

2009-10 General Fundraising

Fundraising is vital to the continuing success of GAR. Each high-school rower has a general fundraising obligation of \$300 per year (\$150 for each additional sibling).

This commitment can be accomplished through any of the following options:

Gator Dockside Breakfast

This popular fundraiser is where parents cook and rowers work as waiters and waitresses. The fall event is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th. Rowers will report to Gator Dockside instead of Saturday practice. Details and tickets will be distributed in early October.

Wine-Tasting

Back by popular request, Sara Landis, owner of The Perfect Gift, has agreed to host another wine-tasting early Friday evening, November 20th. Further details and tickets will be distributed in early October.

Erg-a-thon

The Erg-a-thon will take place on Sunday February 14th, in conjunction with Life South's Five Points of Life Marathon. Each rower collects pledges and then "rows" to earn the pledged amount. (Suggested goal is \$50 per rower) Details and pledge sheets will be distributed before winter break.

Rent-A-Rower (New this year)

This program is intended to provide rowers and families more opportunity and flexibility in meeting their fundraising obligation. Essentially, it is where rowers can work on jobs through their community, family, or friends for a set donation to GAR. This could be set per hour or per accomplishment. For example, a rower may have a neighbor that needs lawn work. The rower negotiates the job and the neighbor writes a check to GAR. The same would be true for services like babysitting or commissioned talents such as artwork or cooking. In addition, rowers can work together on projects and submit donations as a joint effort.

Yearbook Ad Sale

GAR publishes a yearbook at the end of every year. Each rower is required to sell or place at least \$50 in ads. All ad sales will count towards the fundraising requirement. As always, one yearbook will be distributed to every rower at **no cost** at the "end of the year" banquet sometime in May. Order forms with an April deadline for ads will be distributed before winter break.

Buy-Out Option

Families can choose not to participate in fundraising by paying the \$300 in full. Additional sibling rowers would pay \$150 (each) in full. This buy-out option also satisfies the yearbook ad sales requirement.

It is highly recommended that rowers strive to complete the majority of their fundraising as soon as possible. Sprint Season (spring) tends to be very busy. Time constraints often limit the rower's ability to do anything but maintain their competition schedule and individual school responsibilities. ***The fundraising commitment is to be met by all high-school rowers by the Yearbook Ad deadline in April.***