

SHIELD BEARERS

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Dear Spartan Supporter,

I am writing to you on behalf of Shield Bearers, the Football Booster Club for Gonzales High School. Our football program is in major need of safety equipment and technology upgrades.

The football program currently fundraises throughout the year and manages to raise enough funds for operational needs such as Helmet and shoulder pad repairs, transportation costs, and purchase of some equipment.

However our coaches are busy with the athletes and do not have time to fundraise for the additional needs that have gone unaddressed, some for over a decade. As the competition upgrades, it places a strain and disadvantage on our athletes and program, exposing our Spartans to additional injury. We don't think it's fair.

We have sat down with the coaches and made a wish list of equipment needs. We have not factored in meal costs, team bonding events, transportation, spirit packs, or other operational needs, we asked strictly for equipment needs. Attached is the list they came up with, broken down in 3 categories.

As you can see the costs are high, mostly due to the need to upgrade many items at once. We are reaching out to members of the community and asking for help in raising the funds to procure the much needed equipment.

We are a non-profit organization and will provide a receipt and tax id number for any donations received. Will you please consider helping us with any or multiple line item(s) from the list below?

Any monetary donation will be appreciated and used strictly for program funds, according to the needs outlined to us by the coaches.

Please feel free to contact me or our Vice President with any questions you may have.

Grateful to Serve,

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Team Needs			
Technology Needs			
Hudl	800	1	800
Video Camera (JV/Varsity)	350	2	700
Video Memory Cards	35	4	140
Hi-pod Camera System	4500	1	4500
SkyCoach video system	2195	1	2195
Headset System	6000	1	6000
Game Day Equipment Needs			
JV Home Jerseys	100	55	5500
JV Away Jerseys	100	55	5500
Hip-Thigh-Knee Girdles	75	50	3750
Mouth Guards	15	75	1125
Safety Needs			
Tackle Ring (safety Tackling)	350	6	2100
Tackle Bar Safe Tackling	50	60	3000
Iron Neck Pro Concussion Prevention System	625	3	1875
Guardian Cap Head Protection	60	50	3000
SubTotal			40185

Technology Needs

Every year the team has to ask to borrow someone's camera for the season. Depending on the camera and battery life, we may not be able to film the JV games. We can only look at other teams that are using multiple cameras including tower and drone cameras along with instant replay on their sidelines to make their adjustments during the game. Our headsets are at the end of their expected life and hold sufficient charge for one game, so JV is often left without help from the booth.

Game Day Needs

Last year we ran out of protective hip and knee padding. Our players were forced to take on the additional cost of buying their own or not playing. Our JV team did not have enough shirts, and had to create an ensemble of team uniforms from 3 generation of mismatched jerseys. Enough linemen numbers were missing that it was common to see players switching jerseys on the sideline in between plays.

Safety Needs

Our coaches emphasize proper tackling and safety procedures at all times. However Football is a violent game and injuries will happen. There is a demand for safety equipment that allow our players to tackle properly without getting hurt, and many companies have met the demand with a multitude of products. Unfortunately they tend to be expensive and have not been purchased by our program ever.