

## North Carolina West District “All Star Recognition”

Optimist Club Presidents,

Youth sports are the fastest growing segment of athletics in the country today. Based on a survey conducted by Optimist International in 2009 around 68% of all Optimist Clubs are conducting some type of organized youth sports programs. Here in the NC West District that number is closer to 85%.

In light of this, although participants are being recognized on a club or league level we feel that as a district we need to do more to recognize them on the district level.

Armed with that knowledge and through the leadership of our Immediate Past Governor, Odell Witherspoon, it was decided that we needed to honor these youth and their sponsor club in some way. After much thought careful consideration the decision was made to create the “**North Carolina West Optimist All Stars**”.

The response was great. On Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the third quarter conference in Greensboro, NC, we inducted the first 24 honorees as charter members into the “**North Carolina West Optimist All Stars**”.

In order to do this again, we need your help. **On Saturday, May 7, 2011 at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Meeting to be held at the Gateway Hotel, Hickory, NC**, we will host an “All Star Recognition” luncheon. This is open to any participant, regardless of age in any Optimist sanctioned sports program. Participant refers to any player or cheerleader. Each recipient will receive a special 12” All Star Trophy, All Star Certificate and will be recognized during the luncheon. **We are asking that each club try to sponsor at least one or two All Stars. However you may sponsor up to (5) if you wish.**

Cost for this will be **\$25.00 per “All Star” to cover the cost of the meal and help offset expenses for the trophy and certificate.** All Stars attending will need to be accompanied by an Optimist member from the sponsor club (this is (1) member total, not (1) member per child). However, we welcome any members or parents who would like to come. Cost will be \$20.00 for lunch. The District Governor has waived the District Meeting Registration fee for parents and sponsors attending this “All Star” luncheon. The attached “All Star” registration forms will need to be completed and returned no later than **April 25, 2011**. The “All Star” registration forms can also be found on the District Website at [www.ncwestoptimist.org](http://www.ncwestoptimist.org) .

If you have any questions please contact Ron Lackey at (828) 754-2805 or email [rtl@charter.net](mailto:rtl@charter.net). Please help us make this a success and we look forward to seeing you in May.

Optimistically,  
Ron Lackey, All Star Recognition Chair

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"All Star Recognition"

Please Print:

All Star: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Club: \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Sport or Sports: \_\_\_\_\_

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Short Bio: (150 words or less)

Please complete and mail no later than 4/25/2011 to: (DO NOT send checks)

RON LACKEY  
ALL STAR RECOGNITION  
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LENOIR, NC 28645

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**Please Print:**

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club # \_\_\_\_\_

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of "All Stars" attending . . . . . @ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Non Optimist attending . . . . . @ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Optimists not attending  
District Meeting, but sponsoring  
An "All Star" Youth –  
Cost of Luncheon @ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**All Stars Names:**

**Optimist Names:**

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**Please complete and mail with check made payable to *NC West District Optimist* no later than 4/25/2011 to:**

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