



Austin Striders Track Club, Inc.

"WE BUILD THEM AND COLLEGE TAKE THEM!"

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A WORD FROM THE CFO

Happy October athletes and parents! The ASTC has a lot of new changes we'll be instituting for the upcoming season. Please intermittently check the ASTC web site for updates. And remember to visit the "News" link for the latest on the Financial News! Have a happy and safe Harvest Season and Halloween!



– Kimberly A. Taylor,
ASTC Chief Financial Officer

2017 Pre-Registration and Forms

Please ensure that you check the GroupMe messages and

in the next few months to provide families an opportunity to get their dues paid in full prior to the season starting. We will be adding additional forms such as Medical Waiver

Forms and Fundraising Acknowledgements, among others. All forms must be signed electronically or enrollment will not be recognized as complete. As with last year, payments can be made online at the Austin Striders web site. Please note that entering registration information does not guarantee athlete registration. On the first day of practice, parents must speak with Coach Taylor or Coach Ware to verify enrollment.

future newsletters. We will be opening 2017 registration

The Holidays will soon be upon us. This would be a great opportunity to provide friends and relatives with your sponsorship letter. Have them give the gift of a membership!



Coaching Corner - Spotlight

Coach Calvin Waites is an ASTC **Associate Coach**. "Never fear what's on the inside, let it out and shine!" This is a quote of Coach Waites' which is inspirational and defines his coaching style. He not only teaches our athletes proper technique and skill, but he is also a mentor to them. Coach Waites is patient, but strong and demands the best out of every athlete. Coach Waites has been a cherished member of the ASTC for many years as an athlete and coach.

FAST FACTS ABOUT COACH WAITES

*He is a U.S. Military Veteran.

*He is a proud father.

GroupMe –Parents, continue to check your GroupMe messages for pertinent ASTC information. If you are not receiving messages, please contact Coach Taylor to be added. Also, please ensure that you register any phone number changes with us immediately, so that we can provide updated information.

Update on Uniforms – Parents, we will be instituting a new uniforms policy next season. Please keep your athletes from wearing uniforms

The Winners Circle

Ja'Len Cleveland (pictured below with Coach Taylor) is an ASTC athlete who understands the meaning of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. This past season he improved his stats and his endurance. He is the son of ASTC Board Member, Karen Brown. Ja'Len was rewarded with wins and medals. His hard work paid off and Ja'Len made it to Houston and medaled at this year's Junior Olympics.



and hold onto any pieces which do not fit.

Did you know? – The ASTC has an educational Program for our athletes which was launched this past season by Ms. Keiawnna Pitts (Keke). Several athletes participated and won prizes. Most importantly, they kept their education and literacy improving during the summer.

WE'RE ON THE MOVE

The ASTC now has wheels! Our organization has purchased a small bus, which will be utilized for track events. More information will be provided during the initial practices next season for those who have inquiries.



Board Member - Spotlight



Karen Brown is an ASTC Board of Trustees member as well as the organization's **Director of Fundraising**. In her current position, Karen is responsible for the club's annual fundraising planning process. Her role is to produce effective strategies to achieve income targets across the range of revenue streams. In addition to her Director duties, Karen serves the essential role as the Administrator on site at each team practice. Karen is always available to answer parent inquiries and provide season information and schedules. Karen often goes above and beyond her duties to help the club. Karen has been a critical and valued member of the ASTC for many years.

Special Kudos



A special recognition goes out to ASTC parent **Shanay Taylor**. Shanay is an appreciated and respected member of the ASTC family and has been so for many years. Over the past few years, she has taken on an increased role in assisting with administrative duties. During this past season, she assisted the ASTC administrators with the dispensing of uniforms, providing schedule information, and answering parent inquiries. Most importantly, during track meets Shanay selflessly assisted with ensuring that athletes were present and accountable for their events. In addition to working with the Striders, Shanay is an Austin Entrepreneur. She is a Master Stylist. So check her out at the M&M Hair Salon and visit her Face Book page at: <http://www.facebook.com/MMSaloncuts>



SAVE THE DATE

Scoutsvue Sports will be hosting the "House Party Reunion Scholarship Tour Entertainment & Sports Testing Combine" from December 1-3, 2016 at Huston-Tillotson University. As a party of the event, our own CEO and Head Coach Howard Ware will be honored! Registrants will be trained and 3rd party tested by former and current pro athletes.



\$\$ Scholarships \$\$

Graduating Senior and Juniors! Just a reminder that the ASTC as an organization offers small denominational scholarships to athletes. So, keep making good grades and apply. Scholarship information is available on the ASTC web site under the "Scholarship" tab. The ASTC currently offers: **The Barbara Ruth Cotton Scholarship and the Minnie Lee Reese Scholarships**. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship, please contact CFO Kimberly Taylor through GroupMe.

ASTC School Spirit Photo Contest

Football Season is **FINALLY** here in the most serious state when it comes to the sport...**Texas!**

Break out your college or high school shirt that shows your team spirit and post the picture to **GroupMe** and we will post on the Striders Face Book page. Post your best picture showing your team spirit or you dressed in team garb in the midst of game day action. Please post no later than **10 PM CT** on Monday, October 24th. There will be two (2) prizes awarded to two separate individuals: one (1) \$20 Gift card from Academy and one (1) \$20 Gift card to an area restaurant. Photo entries can include parents and/or athletes. Winners will be announced through GroupMe, Face Book, and directly to the winners.

Louisiana Athletes: You are encouraged to post as well! We have created an Austin Striders Louisiana (ASTC_LA_2017) group room in the GroupMe messaging app. To receive messages and make posts into the Louisiana Branch room in GroupMe, please send an email with your mobile phone number to: kimberly.taylor@aggienetwork.com. Please put "ASTC GroupMe LA" in the Subject Line.

ASTC Board Members and Coaches may participate in the photo contest, but will not be eligible for prizes.

Examples:



(Stopped for a pic with the 2016 SEC Basketball Conference Champs - Texas A&M at the Maroon & White Spring football game)



(Kimberly and Khyah on game day! Whoop!)



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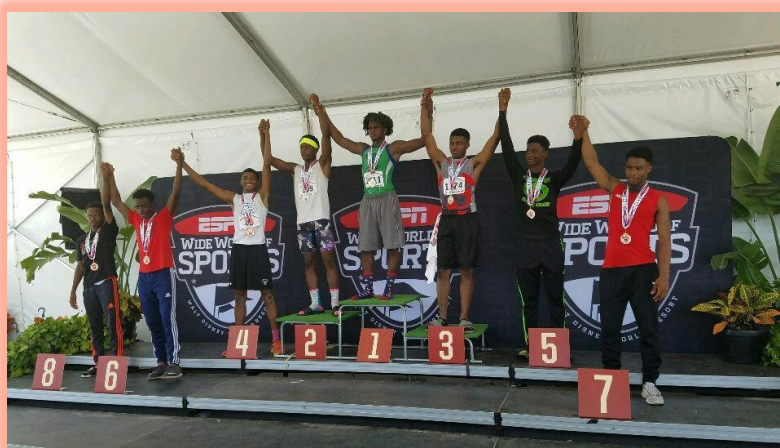
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