

Message from the President

Hoping everyone had a great summer. As always GYO has been busy with lots of activities this year. We had the Winter Warm-Up Dinner in March, 4th of July Parade Float, Food at the Fireworks, and the 5th Annual Golf Tournament.

GYO had some new programs this summer. Thank you to Tylor Young for organizing some parent pick-up softball games. Jeff Whitmore started GYO's first summer running program. It provided parents and kids with great running techniques. All that participated saw improvements in their running times and overall health. Thanks Jeff!

Once again, the 5th Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success on August 5th at DenBrae Golf Course. GYO thanks the 57 golfers that attended and the following sponsors: Wood & Clay, TD Bank, Johnson Controls, Frank & Mary Furber, Brookside Pizza, Lowe's, Liberty Mutual, Absolute Electrical Services, Dick's Sporting Goods, Wicked Apparel, Bayside Concrete and FirstLight. Prizes were donated from Mill Falls, Gunstock, Winnepesaukee Golf Club,

various restaurants, and the Rouse & Hillsgrove Families.

It is because of the continued support from the golfers and sponsors that we were able to purchase a new batting cage, pitching machine and a shed to hold the new equipment. Electricity will be set up in the shed in time for next season. The GYO Board will be developing a batting cage use policy and getting some keys made so that everyone can use the cage.

More recently, GYO ran the transition station for Reach the Beach. Reach the Beach is a running race that comes through Gilmanton and the organizers donate money to GYO in exchange for volunteers. Lead by Adam Mini, volunteers worked all night parking cars and directing traffic. Thank you to all those Night Owls!

Our next goal is a big one. GYO would like to install a playground at the field. This will take a lot of work. We have already started fundraising for this project. If anyone has information on possible grants please let us know.

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On a serious note. Over the next couple of years there will be at least 5 Board Members that will be aging out of GYO and will be moving on. These Board members have sacrificed many hours of family, work and vacation time to provide all the kids of GYO with the best experience we can. We hope to see new families step up and take over to continue the successful program that has been established and to make their own improvements where they see fit.

I can't stress enough that GYO is what you make it. Thank you to all the coaches, parents, grandparents, friends, guardians and board members that put so much into the program.

The Board meets again on October 12th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to contact me anytime at bob.mckenna@gyonh.com. Don't forget to check out the GYO Website at www.gyonh.com.



Soccer Season Has Begun

Soccer season has begun! Soccer Coordinator, Jason Reed, has been very busy developing schedules, purchasing equipment, prepping the fields, and delivering player and coaches shirts. Thanks to all the Coaches that volunteered this year. There are over a hundred kids to coordinate schedules for so please understand we try our best to coordinate a great program.

The annual **Jamboree will be on November 4th**. This is a fun day full of soccer games. More information will be available soon.

The end of the season **Soccer Wrap-up will be on Monday, November 6th at 6:30.**

Calling All Bakers for the Gilmanton "Pies on the Common"!

Saturday, October 7th from 10:00-2:00

This is an annual event for the Gilmanton Women's Club. The event features homemade pies, local crafters, farms and vendors. GYO is going to be a vendor for the first time this year by running a concessions table. The Gilmanton Women's Club has been a long-time sponsor of GYO. They have various fundraising events throughout the year to benefit local citizens, non-profit organizations and charities. They are looking for families to donate home-made pies for the event. If you would like to donate a pie please contact Judy Bakos at judithbakos@comcast.net for more information. If you would like to help out at the GYO concessions table please contact Bob McKenna at bob.mckenna@gyonh.com or Megan Corum at megan.gulick@yahoo.com

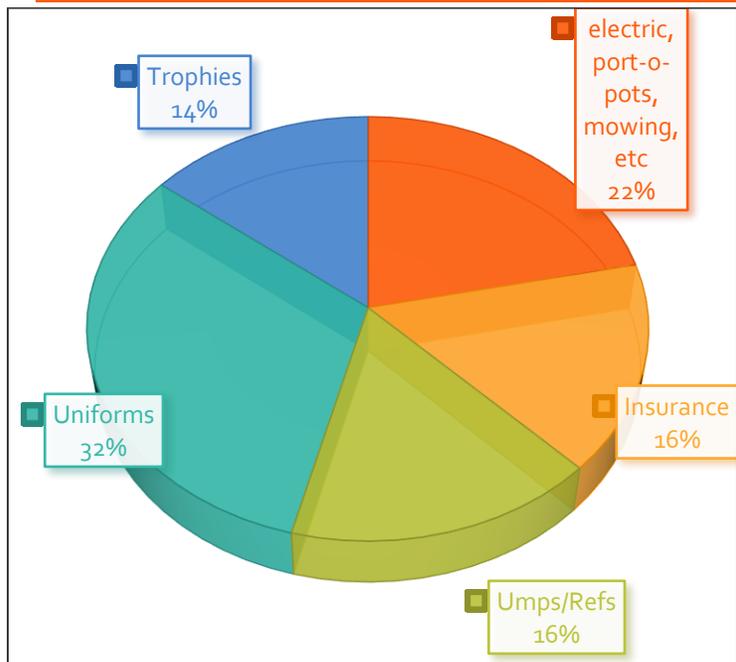


Basketball Coaches Clinic

Before you know it, basketball season will be here. GYO offers basketball to Gilmanton kids in Kindergarten through 4th grade. If you are thinking about coaching for GYO in the upcoming season, the Paul Hogan Camps is offering a Coaching Clinic on November 5th at NHTI in Concord. This is a great training session and tends to fill up quickly. If you are interested contact the GYO Basketball Coordinator, Richard Bushnell at basketball@gilmantonyouth.com or sign up on-line at www.hogancamps.com

Note: GYO is able to sponsor the registration fee for GYO coaches.

HOW FAR DOES \$40 GO?



When you register your child for a GYO sport, you may wonder what the \$40 registration fee is used for. The good news is that the registration fee for GYO has been about the same for the past 10 years. It covers many things as you can see from the chart. GYO needs to fundraise to cover the costs that aren't covered by registration fees such as any major equipment purchases or field improvements. GYO works hard to offer diverse fundraising opportunities so that families have flexibility in what they can help with. Successful fundraising benefits ALL of the sports that GYO offers and allows us to keep fees down but it takes many volunteers to make those events happen.