

Hornets Families,

University of Arkansas fundraising season is upon us. As a 501c3 organization, we have a working relationship with the U of A to clean sport venues after events. Last year we raised \$16,000+. In the past we have worked together to raise the funds necessary to operate our organization. Those funds were not designated by sport, activity or individual family. Based upon feedback from you, we are going to try a change in the way these dollars are allocated.

As you know we all pay a \$45 annual fee per family to join Tri-State Home School Athletic Association. This will continue. Then you are eligible to register for any sport we offer with each having their particular fees associated with it based on budget projections done by the director of the sport. Each sport's registration fee has never reflected the cost of operating the sport. We have always fundraised the difference.

This year you will be asked to pay your registration fee (as always) when you register for your sport online at [www.nwa-hornets.com](http://www.nwa-hornets.com). You will also be given the opportunity by your director to write a check for the full cost of your athlete's sport and forego the need to participate in fundraising events. However, if you choose to pay only the sport registration, you will then be asked to participate in enough fundraising events to cover the additional cost for your athlete, which we will refer to as the GAP. For example, if John's basketball registration is \$200 and the total cost to play is \$500, you could write a check for \$500 and be done; OR you may pay the registration (\$200) and participate in UA fundraising events to cover the GAP, in this case \$300. Following is a schedule of estimated credits toward GAP you can receive per volunteer at each event. Actual amounts sometimes vary depending on the event.

EVENT	# volunteers	Est credit/volunteer	Est time/based on # volunteers
Soccer	8	\$ 22.00	1 hr
Volleyball	12	\$ 18.00	1 hr
Women's Basketball	20	\$ 20.00	1.5 hr
Men's Basketball*	45	\$ 27.00	3
Gymnastics	15	\$ 21.00	1.5
Track	15	\$ 21.00	1.5
Baseball	20	\$ 20.00	1.5
Softball	10	\$ 18.00	1 hr

So for example, a family signs up to bring 4 volunteers to work after a women's basketball game. They will earn approx. \$80 credit toward their GAP amount owed.

Here are the guidelines for participation:

1. Volunteers must be age 8 or older and must be willing to work the required time frame to count for credit. (The university is gracious to allow us to bring younger volunteers, their lower age limit is much higher.)
2. Children must be working under the supervision of an adult at all times. Please make sure your children are productive so we can all get in and out as quickly as possible.
3. To ensure you receive credit, volunteers must sign through the SignUp link sent by Tri-State Home School Athletic Association and sign IN and OUT at each event attended. The link will also be provided on our website.
4. Each event is offered for a specific number of volunteers. We will not be able to give credit for "extra" help if you bring last minute volunteers who have not signed up. We are paid a set amount for events and the estimated credit is figured based on a set number of volunteers.
5. These are university athletic events. Anticipate that some might run longer than expected or end early.
6. The university calls us with dates before the start of each sport. We do not get the entire year in advance. Sometimes we get last minute calls when another group has dropped out. We try to help them out in those instances. So occasionally we get some last minute opportunities for additional events.

This program is a work in progress to make our fundraising easier and fair for all who want to take advantage of this opportunity.