

Youth Sports Booster Club

Boys Gymnastics Team

Newsletter – January 2010



NOTE FROM THE BOYS TEAM REP

As the boys team representative to the Youth Sports Booster Club Board, I want to provide you with an update on the Youth Sports Booster Club activity. The mission of the Board is to fundraise so that no athlete will be excluded based on lack of available funds. We meet bi-weekly to discuss fundraising and the various opportunities available to us, but, since it's a new organization, much time has been spent so far setting up the organization: establishing a communication and financial structure, completing required IRS and State paperwork, and developing operating policies. The by-laws are available in the gym from Coach Paul if you'd like to see them. The minutes from the meetings are on the Youth Sports website, under Booster Club. You may look at them at any time. The Board is comprised of its officers and one team representative from each team. If you have any questions or concerns you would like brought up to the board, please feel free to contact me at any time at valerie_f_harris@yahoo.com or through the boys team section of the booster club section of the website at the following link:

http://www.youthsportsva.com/boys_team.htm. Please check this site frequently for updates on fundraising.

Although it does seem like we spend a lot of time fundraising, if we did not, the boys would be paying not only the meet fees for each meet, but also about \$50 – 100 a meet for coaches fees and expenses as well. Currently, we are asked to pay \$35 per boy for each meet to cover some of the coaches fees/expenses. The Booster Club picks up the rest, but the money in the Booster Club for the boys' team comes from our fundraising dollars. It's estimated that we will need about \$12,000 in coaches fees/expenses this year; less than half of that will be covered by the \$35 per meet fee, so keep up the fundraising to defray the costs of the coaches fees.

The Board is currently discussing an Opt-Out Agreement which would be provided for those who do not wish to fund raise. Basically, it works like this: an agreement is signed which relinquishes the booster club from providing any fundraising proceeds to your child and a fee is then assessed and paid. Details on this agreement should be available soon.

Fundraising Success

We've run 2 fundraisers this season. Here's our much the Boys Team raised through these fundraisers:

Pointsettia Sales – \$515.10

Pie Sales - \$305.22

Bowling - \$12

Thanks to all of the families who participated in these sales. As you can see, though, we're a long way off from the amount we need to raise before the end of the season to defray our coaches' fees/expenses. If we don't get busy soon, we will have to increase the \$35 per meet for coaches fees/expenses to the actual amount (\$50-100) per meet. We have several upcoming, so let's get busy!!!!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Citrus Sales

In your file folder in the boys' team box at the gym is an envelope and flier for the Citrus Sales. Everyone loves to eat oranges, so buy some for your family and ask your friends to help support your budding gymnast. We need to turn the envelope with checks made out to the Youth Sport Boosters in to me (or put it in the front of the boys team binder) by FEBRUARY 13. We earn \$5 a box, so please sell lots.

Recipe Books

The Booster Club will be selling recipe books collected from our members' favorite recipes. The sales will occur in time for mother's day gift-giving (although please share with everyone you can think of). We are starting NOW to collect the recipes, however. PLEASE give us your favorite recipes no later than January 31st. We especially need each gymnast's favorite recipe (with their name on it). Please either email the recipes to me at valerie_f_harris@yahoo.com or put them in the boys' team binder. The more recipes we can include, the better the recipe book will be.

HELP! We also have been asked to have 2 people from our team input our team's recipes online. It can be done from the convenience of your own home on your own computer in your own schedule. Please let me know via email if you can help input.

Soda Machine

The soda machine is an ongoing fundraiser. All proceeds from the soda machine go to the boys' team. If you'd like to donate sodas, please let me know.

Car Washes

When it gets a little warmer outside, we'll be hosting some car washes to earn more money for the team as well as have lots of fun.