

## **Give Us a Hand--Be a Parent Booster**

An organized parent group can be a great asset to any cross country program. In addition to being at meets as spectators and having an active involvement with the team can increase the feeling of unity and support amongst parents.

The goals of the parent group in cross country are as a morale group as well as a supplemental financial support group to the team. This group can also assist in the publicity and promotion of the sport. It is important that the boosters organization works in conjunction with the coaching staff, athletic director, and the school.

Due to the current way that money is budgeted for athletics in school, we are not even able to provide for all the basic needs of our program. Every sport in our school, including football has to fundraise to have basic equipment. Parent help is really needed within our program to help promote our sport.

### **Uses of Fundraising Money:**

1. Provides for the basic needs of the program that the school district is unable to fund for, among these needs are enough uniforms and sweats for all athletes.
2. Provides the team with equipment that isn't mandatory, but can enhance the total program.
3. Provides opportunities to travel distances to participate in invitationals. (Out of county, overnight stays, out of state.)
4. End of season awards where athletes are honored for their achievements during the season.

### **Our Methods of Fundraising Are:**

1. **Garage Sales**—We try and have a few of these through the summer and fall.
2. **Parent Boosters** -- We will have T-shirts, Meet Day Shirts and sweatshirts available to purchase. Hopefully you will wear them to the meets when you come to support the team and your son at the races.
3. **Any ideas**-- Please let the booster president know.

### **Our Commitment To You:**

We try and work to make sure that your son is a credit to you, our school, and our program. If you need assistance or information regarding how your son is doing, feel free to give us a call. A coach in today's high school wears many hats with young people, and

every one of them is worn with the hope that maybe we can bring out the best in them and teach them valuable lessons that they may use in later life.