

THE GONZAGA FATHER'S CLUB

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Mark your Calendars:

Next Father's Club Meeting: Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Jesuit Dining Room

Freshman Retreat: Feb. 13 – 15

Father-Son Service Project: Feb. 28

Upcoming Events:

See the GFC web site for (<http://www.gonzagafathers.com/>) information about other upcoming events.

FRESHMAN RETREAT

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:

The GFC supports the Freshman Retreat Weekend (Feb 13-15) by providing logistics for the various retreat activities throughout the weekend. This requires a lot of manpower and volunteers are sorely needed. Although there are a variety of needs (see below), the most urgent one is driving groups of students to host families' homes on Saturday, Feb. 14. If you can volunteer for any of these duties, please contact Tim Jorgensen by email as soon as possible: tjorge01@georgetown.edu.

Drivers (75 drivers needed)

Driving starts at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Saturday (Feb 14) at Gonzaga. You will be expected to take a group of boys to a group leader's home, where they will participate in retreat activities and have dinner. Later in the evening, you will return and transport them back to Gonzaga, where they will spend the night. We will try to assign drivers to group leader homes that are near their own homes, to minimize driving times.

Night Chaperones (12 chaperones needed)

The boys will be staying overnight at Gonzaga (Sat. night). We need some dads to chaperone this overnight. There are 2 shifts (2-5 a.m. and 5-8 a.m., Sunday morning) with 6 people for each shift. Primary responsibility is just to walk the halls and make sure everything is OK. There will be a chaperone lounge set up in one of the classrooms, with refreshments graciously provided by the GMC.

Soda Delivery (1 or 2 volunteers needed)

We need someone with a small truck or van to go to Costco, Sam's Club, etc. and buy 15 cases of soda and deliver them to Gonzaga on either Thursday, Feb 13 or Friday, Feb 14 (before 3:00pm). They will be used for the parent reception on Friday night of the retreat. The soda will be stored

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in the GMC storage closet in the Carmody Center until needed. Soda cost will be reimbursed by the GFC. [This is ideal job for a father-son team. Sr. Seton will certainly be willing to award a few service hours to the son for helping dad with this job!]

Lunch Chaperones (1 or 2 volunteers needed)

There is a need for one or two lunch chaperones, to be in attendance in the cafeteria during Saturday's lunch to make sure that no "food fights" or other disruptions occur, and to generally just keep the flow moving so that students will be on time for their afternoon activities. Free lunch included in this one!

FATHER-SON SERVICE PROJECT

On February 28, 2009, the Gonzaga Father Club will sponsor the sixth annual Fathers and Sons for Others Service project. Our objective this year, as in the past, is to assist a local service community provider with facility maintenance and improvements that it would be otherwise unable to perform. In the past we have assisted such organizations as the St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Southeast Washington. This year we planned to assist an organization that has long been associated with Gonzaga, the Perry School Community Services Center. You can find out more information about the Center at <http://www.perryschool.org/about.html>. We will be sending out e-mail in the next week or so seeking volunteers for this project. All are welcome. Little to no skills are required. However, if you do have some simple honey-do or carpentry skills, your assistance is especially welcome as you can help lead the others. If you have any question, please contact John McCarthy at jmccarthy@crowell.com or David Armstrong at armotts@aol.com.

Recent Events:

GFC Brats & Beer Meeting: We had a great turn out for the second annual Brats & Beer meeting on Jan. 7. In addition to Fr. Novotny's report, we heard updates from Coaches Turner (Basketball), Jackson (Hockey), and Bradley (Baseball).

DC Classic Thanks to John McLaughlin and all of the fathers who gave their time to help make the 20th Annual DC Classic another great success. Not only did we meet and surpass our financial goals but Gonzaga won the Tournament Championship for the third consecutive year, a record. The record was achieved against our longest and best rival, St. John's. More importantly, however, we demonstrated what it means to work together as a team for a cause worth our best efforts: the Gonzaga Service Projects, which united us and inspired us. We have demonstrated what it means to be Gonzaga and DC Classic Volunteers committed to service.