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Tigers get bid to play in national finals

Reidsville 10U football team heading to Florida

In only their second season, the Reidsville Tigers, a local 10U football team, has received a bid to play at the All-American United Youth Football National Championship December 1-7th. The championship is played in Plant City, Florida.

Ray Ray Butchee and Lavert Butchee, brothers and former Reidsville Ram players, have established The Reidsville Tigers, a nonprofit football organization. The Tigers have four teams for ages 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12, ranging from 12 to 27 players per team. The organization also includes 24 cheerleaders.



Reidsville has a lot of expectations when it comes to football as the “Football Capital of North Carolina.”

“We are excited to continue a tradition that will bring more scouts and showcase the outstanding football talent that Reidsville has to offer,” said Ray Ray Butchee.

The Reidsville Tigers concluded the 2018 season with the four teams making it to their divisional championships and two teams winning the divisional title. The 8U team was the 2018 CCYAL 8U Division II Champion.

The 10U team went undefeated and was named the 2018 CCYAL 10U Division I Champion. With this victory, the 10U Reidsville Tigers earned rings and the bid to the national championship in Florida.

But it’s not just about the winning. Butchee is proud that the 10U players have been able to balance football practice three nights a week with weekly football games, homework and chores. Almost half of the team still made the honor roll at school.

“The Reidsville Tigers organization pushes our players to work harder, dream bigger and keep persevering,” he said. He is asking the community to help showcase these players’ talent and determination on the national stage.

The Reidsville Tigers 10U team is seeking financial support to help charter a bus down to Florida. Any donation would help. Donations can be made to their GoFundMe page

(<https://www.gofundme.com/6g1fkh4>), to the team's PayPal Account (<https://www.paypal.me/reidsvilletigers>) and at First Citizens Bank.

The community can keep track of the Tigers' progress through their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/reidsville.tigers.5>) or through their Reidsville Chamber of Commerce page (<http://business.reidsvillechamber.org/list/member/reidsville-tigers-youth-football-cheer-1927>).