

Bella Vista Cross Country Booster Club
August 2016

Dear BV Cross Country Parents:

The Bella Vista Cross Country Team has consistently grown in the last few years, with a steady increase in both the quantity and quality of athletes competing. This is a testament to our great coaching and quality of athletes that draws runners to our program. We estimate having around 100 athletes running Cross Country. Three years ago we had almost 70 athletes and needed to add two part-time assistant coaches to the staff, one for the boys team (Tom Laythe) and one for the girls team (Mike Gottardi). This year we've also added Chris Goode to our coaching staff. Unfortunately, the San Juan Unified School District only provides funding for Two (2) coaches for the entire program. Two (2) coaches are not enough for 100+ athletes of varying abilities and ages. Thus, we need your help.

While the Cross Country program has no required fees, the San Juan Unified School District will allow the Cross Country program to hire more coaches if funds to cover their salaries are raised and donated by the corresponding booster club. The Bella Vista Cross Country Invitational is the primary fund raiser for the Cross Country Program. However, very little of the funds raised go to the BV Cross Country Booster Club (only the Invitational T-shirt and snack bar revenue). Most of these funds from the Invitational go into the Student Body Club account to support the operation of the team during the season including registration fees, travel related expenses, equipment costs, etc. Therefore, those funds that come from the Bronco Invitational alone are not enough to hire more coaching staff. In addition, the Cross Country Booster Club assisted the Cross Country program by supplementing our summer Cross Country Camp. With your **minimum** donation of \$50.00, the Booster Club will be able to adequately increase the coaching staff, plus afford the ongoing expenses of entry fees and equipment replacement. Your donation to the Booster Club is **tax deductible**, as the Booster Club is a registered non-profit organization. ***Since most sports at BV ask for \$200 to \$350 per athlete, we feel \$50 is a bargain for your athlete!***

We hope to see you at the 2016 Cross Country mandatory parent meeting where donations can be made by cash or a check payable to Bella Vista Cross Country Booster Club (BV Cross Country Booster Club). If you are unable to attend the parent meeting, your son or daughter can also give your donation to his/her coach at practice or (**preferred**) mail it to our treasurer: Mary Shade at 9142 Junewood Lane, FO, CA 95628. We hope that **every** family at Bella Vista will support the growing BV Cross Country program.

Thank you for your consideration. It is going to be an exciting season. See you at the meets!

Name _____
(Student Athlete)

DONATION:

_____ \$50.00 T-Shirt Size (please circle) YM YL AS AM AL AXL

_____ Other \$ _____

Make checks payable to "BVXCBC" (BV Cross Country Booster Club)