



BLOOMINGTON BLAST BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Introduction

Who: To all current and incoming Bloomington Fastpitch Association BLAST families of all levels (In-house, 8U, 10U, 12U & up)

What: BFA BLAST is introducing a new fundraiser experience this year! This fundraiser will replace the Catch the Fire Raffle of past years. Catch the Fire Raffle was a hugely successful fundraiser for many years for BFA, but also had its drawbacks which included the intense work required to execute the fundraiser and the missed opportunity to have the entire BFA community involved.

Why: The new fundraiser experience will involve the entire membership and offer an opportunity for the players to give back to the organization through service. The Bloomington Blast Breakfast is not only an opportunity to raise money but an event that will bring all of the BFA families to gather together as a community and build relationships, market our program to Bloomington residents, and feature our sponsors.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What: Bloomington Blast Breakfast Fundraiser

When: Sunday, March 17th from 8:00am until 12:00pm

Where: Knights of Columbus, 1114 American Blvd W, Bloomington, MN 55420

What exactly is the fundraiser event?

The fundraiser is a pancake breakfast that will be made and served by BFA players and their families. A breakfast ticket costs \$7 each and will provide patrons with a plate of pancakes and pork sausages along with coffee and orange juice. Children ages 3 and under eat free. Knights of Columbus will provide the event space, initial training (kitchen and serving), and all the food and beverages. BFA players/families will provide the labor.

On the day of the event, there will be many more fun opportunities to raise money for girl's fastpitch softball in Bloomington! We will have a **Pot of Gold** (\$20+ gift cards and prizes including a "Get out of Volunteering" card), **BLAST Bingo**, a **Silent Auction** (including FREE pitching/catching lessons and BASH tournament parking space, entire team autographed Timberwolves basketball, Hotel stay at The Westin, 4 tickets to Wild vs. Bruins and many more items), **Sponsor Drawings** and a **\$10 Raffle for a Timberwolves Treasure Island Suite** which includes all food and drink, along with VIP parking (Valued at \$1000).

What is expected of BFA players/families?

Each BFA (travel) family is required to sell at least 14 breakfast tickets at \$7 per ticket. In-house league players are not required but encouraged to sell as many tickets as they can. Prizes will be given to players who sell 20 or more tickets (1 prize awarded per 20 tickets). There will be special prizes for the top selling three players/families!

How do we get the tickets?

Each BFA family will purchase their 14 tickets up front. A cash or check payment of \$98 must be turned in at one of the following dates:

Uniform Try On – Sunday, February 10th

Player Evaluations – Saturday, February 23rd or Sunday, February 24th Tickets will be handed out at evaluations. Should a want player more tickets we will have extra to sell at evaluations.

Checks will be held until April 1st to ensure adequate time for players/families to sell tickets. Parents will then keep the money from the tickets sold.

Should BFA not receive a \$98 check at the dates/times listed above, the player will not be rostered on a team. No Exceptions.

What if I need extra tickets?

Players/families can request extra tickets by contacting Sabrina Sievert at (651) 338-4111 or satarkey@yahoo.com. You will pay for these extra tickets when you receive them with cash/check. Sabrina will be available to distribute extra tickets at several upcoming BFA meetings (e.g. coach's clinic, parent/player meeting, etc).

What is expected of a BFA player on the day of the fundraiser event?

BFA players are expected to volunteer. Volunteer shifts will be determined by teams and sent out by March 1st. For example, 8U Red/8U Blue will clean tables from 8am-9am, 10U Red/10U Blue will host beverage service and re-set tables from 8am-9am, 12U Red will serve food from 8am-9am, etc.

Will there be volunteer hours for adults?

We will need adults to work in the back of the house prepping the food and washing dishes as we go. There may also be additional adult volunteer shifts in the front of the house. Up to 3 hours of adult volunteer hours for the Bloomington Blast Breakfast will count towards a family's required tournament volunteer hours. Assistant coaches will be given first preference for adult volunteer shifts.

When can I sign up?

Look for a Sign-up Genius on March 1st for volunteer shifts.

PLAYER PRIZES!

(Top 3 Sellers MUST sell a minimum of 30 tickets)

1st Prize- \$100 MOA Gift Certificate

2nd Prize \$50 AMC Certificate

3rd Prize Art Basket (Valued at \$30)

***Top 3 Sellers also to receive \$20 credit towards Spiritwear**

All players who sell a minimum of 20 tickets receive a BLAST water bottle, BLAST sports headband and \$5 gift certificate to Scoops!