckeyes Day At The Braves

June 30- July 6 – GHSA dead period. *If any Family vacations are to be scheduled, this is the time!*

July 1 – Fall Scholarship Applications Open

July 7 – Snap Raise Email Input Due

July 8 – Mandatory Fall Practice Begins (Monday / Tuesday / Thursday)

*\*Athletes should have equipment by this time\**

July 11 - Snap raise Fundraiser Kick Off

July 14 – Buckeye Signing Day Event (TBD)

July 15 – Registration Deposit Due

July 18 – 21 – Warzone Bowl (participating teams)

July 26 – Fall Scholarship Applications Close

July 27 – Buckeyes back to school event

July 28 – August 3 – Acclimation Week / No Pads / Physicals due

August 2 – Registration due in full

August 2 – Parent Jersey money due

August 5 – Volunteer and Equipment checks are due

August 8 – Snap Raise Fundraisers Ends

August 24 – First regular season game

August 25 – Picture Day (tentative)

September 5 – Car Wash Card Fundraiser Begins

September 6 – Homecoming banner money is due

September 8 – Makeup Picture Day (Tentative)

September 19 – Car Wash Card Fundraiser Ends

October (TBD) – Homecoming Week

October 4 – Spirit Book Tribute Page Money is Due

October 25 – Spirit Book money is due

October 26 – Last regular season game

November 2 – November 16 – Playoffs + Superbowl

November 21 – Spirit Book Distribution

November 29-30 – Turkey Bowl

December (TBD) – Nationals

*\*We may add a few summer position camps and volunteer events that are TBD and will let you know of the dates ahead of time\**

**(All dates are subject to change)**

**How much does it cost to put an athlete on the field?**  
**\$600**



- Organization Uniforms
- Athlete accessories (helmet decals, mouthpieces, socks)
- NWGYFL Yearly Dues
- Practice Field Rental Fees
- Stadium Expenses and Game Day Field Equipment
- Practice Field Maintenance
- Athlete Insurance
- First Aid Supplies + Team mom necessities
- Outside tournament and competition fees
- Thursday Night Athlete Meals
- Homecoming Week and Dance Activities
- Game Day Videography and Photography
- Coaching Clinics
- Organization equipment upgrades
- Coaches and Board Member CPR and First Aid Certifications
- Organization Outings, Team Building, and Character Development Activities
  - Cookouts, Pizza Days, Signing Day Event, etc.
- End of year awards

*\*Price is not inclusive of individual team swag packs and additional uniforms*

*\*Numbers are based off of 150 athlete organization*

## Fee Table

| <b>Required Fees</b>                                | <b>Fee</b>          | <b>Due Date</b>                         |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Early Bird Registration                             | \$250 (\$325 Cheer) | Until June 3                            |
| Regular Registration                                | \$300 (\$350 Cheer) | August 2<br>(\$150 deposit due July 15) |
| Volunteer Deposit (Refundable hold)                 | \$50                | August 5                                |
| Individual Team Swag Packs                          | Per Team            | Per Team                                |
| Rental Equipment Deposit (Refundable hold)          | \$100               | Upon Receipt                            |
| Misc. Summer Camps                                  | TBD                 | TBD                                     |
| Picture Day   | \$10                | August 23                               |
| Homecoming Banner                                   | \$30                | September 6                             |
| Spirit Book Tribute Page<br>(Includes printed book) | \$45                | October 4                               |
| 2023 Spirit Book                                    | \$30                | October 25                              |
| Buckeyes Spirit Wear                                | \$ - \$\$\$         | N/A                                     |
| Parent Jersey                                       | \$45                | August 2                                |
| Buckeye Touchdown Club                              | \$400               | August 23                               |

*\*Fee table does not include additional individual team expenses, helmets, shoulder pads, padded girle/practice pants, knee pads, cleats, or additional accessories.*

## **All parents are welcome to join the Buckeye Touchdown Club today!**

Georgia Buckeyes Touchdown Club Membership Includes:

- Membership badge
- Free entry into all home games for member plus 1 guest
- 2 free concession stand meals at all home games
- 2023 Buckeye Spirit Book page mention
- 2023 Printed Spirit Book
- Georgia Buckeyes Swag Bag

**What is the cost to join?** \$250 per person (membership includes 1 guest entry)

**Can I add an additional family member for a ticket/meal?** No

**How do I Join?** There is a link on [www.gabuckeyes.com](http://www.gabuckeyes.com)

\*Scroll overtop of “get involved” at the top of the page and click “Touchdown Club”

**Do I have to have a player in the program to join?** No, all Buckeye supporters are welcome!



## Fundraising Events 2024

| Fundraiser                  | Date                       | Goal             |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Krispy Kreme (Registration) | As Needed                  | As Needed        |
| Buckeye Day with the Braves | Deadline June 22           | 110 Tickets Sold |
| SnapRaise (Mandatory)       | July 11 – August 8         | \$15,000         |
| Car Wash Cards (Mandatory)  | September 5 – September 19 | \$15,000         |
| Individual team fundraisers | TBD                        | TBD              |

### Description of Fundraising Events

**Krispy Kreme** – The Krispy Kreme fundraiser is available solely to assist families with registration fees should they need it. Paper Krispy Kreme certificates can be purchased upfront and sold by families, or supporters’ emails and funds can be collected, and certificates can be sent digitally to them. Certificates never expire and can be used at any Krispy Kreme across the country.

*A total of 50 certificates must be sold at \$13 each to reach the registration fee.*

**Buckeye Day with the Braves** – This fundraiser is designed to act as a group outing for our upcoming Buckeyes athletes! Not only will this be a fun filled day out with fellow Buckeyes, but it will allow our program to raise a few dollars for the season ahead.

**SnapRaise** - This campaign is design for our Buckeye athletes to have a way to reach out to friends and family located not only in our community, but also extended family outside of our area who would like to help our program. The expectation is that each player should enter 20 emails into the SnapRaise system. If a player does not enter 20 emails into the system by July 7, there will be a \$100 fee.

**Car Wash Cards** – All players are required to sell ten (10) cards @ \$20 each for a total of \$200. The \$200 must be turned directly into your teams’ team mom or Coach Meg.

**Ad Sales** – Each athlete is strongly encouraged to *attempt* to sell advertising or sponsorships to local businesses consisting of Spirit Book ads and/or game day banners. If a player sells a total of \$700 **OR** \$500 plus sells all 10 of their Carwash cards, they will receive their registration fees back. A list of sponsorship levels can be collected from Coach Meg

*\*Individual team fundraisers will be implemented by each age group/team for additional team swag packs, uniforms, end of season banquets and additional team expenses*

*\*Numbers are based off of 150 athlete organization*



# Volunteering

All parents are expected to volunteer throughout the season at least **2x**. A \$50 volunteer check or CC authorization form will be collected and will be cashed should you choose not to participate at the conclusion of the season.

## **Ways to participate:** (not limited to)

- Volunteer to participate in a committee
- Sign up for snack and drink duty for games (when applicable)
- Sign up for home game needs (gate attendant, concessions, chain crew, clean up, etc)
- Assist with homecoming set up and tear down
- Misc. volunteer activities that arise throughout the season
  - Examples: External events, clean up days, bucket drop team fundraisers

*\*Sign-up sheets will be sent out via email and within the band app prior to each event*

The below committee positions are available for parents to volunteer to participate in. If you are interested in one of the below positions, please contact Coach Meg and she will direct you to the correct individual.

## **Parent Committee Positions –**

- Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee
- Community Engagement Committee
- Homecoming Committee
- Spirit Committee
- Scholastic Committee
- Concession Committee
- Field Maintenance Committee

The below board member positions are currently filled for the 2023 season. If you have suggestions or ideas for any board member, please feel free to reach out!

- President – Vince Cary
- Vice President/Treasurer – Meghan Murowsky
- Athletic Director – OPEN
- Secretary - OPEN
- Scholastic Director – OPEN
- Cheer Director – Ta'Lar Scott
- Fundraising Director – OPEN
- Recruiting Coordinator – OPEN

*Any individual who volunteers or signs up for a committee and does not fulfill their obligations will be charged the \$50*

## Questions You May Have

**Do I have to pay \$300 (\$350 for cheer) for my athlete to be a Buckeye? YES**

*However, we are offering an early registration discount and payment plan options*

- Pay in full before June 3 – Registration is \$250 (\$300 for cheer)
- Make payments towards the total amount due, last payment due on August 2
- Scholarships are open and available to apply on our website at [www.gabuckeyes.com/scholarship-opportunities](http://www.gabuckeyes.com/scholarship-opportunities)
  - Scholarships are awarded on an as needed and first come first serve basis
- Participate in Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
- Sell Advertising/Sponsorships

*If payment is not completed in full by August 2, 2024, your athlete will not be able to participate in practice or games until payment is made.*

**What is expected out of my athlete from the organization?**

- \$300 (\$350 for cheer) registration fee
- 20 emails loaded into SnapRaise or \$100 fee
- \$200 raised via Car Wash Card sales
- Participation in the individual team fundraisers

**How can I help reduce registration fees?** Each athlete can participate in the Krispy Kreme fundraiser to offset registration fees. Each athlete is also expected to *attempt* to sell a minimum of \$500 in advertising from Spirit Book ads and/or banners. If a player sells a total of \$700 **OR** \$500 in advertising plus sells all 10 of their Car Wash cards, they will receive their registration fees back. Please contact Coach Meg for a list of advertising pricing and sponsorship packages

**What happens if I don't sell any advertising or fundraise?** Your individual coaches and team moms will be given the status of each player weekly to make sure these goals are being worked on. The need for the program and the expectation is that every player meets their goals.

**What does the \$300 fee provide?** While the \$300 does not cover the actual per player cost, it does help defray some of the expenses. Please refer to the website for a list of what registration covers.

**Why do you want me to pay now instead of in the Fall?** Funds are needed now to purchase necessary equipment, uniforms, and other capital needs prior to the start of the regular season. 2024 Buckeye season is in full swing already!

**Aren't the Buckeyes responsible to pay for the season?** No, the Buckeyes organization is a non-profit organization and completely volunteer based. Coaches, team moms, and board members (including the President) do not earn any income off the organization. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the members (athlete parents) to fund the athlete's experience. The Buckeyes make it a priority to keep costs to a minimum and provide ample opportunity for fundraising/financial assistance for families in need. The more we raise, the more experiences we can provide for your athletes.

**Are refunds available if my athlete decides not to participate with the Buckeyes?** No refunds will be issued for any reason after the start of mandatory practice on July 8, 2024. Or if uniforms have already been ordered.

**How do I register my player?** Go to [www.gabuckeyes.com/register-now](http://www.gabuckeyes.com/register-now) fill out the form and follow the prompts to complete the waivers and the registration payment. Please be sure to register your player and complete the waivers if your son or daughter will be participating this season.

*Refer to parent and player handbook or email [Vince@gabuckeyes.com](mailto:Vince@gabuckeyes.com) for additional questions.*