



Greetings from your 2011 Thurston Pop Warner!

As a member of our Thurston Football community you will be receiving this newsletter on a monthly basis, keeping you informed about what is coming, sharing successes, and answering questions. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding season with you and your children.

Calendar of Events:

Dates may change, refer to thurstonpopwarner.com for updates

November 7th - Equipment Turn-In - TINY MITE
November 12th - 13th - Autzen Championships-Click [HERE](#) for schedule
November 14th - Equipment Turn-In - MITEY MITE & JR PEEWEE
November 16th - Equipment Turn-In - PEEWEE & JR MIDGET
November 21st - Equipment Turn-In - 7TH & 8TH GRADE

Autzen Championship

Admissions:

Adults \$10 each day or \$15 for 3 day pass
Youth (6-18) & Seniors - \$5 each day or \$7.50 for 3-day pass
Children 5 and under - Free
3-day pass is only valid for the individual that purchases the bracelet, no replacements will be provided

Scholarship Recipients:

Time is running out for those parents who still have volunteer hours to donate from your scholarships. Please email Shannon Casley at shancasley@msn.com to find out where you can help. You can also do MPR's and Chain Gang for your teams. Each time you volunteer for this you receive 1 hour of volunteer hours. Just make sure you let your team manager know to inform Shannon.

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Equipment Turn-In:

Parents,

Thank you for a fantastic season, now it is time to get that football gear out of your garage. We have specified the dates in which each division is to turn in their gear to the equipment container below.

Please make sure that all equipment is clean, "T"s stickers are removed from the helmets, all tape and dirt are removed from shoulder pads and gear bags are complete with all gear. There will be a cleaning fee of \$50 if gear is returned dirty. We do have records of what gear was given to all players. If there are any missing items, an invoice will be sent to that player to replace those items.

Equipment Return Times:

- Tiny Mite - Monday, November 7th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Equipment Shed at Thurston Middle.
- Mitey Mite/ Jr PeeWee - Monday, November 14th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Equipment Shed at Thurston Middle.
- PeeWee/ Junior Midget - Wednesday, November 16th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Equipment Shed at Thurston Middle.
- 7th and 8th Grade - Monday, November 21st, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Equipment Shed at Thurston Middle.
- Last Chance Gear Turn In - Wednesday, November 30th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Equipment Shed at Thurston Middle.

Football Apparel:

Are you looking for your own Thurston apparel? Be a part of the red and black that flows through the Thurston community. Visit the on-line store at www.mcsewon.com/thurstonpw to purchase adult and youth sweatshirts.

You can also purchase other Thurston apparel at the Thurston Football Association apparel trailer at any home football game, opening ceremonies on August 26th, Papa's Pizza Youth Night on September 2nd, or the Willamette Valley Pop Warner jamboree on September 11th.

Checking Game Schedules:

You can always view your teams game schedule at [Willamette Valley Pop Warner](http://www.willamettevalley.com/popwarner)

Fix Thurston Fields!:

One of the great things about living in Thurston is the pride we take in our community. We love our Red and Black, and it shows. We have more kids turn out for football than any other community in our area, and you cannot go a day without bumping into a kid wearing a Thurston football shirt. Our sports fields however do not reflect that same pride or passion. Most of the communities in our area have all weather surfaces to play on, with lights for night time practice, and with sufficient seating for fans. Our community has the resources and people to fix this, and you are going to begin to hear more about Fix Thurston's Fields campaigns, starting with getting an all weather playing surface on our high school field. If you have an interest in being a part of upgrading our fields, we need you! Email fixthurstonsfield@yahoo.com or join the [Fix Thurston's Fields](https://www.facebook.com/fixthurstonsfield) group on Facebook, and let's get this project going!

Where does the money go?:

A common question during football season is why is it so expensive? \$205 for registration, then a cookie dough fundraiser on top of that, where does all that money go? That is a fair question, and one our league is committed to being completely transparent on. Here is the breakdown for the cost of a typical player, note that it costs approx. \$350 to completely outfit a player with new gear (helmet, pads, pants, jersey, bag), we turnover approx 25% of our gear inventory every year to refresh it (damage, loss, age, or new gear to cover growth of league), that is how we arrive at the \$87 as an annual cost of equipment per player:

Insurance/league fees - \$95

Operation expenses - \$5

Jersey - \$50

Socks - \$3

Helmet sticker - \$3

Equipment - \$87

Total cost of each player/season: \$243

On average it costs \$30 MORE than we collect at registration to field a player, with 320 players that means we are running at a deficit of almost \$10,000 annually, and that does not even take into account costs associated with field maintenance, improvements to facilities, or costs of scholarships. Our commitment is to keep registration fees as low as possible so that any kid who would like to play football gets that opportunity, so we use fundraising to cover our deficit. We need your help with fundraising to help us cover the gap. Anyone who would like to see our budget or would like further information is welcome to contact us.

FAQ:

Greetings from your 2011 Thurston Pop Warner!

With over 100 players putting on a helmet for the first time this year we felt it would be important give you an idea what to expect and answer some of your questions:

WHEN WILL I FOUND OUT WHAT TEAM MY CHILD IS ON? We are setting teams in Mid July, we will assign coaches and you can anticipate being contacted by the beginning of August.

WHEN WILL MY TEAM PRACTICE? Your teams practice schedule will be set by the coach. Typically teams practice in the evening on weekdays, the first couple of weeks teams may do 4 practices a week, but once school starts you can anticipate 2-3 practices for most levels a week.

WHEN WILL GAMES BE? The Game schedule will not be set until September 10th. Typically 7th and 8th graders will play on week days, and younger children will play on the weekends.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO BE READY?

o Get your child their annual physical (see our website for more information and for the form your doctor needs to complete).

o Make sure your child has a mouth guard, cleats, and a water bottle. The first week of practice will be with just helmets, full gear starts the 2nd week.

o If your child has never worn a football helmet, you can expect them to experience some discomfort getting used to it. It is a good idea to have your child put their helmet on for a few times before practice starts, watch a TV show with it on. We want the helmet to fit snugly, but there should be no pinch marks or bruising. If after an adjustment period the helmet is still causing your child issues, let your coach know.

More information is available from our website, thurstonpopwarner.com

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Helmet Sponsor \$3,000

(Two FREE Registrations Included)

- Your company name and logo on all the Thurston Pop Warner team helmets
- Full page ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner Jamboree program
- Full page ad in the 2011 State Championship program at Autzen Stadium
- Company name and link on the WVPW and Thurston Pop Warner web site
- Ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner online newsletter
- Your company name and logo on a banner displayed prominently at football events

Touchdown Sponsor \$1,500

(One Free Registration Included)

- Company name and logo on two sets of team jerseys
- Full page ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner Jamboree program
- Company name and link on the WVPW and Thurston Pop Warner web site
- Ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner online newsletter
- Half page ad in the 2011 State Championship program at Autzen Stadium
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Jersey Sponsor \$1000

(One Free Registration Included)

- Half page ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner Jamboree program
- Company name and link on the WVPW and Thurston Pop Warner web site
- Ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner online newsletter

Field Goal Sponsor \$500

(One Free Registration Included)

- Quarter page ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner Association Jamboree program
- Company name and link on the WVPW and Thurston Pop Warner web site
- Ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner online newsletter

Registration Sponsor \$250

(\$100 off One Registration Included)

- Business Card size ad in the 2011 Thurston Pop Warner Association Jamboree program
- Company name and link on the WVPW and Thurston Pop Warner web site
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Thurston Pop Warner Football is a non-profit organization.
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Interested??? Contact April at fundraising@thurstonpopwarner.com

2011 Board Introduction:

We are a volunteer driven organization. We are always recruiting new volunteers, if you are interested in helping out with the 2011 season, please let one of our board members know.

Presenting your 2011 Thurston Pop Warner leadership team:

Matt Miller (P), Tina DeHaven (VP), Mitch Averill (Coaches), Amy Humphries (Secretary), Amy Bennett (Secretary), Josh DeHaven, (Equipment), Rob Gilliam (Fields), Pat Elliot (Web Master), Don Lindsay (Equipment), Justin Starck (School Liaison), Tobi Basto (Team Parents), April Uffens (Events/Fundraising), Tracy Richardson (Registration), Bridgette Wiley (Events) and Shannon Casley (Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator).

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Pop Warner strives to inspire youth, regardless of race, creed or national origin, to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness as reflected in the life of the late Glenn Scobie "Pop" Warner.

Sincerely,

Thurston Pop Warner