

BOOSTER CLUB GUIDE FOR PARENTS

What is the Booster Club?

The Trojan Baseball Booster Club is a not-for-profit organization formed to benefit all Jenks High School Baseball Teams. The Booster Club is run separately from the Jenks High School Athletic Department. The primary goal of the Booster Club is to support the baseball program financially through fees and fundraising. Throughout the year the Booster Club meets regularly, hosts special events, and provides ongoing support to our baseball teams. Funding support is made possible through Booster memberships, fundraising, advertising and concessions.

Introducing the Board

The Booster Club has an Executive Board elected by the membership to manage the daily activities of the Club. The elected officers are President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and Co-Chair of Fundraising, and Concessions Director. These positions are filled by a simple majority vote of the club members in attendance at the annual membership meeting of the Club. This meeting typically takes place in June. All board positions are one-year terms, except for Treasurer, which is a two-year term. Members of this Club shall be entitled to one vote per membership in any regular or special membership meetings. In addition, the Executive Board appoints a representative from each class to serve as grade representative on the Board.

Volunteer Positions

Additionally, the board will appoint volunteers to fulfill the following positions each year:

Buddy Baseball Director
Winter Camp Director
Trojan Idol Director
Concessions Director
Youth Baseball Camp Director
Junior College (JUCO) Tournament Director
Spirit Wear Director
Diamond Doll Director
Baseball Program Director
Team Meal Coordinator
Media Liaison

***See below for descriptions of these events.

If you do not feel like you can take on a Director position, there will be many more volunteer opportunities for which your skills and talents can be utilized. Just keep reading!

Communications

Jenks Baseball Booster Club has a website and email address from where you will get most of your information throughout the season regarding the Jenks Baseball Program. You may access the Jenks Baseball Website at www.jenksbaseball.org. The website includes a schedule and upcoming events. The primary way to communicate with the baseball families is through the jenksbaseball2005@yahoo.com email account. It is important that we have your correct email address in order to send updates, changes, booster Club minutes, and official business to you directly. Our grade representatives will also send texts to you, so please provide your cell phone number as well.

Booster Club Meetings

Trojan Baseball Booster Club Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month throughout the year. Coach Keeley is usually in attendance and gives a status report on the team. These meetings are a great way to know what is going on with the Booster Club. Upcoming events, a financial report, the coach's report, and a report from each of the grade representatives take place at these meetings. Questions, ideas and new business are encouraged.

Booster Club Fees

The Booster Club approves a budget once a year in June. This budget is based on the number of players on the team and anticipated expenditures. The Booster Club factors in expected revenue that will off-set costs (such as hosting the JUCO tournament, concessions, etc.).

Fundraising and Corporate Sponsorship

Typically, our Golf Tournament, Concession Stand profits, Banner Sponsorships and Program Sales, as well as Booster Club Membership drive are our largest fundraisers, but we also do additional fundraising. We welcome any other ideas for the Booster Club to be involved in to raise funds for the Club. We are always very happy to receive donations from corporate sponsors. These donations can be in goods or services that can be used during the season, or monetary. If you know of any company who may be willing to make a donation to our organization or if you have the skills and energy to help in this area, please see the VP of Fundraising Co-chairs.

There are several additional fundraisers that we have in place to earn funds for our Booster Club.

- We encourage all families to join the Booster Club. Our club membership drive is a large source of revenue for the club. You may print a membership form directly from the Jenks Baseball website or you may use the attached form to join the Booster Club.
- In October, the Booster club hosts a golf tournament fundraiser. Each family is required to find at least two golfers (not including our baseball players) to participate in this

event or contribute a \$200 self-donation. The tournament is 4-person team scramble with longest drive and closest to the pin prizes. Many of our baseball players choose to participate as well. The Booster club recruits corporate tee sponsors, which requires a \$500 donation and includes 4 golfers. The Club will also ask for members to solicit prize donations which will be used for door prizes as well as awards that are given out at the end of the golf tournament. The cost for each golfer is typically \$100. *Note: Baseball players pay \$50 each to play in the tournament.*

- Jenks Baseball Spirit Wear is sold in the fall to anyone who would like to purchase and show his or her pride by wearing Jenks baseball attire.
- Over Christmas break, the Booster Club hosts a one-day winter camp for elementary baseball players. This is a fun way to get young Trojans excited about baseball at Jenks and earn money for the Booster Club. We need parents and players to volunteer to work at this camp. The Jenks Baseball Players may use this opportunity to earn service hours for the distinguished service graduate requirement.
- Our 100-inning fundraiser is a fun, abbreviated baseball game where the Freshman, JV, and Varsity teams compete against each other for a 100 inning game. This game is a great team building experience for the players. A personalized fundraising letter and a team schedule are sent out to 10 or more friends or family members for each player encouraging a donation on behalf of that player. Your player signs these fundraising letters and a signed thank you note is sent to any person who donates on behalf of your player. In lieu of providing addresses for letters to be sent out, families may choose a self-donation of \$100 to the booster club. Please contact the club treasurer for questions or to volunteer to help with this fundraiser. This fundraising option will not be held for the 2012-2013 Season.
- Trojan Idol is a karaoke event held in February where all players are required to participate by performing a song individually or as part of a group to an audience at the High School Performing Arts Center. Players are required to sell a minimum of 10 tickets to friends and family for entrance to this event. Trojan Idol is very popular with the players and spectators, thus selling tickets to classmates is easy. **PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY.** There are many volunteer opportunities for this one night event including: manning the ticket table, selling DVD's of the event, back-stage chaperones, photographing the event, distributing tickets to the boys for sale, clean-up, etc. Please see Trojan Idol Director to volunteer.
- Solely, the Booster Club runs the baseball concession stand at Jenks and we receive all of the profits from goods sold. Each baseball family and player is **REQUIRED** to attend a food handler's class (provided at no charge in November) and to work 6 shifts per season in our concession stand during home games and tournaments. The concession stand is a service for players, coaches, and fans, and is one of our largest fundraisers. The total labor commitment for this fundraiser is huge, and thus it is imperative that each family plan to do their part. The Booster Club opens the concession stand for all

Jenks High School Baseball home games during the regular season and tournaments, a Junior College Fall Festival, the NJCAA Regional Junior College Tournament in May, and for home Diamond League games in the summer. We must have full participation in order to staff the concession stand for all of these events. The profits from this fundraiser are used to further the Jenks Baseball Program.

- Junior College (JUCO) Fall Festival – Is a tournament that is held at Hinch Field in the fall and we are required to have concession stands open and manned for this event.
- Junior College (JUCO) Tournament – Jenks Baseball hosts a Regional Junior College Tournament in May and the money raised goes directly to our Baseball Booster Club account. This event is not school-sanctioned; therefore, it takes many Booster Club members to work this event. We have a JUCO Tournament director, but there are many volunteer opportunities for this event. As a Booster Club we are required to man the ticket booth, operate the concession stand, man the hospitality room, announce each game, keep the score book, and run the scoreboard for all games of this four day tournament. The Booster Club is also responsible for designing and having programs printed and T-shirts made to sell at the tournament. The Jenks High School Baseball Players are required to volunteer for shifts to shag balls, work concessions, prepare the field for games, and various other tasks. Please contact the JUCO Director if you are interested in assisting with this fundraiser in any way.

Other Activities

There are other various activities that occur during the year.

- In September, we hold our annual “First Pitch Dinner.” This is a dinner held at the Middle School cafeteria where the coach introduces the players and families have a chance to meet one another and sign up to volunteer. You may join the Booster Club, sign up for the golf tournament, purchase spirit wear, and sign up for other volunteer opportunities. The cost of the First Pitch Dinner is \$5 per person (no charge for players and coaches). Sophomore parents and players are responsible for organizing and decorating for the dinner while freshman parents and players are responsible for clean up after the dinner.
- Jenks Buddy Baseball is an annual event hosted by Jenks High School Baseball in collaboration with The Autism Center of Tulsa. Children with Autism are paired with Jenks baseball players for an afternoon of baseball fun, special friendships, and pizza. It is a wonderful service opportunity for your player. Each child receives a Buddy Baseball t-shirt, a goody bag full of fun stuff to take home, a trophy with an autographed baseball from their Jenks buddy, and a picture taken with their Jenks baseball buddy. Volunteers are needed to help assemble goody bags, acquire trophies and baseballs,

assemble the balloon arch, make posters for each “Buddy” and our sponsors, photograph the event, and various other tasks.

- Food Handlers Permit Class – In November, all players and parents need to attend a FREE food handler’s permit class. This allows the Booster Club to be in compliance in our concession stand. If you or your player does not/cannot attend this class, you will need to attend a class at the Tulsa Health Department at your own cost.
- During 6th hour finals before the Holiday Break, players in the high school baseball program will have a Holiday party. Players have a pizza party and a \$10 or under gift exchange.
- In the spring, Coach Keeley selects approximately 20 players to travel to a tournament, usually over spring break. If your player is chosen to attend this tournament, you will be expected to pay for a portion of your player’s total expenses. Transportation, Hotel, and Food will be provided to the players and coaches. The Booster Club will cover all expenses for the coaches and one Jenks High School administrator and the remainder of the players’ expenses. Parents are not required to make this trip.
- The Varsity Team participates in a High School Showcase game at ONEOK Field in April. Tickets to attend this showcase game must be purchased.
- Varsity Senior Night Cookout – Each year at the last varsity home game all seniors are recognized prior to the game and a cookout is held after the game to honor all graduating seniors. JV and freshman parents and players are responsible for organizing, cooking and cleaning up after the cookout.
- At the end of the season, there will be an end of season banquet honoring all Jenks Baseball Players. This event is held at the Jenks Middle School Cafeteria and dinner is provided at a cost of \$5 per person (no charge for players and coaches). Senior parents set up individual tables to honor their senior player, Sophomore parents are responsible for organizing the dinner, Junior parents decorate the tables, and Freshman parents and players are responsible for clean up after the dinner.
- Summer Diamond League Baseball – During the summer existing Jenks High School Baseball players and new incoming freshman players will form 2-3 teams and compete against other high school teams in Diamond League. These games are usually held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings during the month of June and the first part of July. The cost of participating in Diamond League is between \$150- \$200. This is used to pay for the coaches, umpires, field use, etc.
- Baseball Performance Camp – During the summer Jenks High School Baseball players and new incoming freshman players will have the opportunity to attend a Baseball Performance Camp. Several days a week for 6 weeks, players will meet at the baseball

facility to work on strength, conditioning, speed, and a throwing program. The cost of this camp around \$150.

EXPECTED & OPTIONAL EXPENSES

What other expenses can you expect? The team needs to look like a team, so a new team uniform will be purchased by the parents each year. There will be mandatory items and optional items in a player pack that are available for purchase. The cost ranges from \$250-\$500 per player (typically freshman costs are more due to needing more items). The Booster Club will purchase one item from the player pack for each player. The item will be selected by the coach and can vary by grade.

Optional Expenses:

- Trojan Idol DVD
- End of Season Video
- Program Ad
- Spirit Wear
- Bat Purchase
- In-kind Donation
- Baseball Program
- Banner Sponsorships
- Team and Individual Pictures