

JOOI SPONSORSHIP FOR ADULT OPTIMIST CLUBS

Types of JOOI Clubs:

- **Alpha Clubs:** Younger Students (ages 6-9, grades 1-4)
- **Junior Optimist Clubs:** Middle: School and Junior High (ages 10-13, grades 5-8)
- **Octagon Clubs:** High School (ages 14-19, grades 9-12)

Helps your club by:

- Lots of eager hands to help with your larger service projects and fundraisers
- A special distribution network for your Oratorical, Essay, and Communications Contest
- JOOI parents are potential adult club members
- CPA: submit joint projects with JOOI clubs
- Banner Patch: JOOI Club Sponsor Patch

Helps community by:

- An additional volunteers dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community
- A forum to address youth-related issues
- A source of future community leaders

Helps youth by:

- Fulfillment of high school graduation requirement for community service
- Impressive credentials for college applications
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills
- Provides alternatives to gangs and drugs
- Individual and Club recognition through international rewards
- Possibility of scholarships

Get started by:

- Order Free JOOI Club Building Kit from Optimist International
- Formulate a plan – find “connections,” appoint committee chair to be liaison between JOOI and club
- Approach school “connections” (if any) then principal
- Gather names, invite prospects, have 1st meeting, gather more names
- Have organizational meeting, make it official (send in forms)
- When get charter, have Charter Ceremony, install officers
- Get: JOOI Charter Document, JOOI Membership cards, Optimist Club banner patch

Initial Cost:

- Enrollment fee = one time \$50 ,
- Prorated registration fee = \$60 for year or \$5 x number of months left in Optimist year
- Prorated membership fees (minimum of 8) = \$10 / member to 50 members for year with \$2.50 off for each quarter already completed in Optimist year (Alpha = \$8 / member and \$2 off for each quarter already completed)

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Ongoing Costs:

- Registration fee = \$60 per year
- Prorated membership fees = \$10 / member to 50 members for year with \$2.50 off for each quarter completed in Optimist year for members added after the year begins (Alpha = \$8 / member and \$2 off for each quarter already completed)

Suggested Approach to Costs

- Enrollment / Start-up = Adult Optimist club pays at least Enrollment and Registration, Adult club or JOOI may pay membership
- Yearly =
 - Registration Fee = Adult Optimist club pays (\$60 / yr)
 - Membership Fee = JOOI club pays after fundraiser with help from adult Optimist club if needed (\$10 or \$8 / member to 50 members)
- If possible, provide scholarship money for outstanding JOOI club members

Ongoing Additional Items

- A JOOI Chair within your adult club who will go to some JOOI meetings and relay information back and forth
- Agreement on a joint project between the adult club and the JOOI club so the JOOI club can become an Honor Club
- A review to ensure that the JOOI club knows about required reports and those reports have been sent in on time
- Help with transportation to JOOI events

Help Contacts:

- JOOI National: www.JOOI.org
- Optimist National: www.optimist.org under Youth Clubs, Call: 800-500-8130 ext. 218 (startup questions)
- Contact GATEway JOOI Chair:
 - Alice Kuzniak: Phone 678-290-0578, 5224 Stone Village Circle, Kennesaw, GA 30152, alicekuzniak@comcast.net