

GETTYSBURG  
MIDGET FOOTBALL  
2008



HANDBOOK

## Game Schedule

### WEEK 1

Sunday August 24

Gettysburg @ BS Red Skins 1:00 PM

### WEEK 2

BYE WEEK

### WEEK 3

Sunday September 7

Gettysburg @ Shippensburg 12:30 PM

### WEEK 4

Sunday September 14

Quincy @ Gettysburg 12:30 PM

### WEEK 5

Saturday September 20

Gettysburg @ Mercersburg Green 9:00 AM

### WEEK 6

Sunday September 28 (Homecoming)

Waynesboro @ Gettysburg 12:30 PM

### WEEK 7

Sunday October 5

Gettysburg @ SSVC 12:30 PM

### WEEK 8

Sunday October 12

GC Eagles @ Gettysburg 12:30 PM

## Game Schedule

### WEEK 9

Sunday October 19

Gettysburg @ CV White 12:30 PM

### WEEK 10

Sunday October 26

Broncos @ Gettysburg 12:30 PM

### WEEK 11

November 1-2

Pre- Playoff Games Hosted by Quincy

### WEEK 12

November 8-9

Playoffs Hosted by Greencastle

### WEEK 13

November 15-16

Championship Hosted by Greencastle

### WEEK 14

November 22

Senior Bowl Hosted by Hamilton

\* Smurf scrimmages will begin 1 hour before noted game time\*

## **Important Dates to Remember**

July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> . Conditioning Camp 6-7:30 PM

August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup> . Conditioning Camp 6-7:30PM

August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Practice 6-7:30 PM  
(Monday . Friday)

August 16<sup>th</sup> . Picture Day (times to be announced)

August 25<sup>th</sup> through end of season . Practice Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday 6-7:30 PM

October 18<sup>th</sup> - Basket Bingo

## Welcome GMF 2008 Participants and Parents

We are very excited to have you and your child as a part of our program this year. Please read and reinforce the information in the booklet with your son. **Be sure to sign the GMF agreement form and turn it in by August 8<sup>th</sup> to your coaches.**

Being a member of the Gettysburg Midget Football Program involves being a Team Player. Being a team player means paying attention and respecting the coaches and assistants, being on time for practices and games, having all equipment, supporting your teammates whether winning or losing, getting along with others and having fun. As parents you are expected to respect the coaches and other adult members of this program. You are a role model for your child.

We want to stress how important it is that we are here to learn the fundamentals of the game and cheerleading along with having fun. Please refer to the booklet for any information needed to participate in this program successfully.

### Weekly Newsletter

A newsletter will be sent home each Thursday via your child. The newsletter will be handed to the children on Thursdays after practice. The newsletter will contain game time, driving directions, volunteer assignments, and any team information from the coaches or executive board. *Please be sure to look over the newsletter each Thursday and contact the information officer or your squad coach if you have any concerns about the given information.* The newsletter is our number one source of communication. **Newsletters will also be available on our website at [www.gettysburgmidgetfootball.com](http://www.gettysburgmidgetfootball.com) or can be sent to you via email.** See Renee Weikert to arrange to receive your newsletter by email.

Information Officer for the 2008 season is  
Renee Weikert  
752-5710  
renw89@embarqmail.com

### Injuries and Illness

If your child is unable to attend, please notify your coach ahead of time if possible. Frequent tardiness will be reprimanded by the coaches. If your child needs to miss a number of practices due to injury, a **doctor's note** will be required. We need a medical clearance to allow us to reinstate your child into practices and games after an injury

*Absences from practices may result in your child not starting at or participating in the weekly game.*

## Game Day Volunteers

Each squad will have designated team moms. Team moms will distribute important information to their parents as well as organizing volunteers. Parents are needed for many areas ranging from working in the concession stand, souvenirs, 50/50, admission, chain gang, setup, and clean up. Parents are **required** to give **THREE hours** per **CHILD** for our home game schedule. You do not need to work during your child's game and may choose the time and job that works best for you. If you are unable to make your assigned time, please contact your team mom as soon as possible.

*Volunteers are a vital part of our organization and we can not be successful without your help.*

## Uniforms

If for some reason a player does not return their uniforms at the end of the season, they will be fined the full cost of the uniform. Uniforms are expected to be returned in good condition. If the uniforms are damaged during games or practices, please notify the Athletic Director immediately.

## Friends and Family at Practices

Parents, siblings, relatives, and friends are **not** permitted on the fields during practices or games. Once practice begins, your child is not to leave the practice/game field to go see a friend or family member except for emergencies. During practice, your child is to devote themselves entirely to the lesson at hand. Leaving practice to socialize with family and friends disrupts the entire group from learning the fundamentals and takes up the time designated for practices.

## Picture Day

The date for picture day will be August 16<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared to pay for your pictures on that day. You will be given an envelope prior to picture day; please have it filled out completely and your money enclosed. The photographer will have several helpers taking pictures. Times for players and cheerleaders will be announced closer to picture day. It is very important that you **be on time**, we will not wait for anyone who arrives late.

## **Inappropriate Behavior**

The following will **NOT** be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action:

Making fun of, ridiculing, arguing with, yelling at, threatening, swearing and/or use of foul or inappropriate language towards other squad members, whether our squad or another team's squad.

This behavior will result in sitting out the rest of the game or practice and your child will be required to personally write a letter of apology to whomever the incident was directed at. More than one occurrence of this behavior will result in temporary or possibly permanent suspension from our organization. Physically assaulting another squad member will result in immediate and permanent suspension from the organization. Squad members are encouraged to help other squad members. Gettysburg Midget Football program expects children who understand and follow the rules of behavior and social skills of good citizenship.

## **Complaints**

**If for any reason a parent has a complaint about a coach or GMF rules or expectations with practices or other issues, ALL complaints should be FIRST discussed with our Vice President.** The Vice President may be able to answer your questions at that time. If not, he/she will share your complaint with the designated coach and Executive Board.

If a concern can not be resolved, **parents MUST fill out a complaint form stating the person and the issue that concerns them.** It is important to all of us with GMF that parents and coaches act in a civilized manner and discuss any controversial issues away from the children. Hearsay and rumors will not be tolerated. If you do need to speak directly to the coaches for minor issues or suggestions, you may do so before practices begin or after practice has ended.

Approaching a coach in an angry manner will be recorded and shared with the Board of Directors at the following monthly meeting.

## **Fundraisers**

All children are expected to participate in each fundraiser the league sponsors. The designated fundraisers for the 2008 season will include Cookie Dough/Pizza Sales, Raffle Ticket Sales and Basket Bingo. Additional information will follow regarding each fundraiser. Each player is responsible for selling a minimum of five items per child per fundraiser. If you do not wish to sell five items per fundraiser, you may make a \$25 donation per fundraiser per child (\$50 per family for two fundraisers, 10 items per family).

## **Halloween Parade**

We will be participating in the Gettysburg Halloween Parade. More information will follow later in the season.

## **Rec Park Rules**

- No alcohol or illegal substance will be tolerated on the premise; Police will be called.
- No smoking permitted within 50 feet of the practice or game fields at all times. You will be asked to refrain from these areas.
- Please adhere to all Rec Park rules including handicap parking spaces and other no parking areas. The field and the lot are monitored by a Rec Park employee and citations are issued.

## **Practices**

Practices will be Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 7:30 from July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Beginning on August 25<sup>th</sup>, practice will be held Tuesday through Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Practices will be held at the Rec Park by the Gettysburg Midget Football field. When the evenings start to get dark sooner, we will adjust the time and keep you informed.

When practices are over, we expect you to have transportation for your child. We will not leave your child by themselves; however, if this becomes a problem and we are frequently waiting with your child, we will charge a fee. Remember, we are all volunteers in this organization, and we have our own children to attend to after practices.

Players are encouraged to stay well hydrated during practice. Some evenings are very warm. We do provide water free of charge, but it is not very cold. Bottled water and sports drink are available for purchase at the concession stand.

## **Games**

We expect all players to be at the game, in uniform, and ready to go at the ðset timeö given to you by your childðs coach. If your child is late and/or not in the required uniform, your child may have to sit out either part or all of the game. If you know ahead of time that your child will not be at a game, let one of the coaches know. If your child gets sick and cannot attend a game, let one of the coaches know as soon as possible.

## **End of Season Banquet**

In November, we will be holding our end of season banquet. Look for more details to be provided later.

### **Contact Information Phone Numbers**

<u>President . Ray Herr</u>	359-5841
<u>Vice President . Larry Weikert</u>	
<u>Treasurer . Lisa Trump</u>	337-2798
<u>Secretary . Lisa McKenna</u>	
<u>Athletic Director . Gary Mauston</u>	
<u>Cheer Director . Cherry Herr</u>	359-5841
<u>Information Officer . Renee Weikert</u>	752-5710
<u>Cheerleading Coordinators: Smurf - JV . Amy Cosden</u>	334-6968
<u>MID - Varsity -</u>	
<u>Football Coordinators: Smurf - JV -</u>	
<u>MID . Nikki Lyons</u>	337-3094
<u>Varsity . Nikki Lyons</u>	337-3094

Please detach, complete, and sign this acknowledgment form and return it to us by Friday August 8, 2008.

**FOOTBALL PLAYERS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SQUAD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SMURF** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUNIOR VARSITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **MID-VARSITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **VARSIITY**

Signature of parent/guardian and cheerleader/player on this page is required before your child is able to practice. Signatures denote the fact that you have read and understand the 2008 GMF Handbook and its contents.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Head Coach Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date