



ROCK-A-THON

We are a poor group of band folks whose only means of support is fee paying, fund raising, and renting freshmen out to hot air balloon pilots as ballast. GMSD does not give us money for music, travel, repair, equipment, and other necessary stuff. They keep the building open and pay my salary (such as it is). Before I describe how we run the Rock-a-thon, let me point out that the average person who participated last year raised over \$100. The problem was that only 150 folks participated. This year we need to do much better. You need a chair that rocks (or at least sways) and a sense of adventure. With that in mind, read on.....

WHAT IS A ROCK-A-THON?

A Rock-a-thon is a rocking chair marathon. The students take pledges, find a rocking chair, come to the school and then we rock for 12 hours. Most of the money is donated not per hour but as an amount for the whole event. All of the students bring the donated money with them to the rock-a-thon to avoid collecting it. A form to record donations is provided.

WHEN IS THE ROCK-A-THON?

The rock-a-thon begins on Friday, August 14 at 8:00 p.m. Set up starts that same evening at 7:00 p.m. You have an hour to get settled in so DO NOT show up too early. We will be finished at 7:00 a.m. the next morning. We ask that you be gone by 7:02 a.m.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

You rock for 55 minutes each hour and then have 5 minutes off. Food and drink are provided. We watch movies on the band room wall and many kids bring televisions and video game hookups. Some play board games and cards. Karaoke (yes, singing). We do occasionally have live entertainment. It is extremely well chaperoned. Doors are locked and intruders are beheaded. Besides donations, admission is granted to those who bring a 6 pack of drinks. We can use the extras later.

WHAT IF I CAN'T COME, GET SICK, LEAVE THE COUNTRY, ETC...?

You can still solicit pledges, collect money and turn the money in through someone else that night. We will pretend like they are rocking for you. This is, after all, merely an excuse to hit up every person on the planet you know who would donate money to help pay for band expenses. Friends, relatives, businesses, church members, pets and vegetarians.... ask everyone. Sound desperate - we are.



2015 Rock-a-thon Donations

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