

Hello Everyone,

Regarding our Annual Thunder Golf Tournament Fundraiser, it is still scheduled on **Sunday, April 10, 2011** at the **Oakhurst Golf Club in Kingwood**, west of H59, north of North Park Drive; with registration beginning at 12:00 noon and the shotgun start @ 2:00pm, dinner to follow. As discussed in all pre-season meetings and tryouts, this fundraiser is the only one which we hope that all Thunder members will be involved for raising funds for our club, toward equipment.

1. **Flyers** for your golfers or Hole Sponsors are available during practices from your Golf Tournament coordinators, Coaches Nikki, Melissa & Stephanie. It is also attached along with this letter.
2. **Golfers** are invited to play on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the Oakhurst Golf Club in Kingwood for \$300 per foursome, or \$75 per individual. The golfing fee includes Green Fee, Cart Fee, Range Balls & Dinner, along with the opportunity to participate in our raffle drawing and Silent Auction.
3. **Hole Sponsors** signs are available for \$100 per sign, and the sponsor can designate which green they want their sign to be placed. Hole Sponsors can be businesses, parents or family members wishing their athlete "Good Luck". Families are most successful getting these by emailing all of their business associates or family members.
4. **Silent Auction** items from local businesses will be available throughout the day for golfers, parents and everyone to bid; the auction includes the Team Baskets.
5. **Team Baskets** are donated by each team, organized by a team parent, with themed items. Each athlete would donate a determined amount toward their team basket (\$10-\$20 per athlete), and the organizer would collect and compile the team basket. Below are some ideas for the Themed Team Baskets. Please consult with Coach Nikki at volleyballnikki@yahoo.com to choose your team's selection, since we do not want to duplicate our baskets; even though 4 BBQ baskets were great last year! (I bought one)

i) Some basket ideas are:

Bar Basket (cocktail mixes, martini mixer, glasses, etc.)

Spa Basket

BBQ Basket

Date Night Basket

Staycation Basket

Lottery Tree

Fun in the Sun Basket

Picnic Basket

Movie Night Basket

Family Night Basket

Accessory Basket

Fitness Basket

Pet Basket

Safety Kit for Car Basket

Scrapbook Basket "Catch a Memory"

Cooking Basket

Chocolate Basket

Coffee Basket

Camping Basket

Gardening Basket

6. **Raffle Tickets** will be handed out by our coordinators by Wednesday & Thursday, this week, and a total of 20 tickets will be given to each athlete to sell for \$5 each. The Raffle tickets will be combined for a drawing which will take place during the dinner following the golf tournament. Presently, a Nolan Ryan autographed baseball, a Clyde Drexler signed basketball and a Spa Package are the items for the raffle. Each ticket sold has three chances to win. This year there will be a competition within each of the following age groups, for the most raffle tickets sold: 11-14's, 15-16's & 17-18's. The winner in each group will win a prize valued over \$50 which will include things like a massage, teen facial, pedicure and the like. The coach of the team which brings in the most revenue, not including the team basket, will win a massage or a round of golf. By the deadline given, all sold raffle ticket stubs & money, or all unsold tickets MUST be turned in. There is a prize of a pizza pool party at Coach Marion's house for the team which sells the most tickets! The 'most' is determined by the percentage ...if one team has more team members, then they have to sell more. Tickets may be sold to families, neighbors, teachers, friends, out-of-towners (we will mail the basket), at the golf tournament...please remember to retain one part of the ticket with the name & phone number of the ticket holder. Or you can buy the tickets from your daughter. I will only buy 5!
7. **Commitment Expectations** of each athlete and her family, for the success of our Annual Golf tournament fundraiser, is necessary. As per previous discussions, an athlete should provide a foursome or three hole sponsors; a total of \$300 toward the event. If the field of golfers fills, and hole sponsors are impossible, then please consider donating a separate Silent Auction item for our fundraiser or goodies for the favor bags for our 144-160 golfers.
8. **Additional Credit:** After your initial commitment is complete, any further golf foursomes will benefit your daughter's account by \$50; any additional hole sponsors over three will benefit your daughter's account by \$50 each; any Silent Auction item will benefit your daughter's account by \$50 if the final selling price of the item is over \$150; If items are contributed to the golfer goodie bags, they will have to be considered as part of the initial commitment since a dollar value is difficult to estimate, since there is no final sale of the items, but negotiations are open...
9. **Team Member Participation:** Each coach will discuss and plan for their team to make an appearance at the Golf Tournament. Volleyball nets are set up on the grass for 'practices' and fun. There is an opportunity for the athletes to sell raffle tickets to the participating golfers prior to the beginning of the Shotgun start, or following the end of play.
 10. **Volunteers:** Any adult able to help with set up, silent auction, tallying at the end, will be much appreciated. A volunteer sign-up sheet is attached, for more information, but please contact Coach Nikki (13-2) to reserve your time slot.
11. **Dinners:** Additional dinners are available for purchase at \$15 per person. There will be an early deadline for these numbers, as we have to submit our final count a week prior to our event. Come & join the golfers whom you have signed up for our annual tournament. There will be NO additional dinner tickets available on the day of the golf tournament.
12. **Coordinating Coaches:** Each of our three coaches will be responsible for a few teams to coordinate timely raffle sales, team baskets and Silent Auction items. Ongoing deadlines will be sent out, with regards to Foursome, Hole Sponsors, Silent Auction and Raffle.
 - A) Coach Nikki Berry will be responsible for the two 13's teams & all three 17's teams.
 - B) Coach Melissa McGown will be responsible for the 11's, 12's & all three 16's teams .
 - C) Coach Stephanie Palacios will be responsible for the two 14's, tow 15's & the 18's teams.

I am looking forward to a great event this year with everyone participating to make this a success. Thank you for being a part of our Thunder family.

Coach Marion