

Auburn Wrestling Program – Fundraising and Volunteer Opportunities

Wrestling Parents,

We are excited about the upcoming wrestling season, and the opportunities it provides for our athletes! To make this season all it can be for them, we need your help. It takes everyone to pull off a great season. This list includes information about opportunities you have as parents to help support your wrestler and the Auburn wrestling programs.

For the 2015-16 season, the booster club spent almost \$9,000 to support the team. Funds raised by the Booster Club are used to provide nourishment to the athletes during events and while at/prior to State competitions, for end of year banquet expenses, to purchase concessions items for resale, for PB&J making supplies, money for team needs on overnight trips, team gear for coaches that can't be purchased from team funds, items needed to run concessions/hospitality rooms, and State Championship rings for our individual State Champions, among other things.

As Coach Spencer will share, some fundraising funds* raised by individual athletes can be used to offset the wrestling team fees that are due from each wrestler.

Fundraisers Planned for 2016-17

- **Ticket Sales**

The team account receives a percentage of the funds raised at the door of each home event.

- ***Tire Flip (November 11)**

Help your athlete get sponsors who pledge a per flip or flat amount. (Funds from Tire Flip go directly to the team account, rather than into the Booster Club Account and can offset wrestlers' fees).

- **Restaurant Nights (TBD)**

Bring the family and invite everyone you know to come out for dinner at participating restaurants. Participating restaurants will share a portion of the receipts for the night with the team.

- **Sponsorships**

Invite vendors/people you know to sponsor the team. Depending upon the level of sponsorship, we will provide them with advertising at home team events/tournaments.

- ***Krispy Kreme Card Sales**

Take orders for Krispy Kreme cards. Information about order and delivery dates will be shared soon!

- **Swede Umbach Tournaments (Ticket Sales/Concessions/Tournament T-shirt Sales)**

The teams get a portion of the revenue from ticket sales. The Booster Club receives 100% of the proceeds from all concessions sold at home events and the tournaments, and from the sale of tournament t-shirts at the Swede tournaments.

- **Team Signs, Car Decals and Season Ticket Packages**

The Booster Club receives the proceeds from the sale of signs and decals, and the team receives the funds for the season ticket packages.

Volunteer Opportunities

All athletes' families are asked to volunteer to help with **at least 2 team events**. Opportunities include:

- **Ticket Sales at AHS Home Football Games**

The team receives \$50 per volunteer who works the home games. Commitment requires arriving at the field before the game, working either the ticket booths on home and visitor sides or working the handicap gate. We work until after half-time when admission is free.

- **Concessions**

The Booster Club purchases items to sale and then works the concessions stand for all home events and the Swede Umbach tournaments. If you volunteer, we will make sure you are able to see your child wrestle.

- **Ticket Sales/Door**

The Booster Club mans the door at all home matches/tournaments, and we need volunteers to sell tickets and admit season pass holders.

- **Swede Umbach Hospitality Room Workers**

During the Swede tournaments, we feed the coaches, officials, support staff, medical trainers, official scorekeepers and table workers who are there to work the tournaments (note that the hospitality room does not feed the athletes, unless they are there working at the event). We provide dinner on Friday night, as well as breakfast/lunch/dinner on Saturday. We need help keeping the food replenished, serving and with cleanup throughout the day and after the tournaments end – typically in 3-4 shifts throughout the day. Auburn has a reputation for putting on a GREAT tournament and our hospitality room is one of the best, which means teams want to come back year after year!

- **Swede Umbach Hospitality Room Food Donations**

Because we feed 50-60 people for each meal, we need volunteers to help supply paper products/utensils, entrée dishes, side items, snack foods and desserts for each meal. Sign-ups will be made available a couple of weeks before each tournament asking for volunteers to sign up to bring food at the allotted times.

- **Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Makers/Donations**

We provide the athletes with PB&J's, snack bars, fruit and water/sports drinks at each wrestling event, both at home and away. We need volunteers to make the sandwiches in advance and make sure they are there before the team leaves for away events, and at all home events. If you are willing to make sandwiches but need us to provide the supplies, let us know in advance and we will make sure you have supplies. We need a volunteer to coordinate PB&J Makers (generally it requires setting up a Sign-Up Genius page, figuring out how many are needed based on how many athletes are participating at each event, and reminding sandwich makers of their commitments). We will then need parents to sign up to make sandwiches for each event.

- **End of Season Banquet**

The Booster Club hosts a banquet at the end of the year, where the athletes are recognized for their accomplishments and are awarded their letters. We provide a meal for the athletes and coaches, and family members are invited to attend for a nominal fee. We need volunteers to coordinate food orders/pickup, cake order/pickup, gifts, serving food and helping with cleanup.

Throughout the season, there will be other opportunities to help the team. We will keep you updated. Thank you in advance for all you do to support your athlete, his team and the AHS wrestling program!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

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