



BERKELEY ATHLETIC FUND

Supporting Athletic and Academic Success at Berkeley High School Since 1985

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What is the Berkeley Athletic Fund, or **BAF**?

Exercise and sports are important for the physical and mental development and wellbeing of our children. For many kids, athletics is a key motivator for success in the classroom. For these reasons, athletics is a big part of life at Berkeley High. **Over 1200 kids participate on 53 teams** (freshman, JV and Varsity) in **29 girls and boys sports** governed by the BHS Athletic Department.

But ever-dwindling budgets mean that our athletics program must rely on private fundraising to survive. **BAF is a nonprofit organization** established in October 1985 by concerned parents to lessen the impact of Proposition 13 (which resulted in a dramatic decrease in property tax income, and a corresponding decrease in funding among schools and especially athletic programs).

BAF distributes **grants to teams** for uniforms, helmets, and other sports equipment. We support **student health and safety initiatives**, including maintaining life-saving AEDs (automated external defibrillators) on and off campus. We provide funds to support the **academic tutoring program** for our at-risk student-athletes. We also give money to the athletic department to pay the **salaries of coaches** for over 10 teams, including all the freshman sports. Freshman sports offer increased opportunities for participation, and freshmen are integral in building future JV and Varsity teams, even in different sports. Without the fundraising efforts of the BAF, and specifically the annual Golf Tournament, many teams would not exist at BHS!

That's why we need your help, to support our kids as they thrive on the field *and* in the classroom!

- **Donate to BAF!** Your donation is tax deductible (Tax ID 94-3006966).
- **Attend BAF monthly meetings** the 2nd Monday* of every month at 7 PM in the school library, D Building. (*the 3rd Monday in October and November).
- **Represent your child's team at BAF monthly meetings;** the Team Parent Rep stays informed about school-wide athletics issues and BAF's activities which affect the team, monitors the BAF-managed Restricted Team Fund, and can represent the team when discussing issues specific to the sport.
- **Volunteer in the Athletic Director's office** to assist with administrative tasks.
- **Volunteer for Community and Fundraising Events** such as the Golf Tournament, BHS Sports Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony, Coaches' Mixer, Solano Stroll, Back to School Night, and more...
- **Volunteer a specific skill or talent to BAF**, such as graphic design, grant-writing, etc.

Please visit our website www.berkeleyathleticfund.net for more information and to **donate online**.



Yes! I want to contribute to the Berkeley Athletic Fund (BAF) and support our athletic teams!

I have enclosed my tax-deductible gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$250 \$500 Other _____

Name(s) _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Ph _____

BHS Class of _____ Sport(s) _____ BHS Class of _____ Sport(s) _____

Child #1: BHS Class of _____ Sport(s) _____ Child #2: BHS Class of _____ Sport(s) _____

Child #3: BHS Class of _____ Sport(s) _____ Child #4: BHS Class of _____ Sport(s) _____

Please make check out to "BAF" and mail to: **Berkeley Athletic Fund, P.O. Box 11525, Berkeley, CA 94712**