

## **Glenbard North Athletic Boosters Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who are the Athletic Boosters?**

The GN Athletic Boosters membership is made up of parents, coaches, GN faculty and staff and the community. While students do not hold memberships, many are active in Boosters activities. The organization is governed by a Board comprised of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Chairs. Any Booster members can become involved in the Board.

### **What does the organization do?**

Glenbard North Athletic Boosters is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to optimize the experience of all those involved with Glenbard North athletics – students, parents, coaches, fans. We do this through fund-raising, educational opportunities and community outreach.

### **What Does It Do?**

The Athletic Boosters organization is involved in many programs aimed at fulfilling our mission. Some of them include:

- *Equipment Purchase:* In the past few years, GN Athletic Boosters has purchased a new football/soccer stadium scoreboard, weight room equipment, tennis nets, soccer nets, basketball shooting machine, gymnastics floor and sound system, wrestling mats, and state-of-the-art anodyne infrared therapy machine. We also cover the cost of most supplies used by the athletic trainers.
- *Scholarships:* Every year, Athletic Boosters awards at least four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to continue their educations. Recently, we added \$500 scholarships to help more college-bound students.
- *Educational Opportunities:* Speakers on nutrition, scholarships and more
- *Community Outreach:* GN Athletic Boosters works hard to be a good school and community partner. We donate to many school and community funds. Athletic Boosters sponsors a service organization, SWOOOSH, that donates time and money to organizations like the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Toys for Tots, and Humanitarian Service Project.

### **How?**

The money we raise comes from programs like:

- *Concessions:* “Best in the DVC,” in the words of our customers. We have developed a reputation for excellence across the conference and the area by offering great food at reasonable prices and friendly, efficient volunteers. Concessions is run by a committee consisting of Scheduling, Purchasing and Operations.
- *Apparel:* Athletic Boosters offers a wide array of Panther apparel for all ages, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, outerwear, and much more. Our apparel is available at selected games and in the school bookstore.
- *DVD Sales:* This program was originated by the football program, but is expanding to other sports. We tape games, transfer them onto DVDs and make them available to parents, grandparents, etc. There are particularly handy if you need to send game film to college coaches.

- *Membership*: Several membership options are available to meet the needs of singles, families and seniors alike. Membership dues go directly to the Scholarship fund.
- *Special Events*:
  - Pancake Breakfast – held in the spring, this event highlights summer camp opportunities, offers great food, entertainment, and a chance to meet Glenbard North athletes.
  - Craft Fair – one of the oldest in the area, and once again, one of the best, this November event showcases talented crafters and performers from all over Chicagoland.
  - Golf Outing – the exciting return of a popular event comes in August 2008.

### **Are there other committees?**

Some are described above. In addition to these, we have:

- SWOOOSH -- the service organization for students sponsored by Athletic Boosters. We have done food drives and toy drives and continue to look for ways to make a positive difference in the community. It's an opportunity for student athletes to thank the community that supports them throughout the year.
- Volunteers – a critical part of our Membership/Volunteer program. The Volunteer chair records the number of hours spent by all volunteers in Booster activities. This determines the amount of money donated back to the teams as a result.

### **When are the meetings?**

Meetings are usually the first Tuesday of the month. Sometimes, due to holidays, the date changes, but we do our best to keep everyone posted. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

### **How do I get involved?**

Come to a meeting! Call one of our officers! Visit our website!!

### **Do you have a website?**

Yes, and it's excellent – a great source of information. You'll find it at [www.gbnboosters.org](http://www.gbnboosters.org).

### **I'm busy. Why get involved?**

You'll have a chance to do something positive for the athletic program and, more important, all the students involved in it. You'll be a great example for your kids of the importance of supporting your community. You'll meet some of the most wonderful people around. You'll have a **lot** of fun. We're sort of the Lay's Potato Chip of the volunteer world. No one ever volunteers just once. Try it. You'll see.



## Membership & Volunteer Program

### Purpose:

- Provide an ongoing fundraising opportunity for Glenbard North sports teams
- Ensure adequate staffing for Athletic Booster activities, events
- Provide an ongoing opportunity for parents to meet and interact
- Build school spirit

### Program Components:

**Membership:** Teams will be compensated based on the percentage of families who become Booster members. This is a more significant opportunity for small teams.

Teams will be compensated as follows:

25% of team families are pass-holding members:	\$ 250
50% of team families are pass-holding members:	\$ 500
75% of team families are pass-holding members:	\$ 750
90+% of team families are pass-holding members:	\$1,000

**Volunteer Hours:** Teams will be compensated based on volunteer hours worked by team families. This is a more significant opportunity for large teams.

- Each *family* is asked to volunteer five hours during the school year.
- You can volunteer to work during your child's sport or any other sport.
- You, the volunteer, choose where you want your hours credited. For example, you can work a fall football game, but ask to have the hours credited to softball.
- Teams will be compensated \$5/volunteer hour worked at the end of the season when the hours were recorded. (If you work a fall event, the hours will be credited at the end of that season, regardless of the team that receives the hours)

### Critical Players:

- Team Captains – for every team; they do the actual recruiting and scheduling
- Coaches – key to motivating parents to participate
- Volunteers – we need people all the time!

### Benefits:

- Money for necessary supplies and equipment
- Greater sense of loyalty among program families
- Greater fundraising effectiveness for large ticket purchases
- Highly successful Booster activities
- Panther Success on and off the field!!