

## **INTRODUCING ANDERSON YOUTH WILDCAT FOOTBALL**

We offer teams for youth, grades 1 - 6, who reside in or attend school in the Forest Hills School District.

[www.andersonyouthfootball.com](http://www.andersonyouthfootball.com)

We do not recruit players from outside the Forest Hills school district. Our organization maximizes opportunities for the students of the Forest Hills School district.

First Grade (\$85)	Maximum weight: 90 lbs. (cannot be 8 before Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Second Grade (\$85)	Maximum weight: 95 lbs. (cannot be 9 before Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Third Grade (\$85)	Maximum weight: 105 lbs. (cannot be 10 before Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Fourth Grade (\$135)	Maximum weight: 115 lbs. (cannot be 11 before Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Fifth Grade (\$135)	Maximum weight: 125 lbs. (cannot be 12 before Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Sixth Grade (\$135)	Maximum weight: 140 lbs. (cannot be 13 before Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> )

*Weigh-ins are held before every game to insure safety.*

*Players who exceed the weight limits will still be eligible to play in certain positions.*

We are members of the **Community Youth Football League**, which includes teams from Anderson, Kings, Lakota, Little Miami, Loveland and Sycamore with others pending. The CYFL has an outstanding record as a solid, well-run and fair organization. The CYFL has adopted the NFL- affiliated HEADS UP FOOTBALL SAFETY STANDARDS, featuring new and safer techniques for blocking and tackling. The CYFL emphasizes Safety, Player Participation, and Football Instruction.

**Practices are held 2-3 times a week;** times are set by the head coach. Practices last about 2 hours and are held at **Wilson Elementary** on Little Dry Run Rd. or **Ayer Elementary** on Forest (unless changed by the School District.) Practices start late July.

**Games** are held on weekend afternoons. The first, second and third grade teams usually play on Saturdays. The other grades usually play Sundays. Most of our teams play at least three games at our home fields (Anderson or Turpin HS); the rest are played on our opponents' fields. Games last about one hour. There is a small admission charge for spectators, set by the League. The first game is played in mid-August. We play about an eleven-game season, lasting from August through October. We have a home Invitational over Labor Day weekend.

**We supply all uniforms and equipment.** You will receive a decaled *Xenith* helmet, shoulder pads, game jersey, pants with a set of pads and a mouthpiece. The *Xenith* helmets feature Sure-Fit technology and padding, designed to help reduce the possibility of head injuries. Everything but the mouthpiece is returned to us at the end of the season. You will need turf shoes designed for football, with no metal or detachable cleats. Practice jerseys, socks and other spirit items are available for purchase from Spirit Merchandise.  
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**NO BENCHWARMERS! We were the first organization in this area with a minimum play rule because we are committed to getting players in the game!** At the first, second, third and fourth grade levels, all players who have attended practice regularly and demonstrated knowledge of their position will play a minimum of 8 plays per game. (This is equivalent to one-quarter's play on either offense or defense.) (On rare occasions, a player may be restricted from play for disciplinary or safety reasons.) If these age levels go into Division or Championship playoff games, the "8-play" rule changes to a "may-play" rule, with no set number of plays promised. The fifth and sixth grade teams are more competitive. There is no minimum playing time promised, but the coaches do try to get all their players into the games. Roster size is capped on all teams for this reason. All players play at Invitational games.

We believe in **positive coaching techniques**. Our coaching staff is experienced and attends coaching clinics every season. Our goal is to teach proper HEADS UP technique, build team pride and self-esteem. We do not sanction humiliating criticism of our players. We treat our players with respect and we emphasize the discipline, but also the **fun** of playing youth football.

Each of our players receives a **trophy** at an end-of-season **celebration**, regardless of their win-loss record. We believe in rewarding the hard work and dedication of our teams, not just the scores of the games.

**COSTS: introductory rates for young players: \$85 for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades** (\$50 non-refundable deposit with registration; \$35 at uniform fitting in July) \$35 is refundable if the players drops out before the first game

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades: \$135** (\$50 non-refundable deposit with registration; \$85 in July) \$50 refundable if player drops before first game

**\*\*\*NO MANDATORY FUNDRAISING REQUIRED!!!**    [www.andersonyouthfootball.com](http://www.andersonyouthfootball.com)    \$20 off for second player!

We need **parent volunteers** to collect gate admissions, sell Split the Pot tickets, and help out on the field at home games. **You are required to work two or three times per season at home games only.** (No concessions workers needed.)

**Please contact our Athletic Director with any further questions about football: Scott Galloway (317-5628).**

Address questions regarding Football Registration to Peggy Busacco (231-1401). ([AYFWildcats@cinci.rr.com](mailto:AYFWildcats@cinci.rr.com))

For cheerleading questions, please contact Patty Lewallen (231-4384) [aycheer1@gmail.com](mailto:aycheer1@gmail.com) (cheerleading is separate organization.)