

Tiger Den Gear Exchange

Give Gear. Get Gear. Grow the Game.



ABOUT THE TIGER DEN GEAR EXCHANGE

Every season, children outgrow sports equipment that's still in great condition while other families struggle to afford the gear their kids need to play. The Tiger Den Gear Exchange bridges that gap by collecting, storing, and redistributing gently used youth sports equipment to families at no cost. Our goal is simple: No child should miss out on the joy of sports because of equipment costs.

THE CHALLENGE

We've received an overwhelming number of requests from families — but not enough donated gear to meet the demand. That's where our community partners come in. With your support, we can purchase new or lightly used gear to build our initial inventory, ensure all items meet quality and safety standards, and expand access to more sports for local kids.

300+ PARTICIPANTS
EACH SEASON FROM
PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

50+ SPORTS ACTIVITIES
& CAMPS PER YEAR

GOAL: EQUIP 250 LOCAL
ATHLETES FOR 2026



WHY PARTNER WITH US

- COMMUNITY IMPACT: HELP LOCAL FAMILIES ACCESS AFFORDABLE SPORTS.
- POSITIVE VISIBILITY: SPONSORS FEATURED IN CENTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA.
- LOCAL LEADERSHIP: ALIGN YOUR BRAND WITH A TRUSTED CITY PROGRAM.
- ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY: REDUCE WASTE BY EXTENDING GEAR LIFE.

Ways to Support



Equipment Donations

Donate new or lightly used sports gear to stock the Tiger Den shelves

Most Needed: Youth cleats, shin guards, basketball sneakers, new water bottles, equipment bags

Monetary Sponsorships

Your financial support helps us kickstart the closet and purchase new equipment where donations fall short. Examples of where your money goes:

- Gear bags and water bottles for young players.
- Funds Gear Drive events, including bins, signage, and promotion.
- Purchases pairs of youth cleats or basketball sneakers in common sizes.
- Purchases practice cones, pinnies, and training gear for youth programs.
- Provides laundry detergent, wipes, and inspection tags for donated items
- Helps fund replacement strings, straps, or grips for reused gear
- Covers inventory shelving and safety inspection stations for donated items

All sponsors are recognized on:
The Biddeford Recreation website Social media posts Seasonal newsletters

Host a Gear Drive

Businesses, teams, and civic groups can host a Tiger Den Donation Week. We'll provide flyers, collection bins, and social media templates – you provide the space and spirit!