

ARTHUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear AOC Parents and Student Athletes:

One of the aspects of the athletic opportunities offered through AOC is fundraising. AOC athletics operates with an independent budget from the ACS general fund. Our goal is to build excellent athletic programs as one family. One of the aspects of being a part of the AOC family is ensuring we can provide these opportunities at a reasonable cost to families. Fundraising is an excellent opportunity for our student athletes to take ownership and responsibility for this program. We want to limit the amount of fundraisers by offering more efficient and fruitful fundraisers, but we need your help and support to make this happen.

To help serve this purpose, we will be holding the **Conquering Rider Serve-a-Thon**. Last year the Serve-a-Thon was very fruitful for us. I am constantly reminded about how important it is for our student athletes to serve their communities and churches. The **Conquering Rider Serve-a-Thon** gives us the opportunity to serve while raising funds for the program.

How will the serve-a-thon work?

Junior Varsity and Varsity Student athletes will actively pursue donors that can give a one-time gift or pledge a certain amount of money per hours served. There are pledge sheets for prospective donors to fill out. After collecting the completed pledge sheets from individuals and/or businesses, the students will look for opportunities to serve. They could volunteer time at church, rake leaves for a neighbor, clean bathrooms for a local business, etc. Get creative! Every time the student athlete volunteers their time, they simply need to fill out their Serve-a-Thon Time Sheet with the amount of time they served along with the signature of the individual they served. The student athlete will then collect the pledges from the donors based upon the number of hours served. The timeframe for the **Conquering Rider Serve-a-Thon** is September 19th (or earlier if you already started!) through November 9th. We are simply asking that the students have all funds collected and handed in by the 9th of November. For budgetary purposes, it would be extremely helpful if volleyball players could have their funds collected and handed in by October 19th, but if more time is needed that is acceptable.

How much should I raise?

We are asking all student athletes to raise \$200 for this fundraiser, but we encourage students to go above and beyond this number if possible. Also, for our homeschool athletes, all funds raised above the \$200 threshold will be credited towards the remainder of their athletic fee. If the student athlete prefers to not participate in the fundraiser, we simply ask that you make the \$200 donation to AOC athletics.

We greatly appreciate you as we understand all the sacrifices you make and the trust you give to AOC Athletics. We want to say a special thank you for this. As the athletic director, I would encourage you to actively participate in this fundraiser. This is not only a fundraiser – it is also an opportunity to share the love of God in our communities in practical ways. Go after it with the same effort we expect in the classroom and on the court. Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,
Greg Mast

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The AOC Conquering Rider Serve-a-Thon

Please help our school and athletic program during the
Conquering Rider Serve-a-Thon by sponsoring my efforts.

This is a major fundraiser for us, and we really appreciate your generosity!

Participant: _____

Dear _____,

AOC athletics is holding a serve-a-thon to help raise much-needed funds for our athletic program. I will be participating in the serve-a-thon this September through November.

EXPLANATION: I will be seeking volunteer opportunities in my community. You can pledge a dollar amount for every hour I serve, or simply give a one-time contribution. Please consider sponsoring me as I do my best to make a difference in my community while raising funds for my team.

Thank you and God bless you.

* Donations are tax deductible

** Please inquire whether your company matches donations. This is a way to double your gift!

Pledge per hour served:

\$1.00 _____

\$2.00 _____

\$5.00 _____

\$10.00 _____

OTHER _____

One-time contribution:

\$10 _____

\$25 _____

\$50 _____

\$100 _____

OTHER _____

**Make checks payable to AOC Athletics*

