

Everyone Plays



Anderson County

“Making sure no child from Anderson County is left behind”

1501 Harrodsburg Rd. Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Mission: To provide the children of Anderson County with the opportunity to earn their participation in any partnership activity of their choosing through service to their community.

Intention: It is the intent of Everyone Plays of Anderson County to arrange private funding through businesses and individuals to be used for the purposes of funding children's participation in any partnership activity of their choosing. This funding will be dispersed based on the child's participation and completion of the age appropriate community service project or projects needed to earn the funding required for their chosen activity.

Eligibility: It is the intention of Everyone Plays of Anderson County to provide these opportunities to those children who under normal circumstances would not participate due to financial concerns. While this is our intention we do not want to limit this opportunity to only those children with financial concerns. We understand there is an extraordinary lesson to be learned by all children in their working to earn their participation. It will not only increase the value in the child's mind but will also increase their self worth as they will retain the knowledge that their participation is something they earned and that it was not given to them. With this in mind we ask that if you have the means to support your child's involvement but would like for them to earn their participation, that you would not only fund your child's participation but that you would give strong consideration to sponsoring a child not of your own. The only other requirement is that the child resides within Anderson County.

Process: All you need to do is fill out an application! This application will be submitted to the Community Service committee for review and an age appropriate Community Service Project will be arranged for your child. This project will have an Everyone Plays of Anderson County volunteer assigned to oversee the project and also must be accompanied by an adult (either legal guardian or legal guardian's designee). Once the community service needed for participation has been completed, the funds will be forwarded to the participating activity. Please see amounts of community service needed for each activity and deadlines for sign ups, etc.

Volunteering: How can I help? There are multiple ways that you can get involved. You can help on one of our three committees; community service, fundraising or activities. You can volunteer to be a chaperon for the community service activities. All volunteers will have to pass a background check through the State of Kentucky and be free from anything that would prevent them from working with children. You can be a financial partner, either through a business or organization or as an individual. We will gladly take any help you feel led to provide!

Community Service: The community service projects will be drawn from the stated needs of County & City Government, religious and civic organizations. These activities will be arranged through the community service committee on a case by case basis to ensure that the activity is age appropriate. The community service project will be scheduled and a chaperon will be arranged from Everyone Plays to accompany the child and the child's guardian or guardian's designee. Depending on the volume of applicant's multiple children may be placed together in a community service activity as long as the activity would be appropriate for each child. Each community service hour will be given a dollar value to be earned towards the child's chosen partnership activity. The children also have the opportunity to bank their hours for future use!

Activities: It is the intention of Everyone Plays to become a clearing house for the activities available to children ages 3-18 in Anderson County. With that in mind the activity committee will contact, gauge interest, access the scope and needs of that activity and work in conjunction with the Fund Raising committee to bring on additional activities. Each activity will have to go through the vetting process to insure that the activity is legitimate and that our children will be safe under their supervision. This will include a review of their policies and procedures to include independent background checks of all employees and volunteers associated with the activity. These activities will partner with Everyone Plays in mutual advertisement of the program and activity and will conduct themselves with the best interests of the children of Anderson County always at the forefront.

Fundraising: It is our hope, that many of you in the community will see the value of having your children earn their participation in their activities. That you will see the benefit of your child having a sense of accomplishment that comes with earning something. We also hope that you will see the value of introducing your child to the world of community service. It is with that in mind that we encourage those of you who have been blessed with the means to support your child's activities to consider funding your own child's involvement. This will serve two purposes; the above mentioned lessons that your child will experience and by not placing a stereotype on the children without means who have no other option available to them. Not only do we ask that you consider this option, but we ask that you would consider sponsoring another child through our Individual Financial Partners program. We will also be forming partnerships with local businesses, religious and civic organizations for the sponsorship of children. Please be willing to share your good fortune!

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