

# Parent Information Meeting

## AGENDA

- Operating Committee
- Program Philosophy
- Coaching Requirements & Player Safety
- Coach/Parent/Player Commitments
- Young Thunderbird Way
- Registration Process & Fees
- Uniforms & Equipment Options
- Season Timeline
- Volunteering/Fundraising
- Spirit Wear



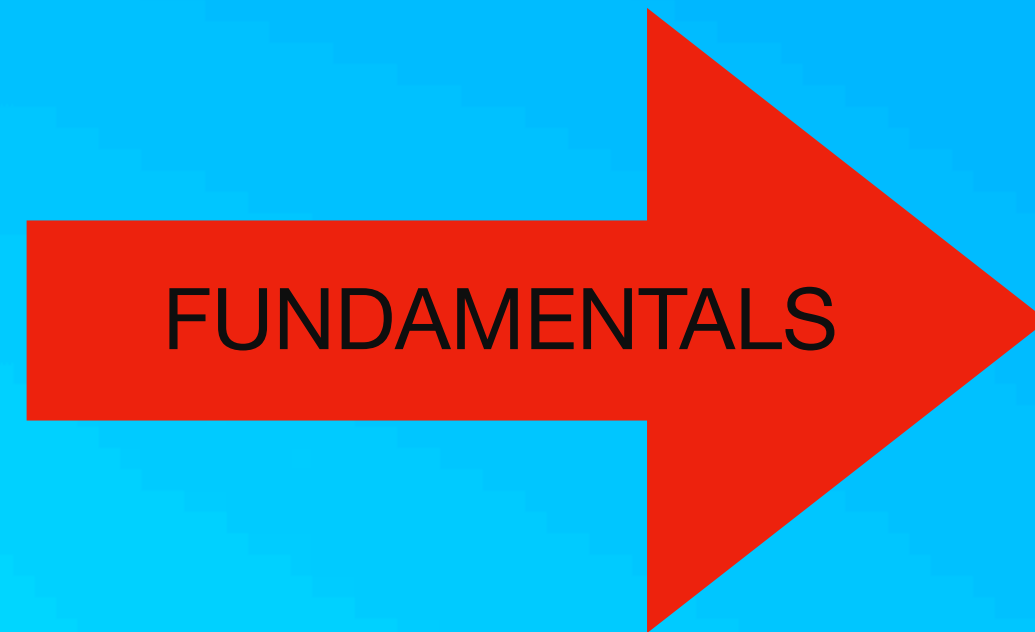
APRIL 14, 2024

# Operating Committee

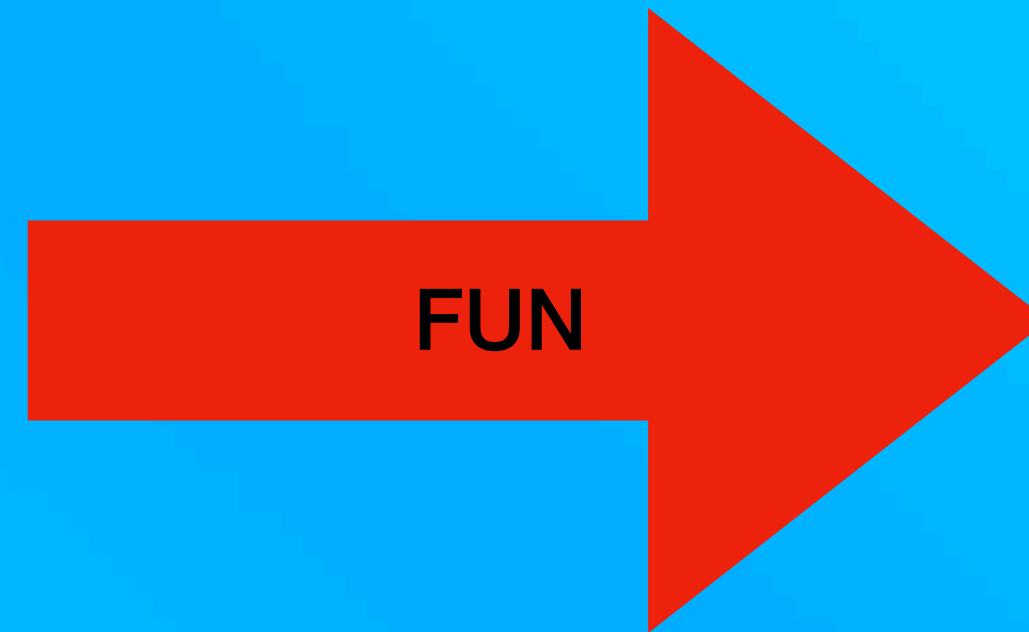
- **Matt Dunkin, President**
- **Kristy Hanshaw, Vice-President**
- **Leslie Samuels, Treasurer / Registration**
- **Alicia Moore, Secretary**
- **Max Sanchez, Member-at-Large / Game Day**
- **Mark Eisenbarth, Member-at-Large / Fundraising & Equipment**
- **Kasey Griffith, Member-at-Large / Communications**
- **Alex Osborne, Ad-Hoc Member**



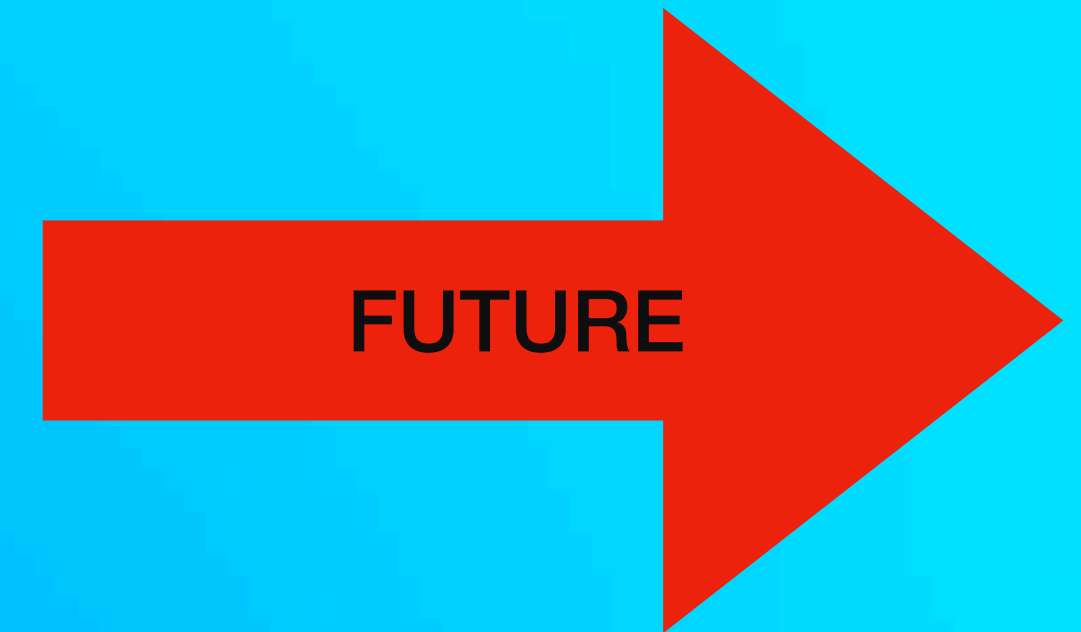
# Program Philosophy



- Leads to increased knowledge, development & skills



- Learn to love the game for life



- Coaches see beyond individual games and moments



# Coaching Requirements / Player Safety

- All Coaches are USA Certified & Trained
  - Topics include tackling, contact, blocking, heat illness, concussions, practice plans, bullying, anti-sexual abuse, injuries, player interactions, severe weather, emergency action plans
- All coaches must complete NICS background check
- Practice Transformational vs. Transactional Coaching
  - Transaction coaching = You do this for me and you get this. It is focused on results and outcomes
  - Transformational coaching = Working on the whole person and helping them become the best version of themselves.



# Commitment to Code of Conduct

- **Coach:**
  - Keep practices fun and challenging.
  - Be the example in leading athletes; practice good sportsmanship.
  - Open communication with players, parents and fellow coaches.
  - Follow a 24-hour rule to not have discussions when emotions are high.
- **Parent / Player:**
  - Commitment to attend practice; **will** impact playing time; becomes a safety issue.
  - Players need to give 100% effort and listen.
  - Be on time and prepared to practices and games. Show good sportsmanship. Support your teammates.
  - Follow a 24-hour rule to not have discussions when emotions are high.

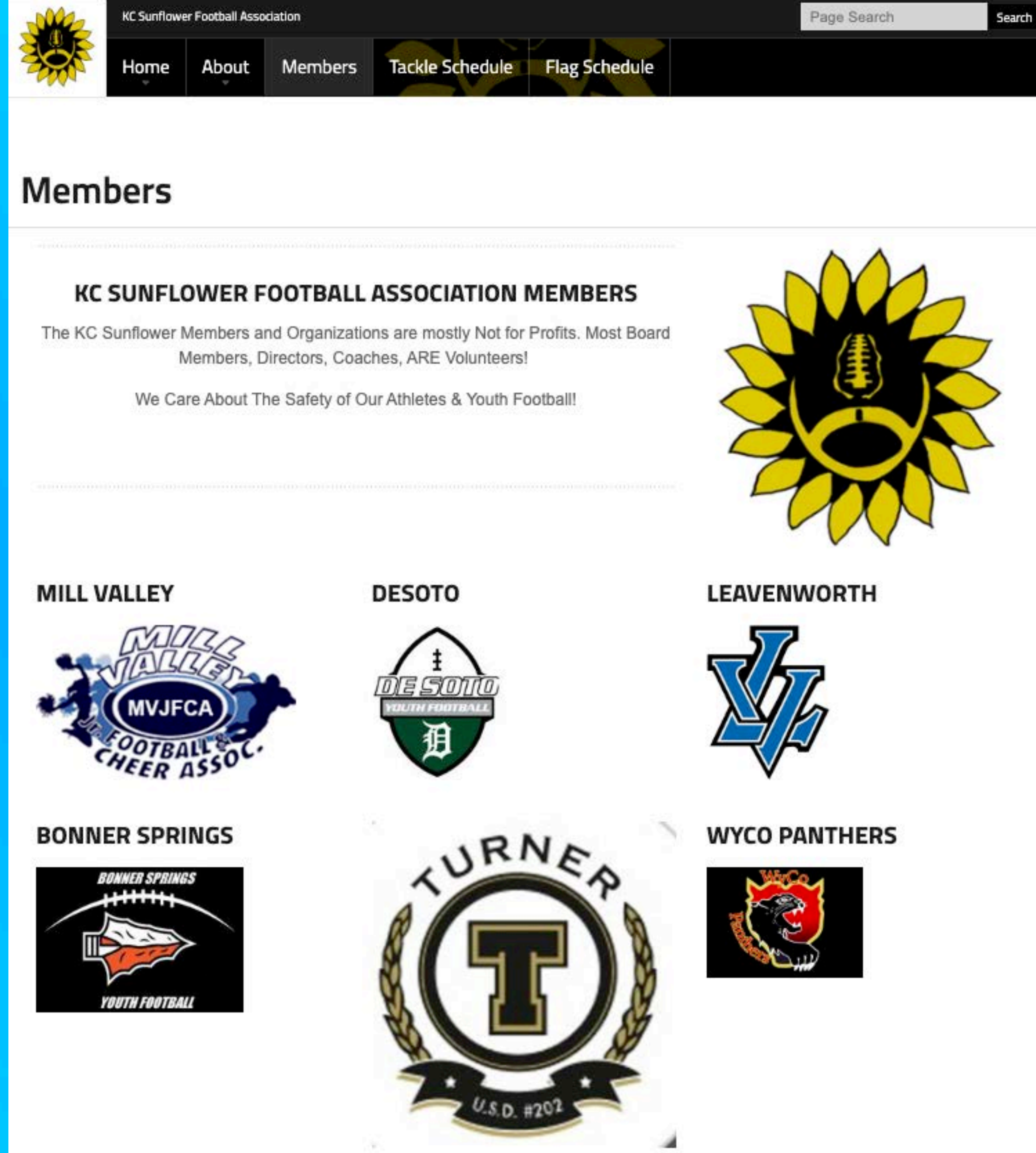
***Parents will initial as acknowledgment of the full Commitment during online registration. Coaches will be required to sign a copy.***



# League Information

- Our program is moving to KC Sunflower Football Association for 2024 fall season—visit [www.kcsfa.com](http://www.kcsfa.com)
- 7-8 league games + playoffs & championship game
- Away games will be hosted at Mill Valley, DeSoto, Leavenworth, Bonner Springs, Kansas City (KS)

1st/2nd grade team has historically been through Sunrise Optimist & all games played at Seaman HS. League location will be dictated by roster numbers at this age. At this time 1st/2nd will probably remain at Sunrise.



The screenshot shows the website for the KC Sunflower Football Association. At the top left is the association's logo, a sunflower with a football in the center. To its right is the text "KC Sunflower Football Association". Further right is a search bar with "Page Search" and "Search" buttons. Below this is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "About", "Members", "Tackle Schedule", and "Flag Schedule". The main heading is "Members". Below this is a sub-heading "KC SUNFLOWER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS" followed by the text: "The KC Sunflower Members and Organizations are mostly Not for Profits. Most Board Members, Directors, Coaches, ARE Volunteers!" and "We Care About The Safety of Our Athletes & Youth Football!". To the right of this text is a large sunflower logo. Below the main text are six logos for member organizations: Mill Valley (MVJFCA Youth Football & Cheer Assoc.), DeSoto (DeSoto Youth Football), Leavenworth (Leavenworth Youth Football), Bonner Springs (Bonner Springs Youth Football), Turner (Turner U.S.D. #202), and Wyco Panthers (Wyco Panthers).

# General Season Timeline\*

## APRIL

- 4/14 - Registration Opens

## MAY

- 5/31 - Scholarship Application Deadline

## JUNE

- 6/1 - Early-bird \$25 discount ends
- 6/15 - Registration Closes
- Mid-June SHHS football sponsored Youth Camp Rental Checkouts for

## JULY

- Early-July Team Rosters Finalized. Watch or TeamSnap invite.
- Mid-July Open Bootcamps

## AUGUST

- 8/1 - Team Practices Begin
- 8/24 - Game Schedules Released by League
- Team Pictures
- Yard Sign Orders

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/9 - League Games Begin
- 9/20 - YTB night at SHHS football game
- Host Dinner for SHHS football team
- Pie the Coach Fundraiser

## OCTOBER

- League Games Continue

## NOVEMBER

- 11/2 & 11/9 - Playoffs
- 11/16 - Championship Games
- Rental Returns for Equipment & Uniforms
- Team Celebrations

- ▶ Practice nights & times will be determined by coaches
- ▶ Generally 2-3 times per week depending on grade level
- ▶ Practice location is Shawnee Heights High School football stadium

\* As of 4/14/24; Subject to change



# Young Thunderbird Way

- Game day recognitions
- YTB players host dinner for SHHS football team
- Young Thunderbird night during one SHHS home football game
- Players received free entry to all SHHS home football games when wearing club jersey
- “Pie a Coach” to raise funds for BabyJay’s Legacy of Hope

Young Thunderbirds Football Program

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🏈 🏈 Week 4 Player of the Week (2 of 3) 🏈 🏈

Please help us celebrate 5th grader Manning Dial!

Watch below 📺 as Manning makes the catch, then can't defender with him for 10 yards. Way to be tough Manning





# Registration Process

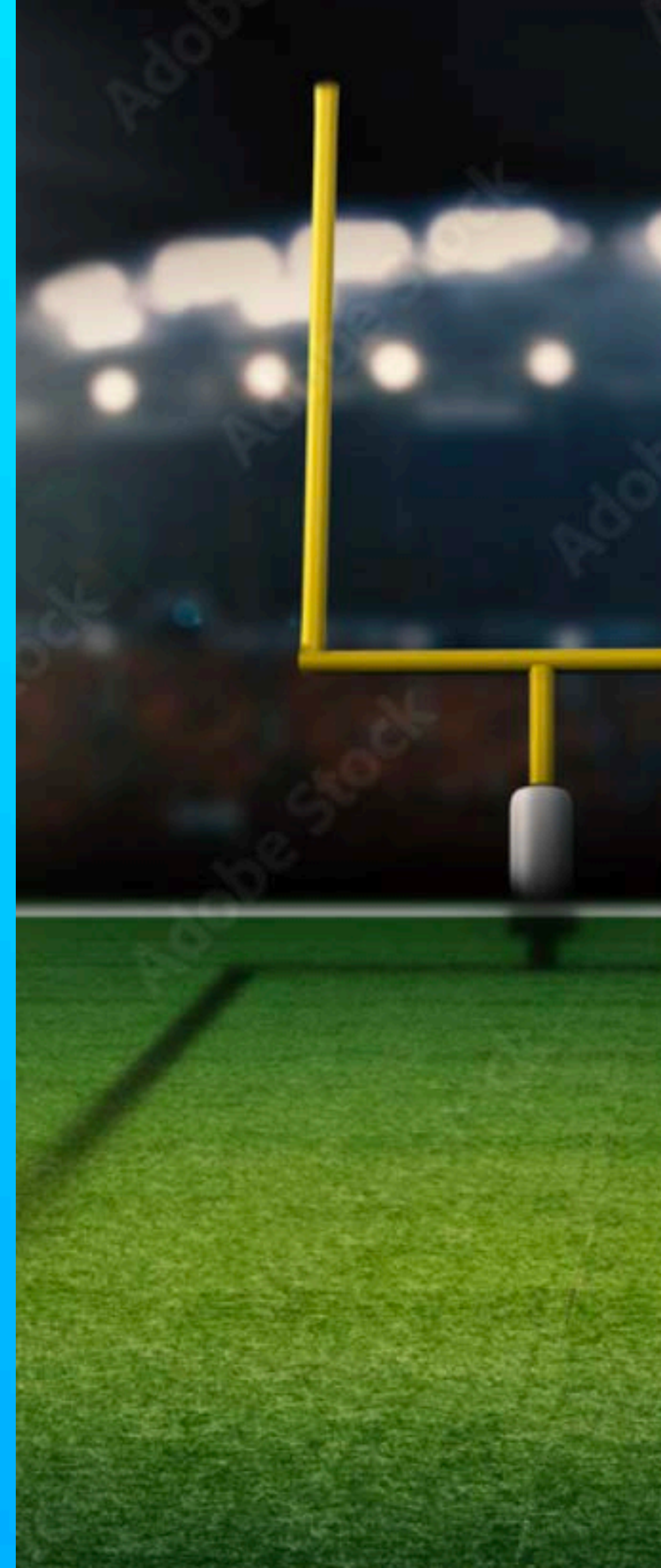
- Opens April 14 and closes June 15th!
- Registrations are completed through TeamSnap.
- Visit [www.youngthunderbirdsfootballprogram.com](http://www.youngthunderbirdsfootballprogram.com) for registration link.
- The following paperwork will be required for league:
  - Proof current grade in school
  - Copy of birth certificate
  - Sports physical completed after Feb 1, 2024

***Stay tuned for deadline for paperwork. Paperwork not required during the registration process but is required at later date during mandatory league weigh-in night.***



# Registration Fees

- **\$190 Registration Fee** (*uniforms & equipment are additional*)
  - Early bird discount of \$165 available through June 1st (\$25 off).
- **Refund Policy**
  - If canceling prior to July 15th, 50% refund of registration fee only. Uniform orders are non-refundable.
- **Optional Payment Plan**
  - Select payment plan option at checkout stage.
  - \$50 deposit requirement at checkout.
  - Balance due split into 4 payments (includes fees, uniform and equipment costs.)
- **Scholarships**
  - Limited number available aimed to support families with fees, uniforms and/or equipment.
  - If seeking a scholarship, please email [youngthunderbirds@yahoo.com](mailto:youngthunderbirds@yahoo.com)
  - Application must be submitted **no later than May 31st** to be considered.



# Uniforms & Equipment

- Uniforms
  - \$145 new jersey & pants
  - \$80 new jersey only
  - \$65 New pants only
- Equipment (Helmet & Shoulder Pads)
  - Can obtain/purchase on your own—bust be **white** helmet.
  - Or, limited quantity of rentals available of both for \$50
- Noteworthy
  - You will select uniform & equipment options during the registration.
  - You will select preferred jersey number(s) during registration.
  - Single reversible jersey for away and home games.
  - Socks and mouthpieces will be provided to all players at no extra cost.
  - **Rental quantities are limited** and on a first come first serve basis.
  - Stay tuned for JUNE dates on uniform sizing and equipment checkout.



# Volunteer Opportunities

The success of our program is dependent upon volunteers.

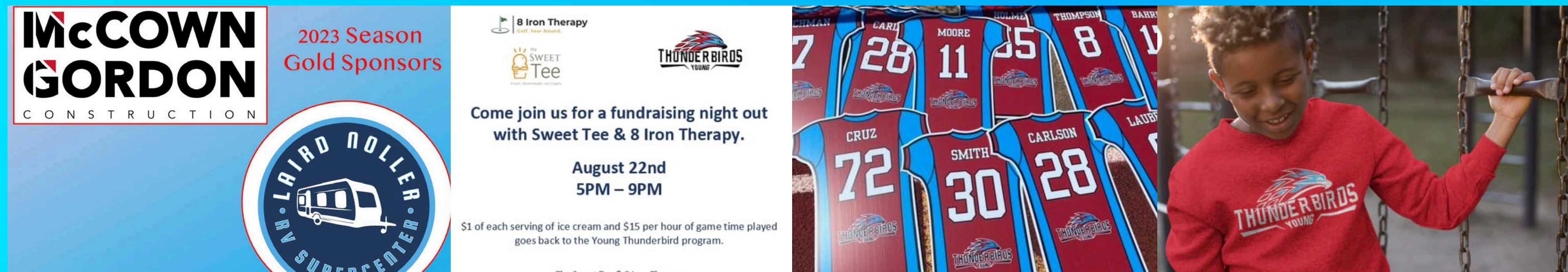
- Ways you can get involved:
  - Coaching
  - How game day operations (set up, tear down, running clock, running chains)
  - Work concessions at home games (1 hour, 1 game, etc.)
  - Support/Lead fundraising efforts.
  - Contact a board member if you have other ideas on how you can support the organization.
- Opt out available for a \$30 donation BUT it's most beneficial to have your time!



# Fundraising Efforts

Critical to our ability to offer player scholarships, club insurance, grow and maintain rental equipment inventory and coaches expenses.

- Community Sponsors
  - Visit [www.thunderbirds.com](http://www.thunderbirds.com) for sponsorship packages ranging from \$100 to \$3,000.
- Watch announcements for dining out.
  - In 2023 - Culver's, Sweet Tee, 8 Iron Therapy
- Custom Player Yard Signs
- Spirit Wear
  - Available year-round from [www.wigoutees.net](http://www.wigoutees.net). 10% of all net sales are returned to the club.
- Opt out option available during registration process for a \$30 donation in lieu of volunteer efforts.

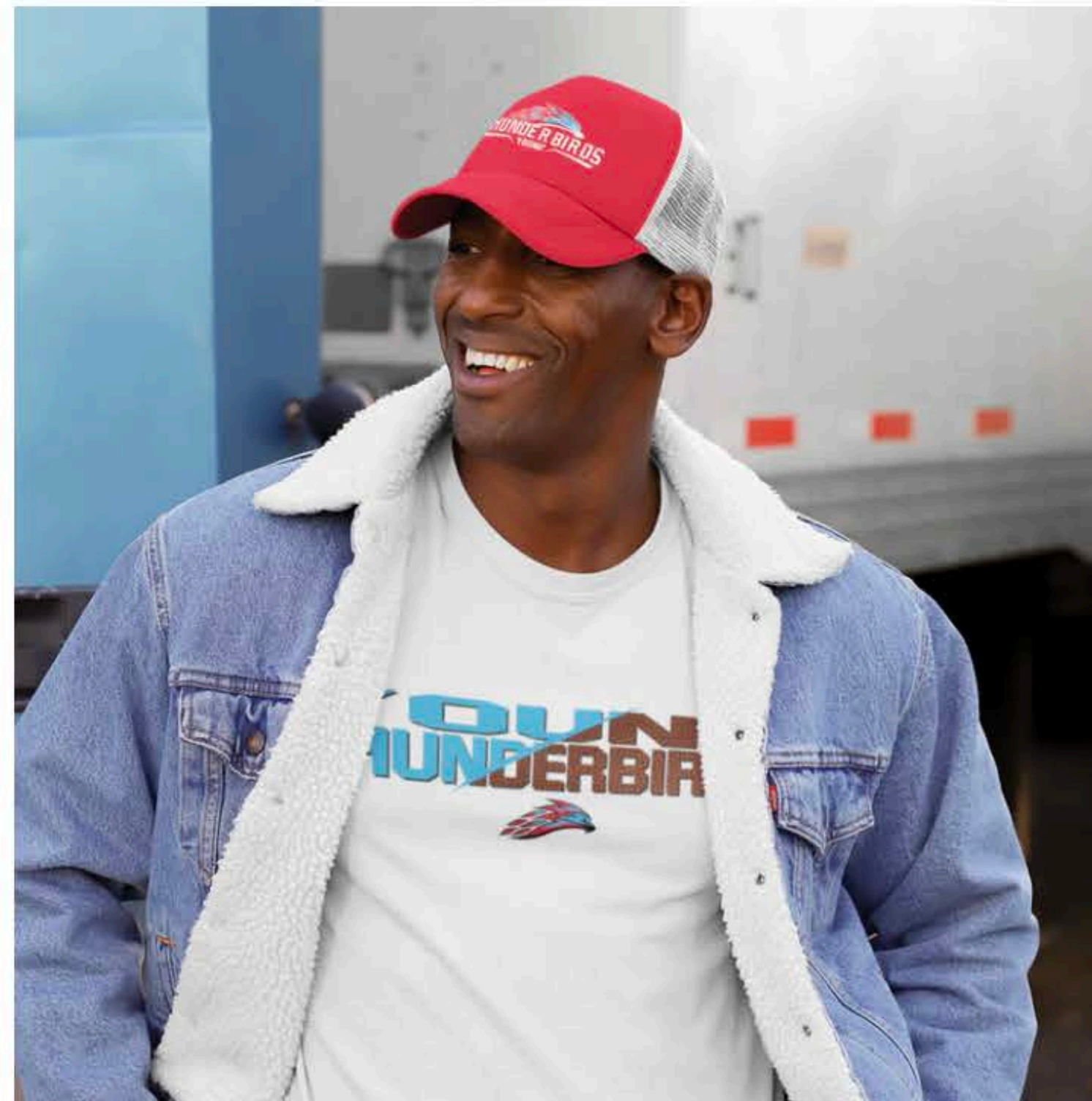


# Spirit Wear

Available year-round at [www.wigouttees.net](http://www.wigouttees.net)



Young Thunderbird Apparel →



Young Thunderbird Head Gear →



Young Thunderbird Accessories →

# Questions?

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