



FOR OUR FAMILIES NEW TO TEAM COMPETITION

WHAT IS TEAM BUILDERS?

Team Builders is the parents club that supports the competitive gymnasts at *The Athletic Edge*. When *The Athletic Edge* hosts a gymnastics meet there are requirements for team parents to participate. Your participation is very important in providing a quality experience for each and every athlete. We all support each other and our children through our efforts.

Team Builders receives proceeds from concessions, pin sales, raffles, etc. from meets hosted by *The Athletic Edge*. The money raised goes to sponsor the Spring Awards Banquet, to support the gymnasts and to assist *The Athletic Edge*.

Team Builders also sponsors fundraising opportunities for individual gymnasts and their families to earn funds to help offset the cost of competitive gymnastics.

Team Builders meetings are held at the gym on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding the summer months) at 6:30 p.m. This meeting time may change from year to year as a poll is done at the beginning of the fall season to determine the most convenient evening for the majority.

FUNDRAISING

The Team Builders typically has at least four fundraisers per year. These vary between "individual" fundraisers in which the profits made go directly into your Team Builders account. The proceeds earned are based on how much effort your gymnast (and/or you, the parents) put into the fundraiser. Examples of individual fundraisers done in the past include selling World's Finest Chocolate, Figaro's Pizza, PartyLite, The Pampered Chef, etc.

Occasionally we also sponsor "gym" fundraisers which are more of a team effort and the proceeds go toward a new piece of equipment, or something of that nature, which will benefit all members of the gym. Examples of team fundraisers to benefit the gym in some way include raffle sales, a rummage sale, etc.

If you have an idea for an individual fundraiser and would like to organize it, in addition to your individual profits, you would receive 10% of the profit made before it is divided among the participants. If you are interested in coordinating a fundraising idea, please notify one of the Team Builders board members so we can be sure there is no conflict and we can answer any questions you may have about the process.

PARENT OBLIGATIONS FOR MEETS HOSTED BY THE ATHLETIC EDGE

1. Work the required* number of sessions/jobs for the meet. You may have other family members/relatives work a shift for you, but they must be a minimum of 16 years old.
2. Sign up to work either **Set Up** or **Tear Down**.
3. Provide two (2) food items for concessions OR the required monetary donation for concessions. If actual food items are requested for a meet, the sign up sheet will include specific items needed and no substitutions (brand, quantity, etc.) should be made.**
4. Provide two (2) raffle prizes that are age-appropriate for your gymnast (\$5 to \$10 value each)**
5. Wear "AE Crew" t-shirt when working your sessions (not required for Set Up or Tear Down)

The Jobs and Concessions Sign Ups are coordinated via www.VolunteerSpot.com and will be open one to two weeks prior to the meet. You will be notified via email in advance of when sign ups will be open online. If you personally are not able to work the required number of sessions at a home meet, you can recruit a responsible substitute (minimum 16 years old) to work for you. When signing up, use your substitute's name and type your name in parentheses so you are recorded as fulfilling your obligations. Another option would be to check with other gym parents and see if they would be able to work for you at one meet (in addition to their required sessions) and you could work their shifts (in addition to yours) at the next hosted meet.

*The number of session/job requirements varies when we have a two- or three-day meet. The number of gymnasts attending our meet is what determines the length and required number of jobs.

** Food Items and Raffle Prizes need to be brought to the gym by **Wednesday** prior to the meet (except for perishables). Please bring these items to the Team Builder's store room at the top of the stairs to the left and sign off on the sheet hanging on the door. If door is locked, ask at the Front Desk.

Job Descriptions: There is a binder available (titled, "Home Meet Job Descriptions") at the Front Desk defining the different jobs available. This binder is always accessible for review at the Front Desk. These descriptions provide a brief overview of each job. Certain jobs, such as scoring and awards, require previous training. These job descriptions are also posted on our website: www.athleticedge.org.

If you are new to this phase of gymnastics, please review the job descriptions and talk with parents who have previous meet experience to get a feel of which job you might like to do.

Reporting Times: All job functions require that you report early. All volunteers must check-in at the Volunteer Check In table and get a Name Badge. When signing up to work, please **do not** sign up to work the session when your gymnast is competing as **you will not be able to watch her while you are working**. Also, if you plan to work the session directly following your gymnast's competition, be aware that you will miss the awards presentation as you will be required to report to your job prior to the start of the next session, while awards are being presented from the current session. Also, your gymnast should not work the session prior to competing.

Opt Out Fee: You may Opt Out of meet obligations for **\$50 per session**. This fee is established and administered by *The Athletic Edge* and will be charged to your AE Tuition Account. If you know in advance that you will not be available to work a meet, please tell the Volunteer Coordinator as soon as possible so we are able to adjust the required number of jobs for other parents, if necessary. Even if you decide to opt-out, you are still required to provide concession items and raffle prizes. It should be noted that The Athletic Edge hosts one meet per year, *Pacific Edge*, for which the Opt Out is not an option. It is a destination meet on the Oregon Coast held on the first weekend of February and every family's participation is required to ensure a successful event.

If you sign up to work the required number of sessions but fail to fulfill all of your meet obligations, a fee of \$50 per session will be charged to your AE Tuition Account.

Questions should be addressed to the Team Builders president or Kelsey Kottek, Team Director.