

GHS Clubs

2022-2023

Academic Team - Mrs. Erickson

Purpose: Academic Team gives students an opportunity to compete against other high schools in the areas of math, science, social studies, English, and current events.

Activities: Academic Team is offered virtually this year, the league commissioner has yet to make a decision on which program we're using, which day we are competing on, what day the season starts, or when we will have the final tournament.

Qualifications to be in the club: Good academic standing.

Dues: \$15

Beta Club - Mrs. May

Purpose: Beta is a national academic achievement club and as such must then abide by national and local bylaws. The motto of Beta is "To Lead by Serving Others," and the club participates in a number of activities throughout the year. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to check academic records to insure students qualify and maintain the required GPA, to log into the National website and record and log all students, student service hours and student activities, to maintain records for students to qualify for scholarships, to raise funds for local scholarships, and to order and insure all graduating seniors have diploma seals and cords.

Activities: Toys for Toys, KidsFest, Easter Baskets for Foster Children, Clothes Closet, Food Drive, Scholarships, tutoring, and other independent projects

Qualifications to be in the club: 3.3 GPA

Dues: \$15 National Club dues once only; \$5 dues each year

Chess Club - Mr. R. Thurman

Purpose: To understand and teach Chess to the students at Gilmer High School. We compete yearly for the Georgia High School Team Championship.

Activities: After school on Wednesdays and Fridays students come and learn different strategies and ways of playing Chess.

Qualifications to be in the club: Show up to at least one practice a week.

Dues: None at the moment.

Drama/One Act (International Thespian Society) - Mr. Fuller

Purpose: For honors level students in the Dramatic Arts program

Activities: Eligible for all Thespian Awards and Thescon

Qualifications to be in the club: The minimum eligibility requirement for Thespian induction is one hundred hours of quality work in theatre arts and related disciplines.

Dues: \$23 initial signup.

Environmental Club - Mr. deVente & Mrs. Beth Smith

Purpose: To increase awareness of our environment and to put good environmental practices into action on campus and in our community.

Activities: Bi-weekly recycling, work projects that improve the environment both on campus and in the community, and field trips to places that highlight environmental education and experiences.

Qualifications to be in the club: Participate in bi-weekly recycling of paper and plastic, and for at least one other project to help the environment in our community.

Fundraisers: Apple Festival Parking; Annual Earth Day Campus Clean-up along with Keep Gilmer Beautiful; Service Project Trips to: Harrison Park, Carters Lake, Gilmer Animal Shelter; Trails maintenance; Tours of Recycling facilities in Gilmer and Atlanta, Zoo, Aquarium; Envirothon Team competition held in spring annually; Hiking on scenic trails in Gilmer and nearby counties

Envirothon - Mr. deVente & Mrs. May

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for students to gain a better understanding of the animals, plants and environment of Georgia and to apply this knowledge in a state competition.

Activities: Team practices developing knowledge in four key areas of Georgia's environment. Travel with the team to a state competition .

Qualifications to be in the club: Participants should have a basic understanding of aspects of our environment and a strong interest in learning more about such topics and in demonstrating that knowledge in representing our school in a state competition on April 21-22 at Tugaloo State Park in Lavonia, GA.

Dues: No dues. Help pay for lodging expenses for state competition.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) - Dr. Clark

Purpose: The mission of FBLA is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs

Activities: Class and planned meetings with Professional Development Activities, Fall Rally, Fall, Regional, and State Leadership Conferences.

Qualifications to be in the club: Taking or having taken Business courses.

Dues: Membership fees of \$20. Additional fees for conferences.

FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) - Mrs. Powell

Purpose: Our Mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

Activities: Planned meetings, Fall Leadership Rally, Fall, State and National Leadership Conferences as well as community service and competition opportunities.

Qualifications to be in the club: Taking or having taken a course in the Family and Consumer career cluster: Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts, Food and Nutrition, and Teaching as a Profession.

Dues: \$20. Additional fees for conferences.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - Mrs. Phipps and Coach Underwood

Purpose: To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

Activities: See you at the pole, fields of faith, putting up crosses for Veterans day, weekly meetings.

Qualifications to be in the club: Anyone may join the club.

Dues: No dues.

History Honor Society - Mr. Withrow

Purpose: Increase appreciation for history beyond the confines of the classroom.

Activities: Eating, Field Trips, Guest Speakers, Movies, Presentations, Community Service.

Qualifications: "B" average or better, either enrolled in or have taken US History.

Dues: \$10.00 per year for qualifying underclassmen who receive a certificate. \$20.00 for seniors for certificate and honors cord. Names are added to the national Rho Kappa roll.

Interact - Mrs. Ferguson

Purpose: To complete service projects on and off campus to improve our community.

Activities: Kids Fest, Nursing Home volunteering, activities in conjunction with Rotary Club

Qualifications to be in the club: Must actually come to meetings and events

Dues: \$5

LEO (Leadership, Experience, Opportunity) - To Be Determined

Purpose: Community service is a cornerstone of the program with the hope of fostering a lifetime commitment to helping others.

Activities:

- 1) Gilmer County Fair (work alongside Lions Club members)
- 2) Apple Queen Pageant (cosponsor)
- 3) Apple Festival (Major money maker)
- 4) Winter Ball (Gilmer Nursing Home)
- 5) Daddy/Daughter Dance (Community outreach project)
- 6) Additional activities as voted on by the members to serve others (Toys for Tots, Lions Club White Christmas, etc.)

Qualifications to be in the club: A willingness to serve others by working in the community. Members typically work through their churches and volunteer with various nonprofits in the community.

Dues: \$5.00 plus 5 cans of food (the food will be donated to the local food pantry as their first act of service to others)

Mountain Biking Club - Ms. Thrasher

Purpose: For students to enjoy fitness, fellowship, and stewardship through riding on trails.

Activities: Meet at local trails for social, "no drop" rides. See Ms. Thrasher for details.

Qualifications to be in the club: interest in riding, and have own transportation to ride locations.

Dues: No dues. Race fees and NICA membership dues apply if you decide to participate in official races.

Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) - Mrs. Garcia

Purpose: We are dedicated to inspiring a keen interest in mathematics, developing strong scholarship in the subject, and promoting the enjoyment of mathematics in high school and two-year college students. As of June 2016, more than 113,500 students are Mu Alpha Theta members at more than 2,300 schools in the United States and in 20 foreign countries. Mu Alpha Theta:

- Provides a method for schools to recognize and encourage students who enjoy and excel in mathematics.
- Organizes a national convention for students and teachers to participate in math-related events and interact with others from across the country.
- Rewards outstanding extracurricular achievement by offering special awards, scholarships, and grants to students and their faculty advisors.
- Provides mathematics competitions to participating members at their own school through the Log 1 Contest, Rocket City Math League and the Mathematical Minutes Video Contest.

Activities: We do math activities throughout the year to encourage students to use their math knowledge. We are in charge of National Pi Day on March 14 and we "pi" teachers in the face to raise money for our competitions and senior gifts.

Qualifications to be in the club: To be an associate member, you must have an A or B in all math classes and have completed Algebra 1. To be a full member, you must have an A or B in all math classes and have completed both Algebra 1 and Geometry.

Dues: \$10 paid yearly. The first \$10 covers national dues, then the subsequent years' dues go to the local club. Dues include honor cords upon completion of service hour requirements your senior year.

National FFA Organization - Mr. Bushey, Mr. Cantrell, and Ms. Cantrell

Purpose: To promote premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Activities: Career Development Events (Contests), Livestock Shows, Community Service, Scholarships

Qualifications: Enrolled in Agricultural Education Class

Dues: \$11 to become a FFA member

Science National Honor Society - Mrs. May

Purpose: SNHS is a prominent scientific organization that will engender a new group of young thinkers who will be the future of industry, research, and scientific exploration for America.

Activities: Members will be encouraged to participate in:

* research and creation of science research projects to compete in Regional Science Fair, scholarship competitions, or other competitions such as Agriscience Fair, TSA, Robotics, etc.

* Science-related field trips to explore career and industry innovations

* STEM Fair for elementary students held in the Spring

Qualifications to be in the club: Students should have a science teacher's nomination based on interest in science and academic strength.

Dues: \$10 annually

SGA (Student Government Association) - Mrs. DeBoard

Purpose: leaders of Gilmer High School

Activities: 9th graders will be in charge of service opportunities, 10th graders will be in charge of Homecoming, 11th graders will be in charge of Prom, and 12th graders will be in charge of graduation.

Qualifications to be in the club: must be voted by your class and complete an application

Dues: Buy your class T-shirt

Skills USA - Mr. Martinez, Mr. Martin, Mr. Rickman, and Mr. Lofland

Purpose: SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel.

Mission Statement: SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

SkillsUSA improves the quality of America's skilled workforce through a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability, technical and professional skills training. SkillsUSA enhances the lives and careers of students, instructors and industry representatives as they strive to be champions at work.

Activities: Events

- National Leadership and Skills Conference
- SkillsUSA TECHSPO Trade Show
- National Week of Service
- State & Local Events
- SkillsUSA Week

Qualifications to be in the club: Take, have taken or going to be taking a CTAE class.

Dues: \$25

Spanish Honors Society - Mr. Cordova

Purpose: To promote the Spanish language and culture.

Activities: Research and creation of cultural materials

Qualifications to be in the club: Students who have at least 2 face to face Spanish classes and maintained an A.

Dues: \$18

Student Ambassadors - Mr. R. Thurman

Purpose: Community Volunteerism and the specific goal of informing all GHS students about registering to vote.

Activities: This is a statewide contest sponsored by the Georgia Secretary of State. We have numerous ways of obtaining points but awareness of the local events, state events, national events and international events is paramount.

Qualifications to be in the club: LEADERSHIP! We want the absolute best student leaders.

Dues: None

Student Government Association - Mrs. DeBoard

Our main responsibilities in SGA are to help facilitate student/faculty relations, to ensure that student concerns and needs are resolved, and to oversee activities such as homecoming and prom. Being a part of an organization such as this one teaches students how to become leaders, and how to lead their peers in a manner that is respected among everyone. Students interested in joining this club should contact the sponsor.

Tome Society - Mrs. Butler and Dr. Sexton

Competitive Book Club

This is a statewide club in which students read and discuss books. There is a reading bowl option for students to take tests on the books and compete with other chapters to see which chapter can score the best. There is also a possible state conference for those who score high enough. This club is lots of fun for those who are serious readers.