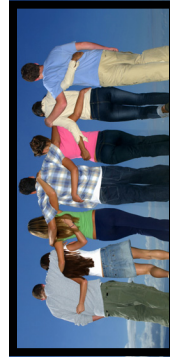


## 10 Reasons for Being an Optimist Member

1. To see young people improving themselves.
2. To have experiences that I will never forget.
3. To volunteer in a 'hands-on' organization.
4. To help change the world one kid at a time.
5. To be part of a dynamic civic organization.
6. To improve the community.
7. To give something of myself to those around me.
8. To meet new friends in the community.
9. To laugh and make others laugh.
10. To make a difference in a kid's life.

We are seeking community minded individuals that are interested in impacting the lives of the youth in the Bixby area.



Need more information? Have questions?  
Want to get started helping kids in Bixby?

Consult the Optimist Member that gave you this brochure  
or contact the following:  
Don Crall 906-9540  
Dr. Tom Outhier 706-0753

[www.bixbyoptimist.org](http://www.bixbyoptimist.org)

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Optimist Clubs are comprised of people who want to reach out and help youth and their community.

*People like you and me.*

Business people. Parents. Educators.  
Civic minded citizens.

We are people that have joined together to serve others and promote Optimism as a way of life. Our positive approach, upbeat outlook and commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids is what differentiates an Optimist Club from other volunteer opportunities.



## What do we do?

*We help Kids!*

The Bixby Optimist Club was founded in 1975 by a group of Bixbians motivated by the desire to contribute to the community from which they and their families draw daily benefits. Optimist Clubs are serious about "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" and do their part through community service programs.

The Bixby Optimist Club is involved in many activities throughout the year both for the community and local schools. In order to fund all of these important and special projects, the Bixby Optimist Club hosts the annual **GREEN CORN FESTIVAL** as their primary fund raising event.

Here is a partial list of some of the exciting projects that the Club hosts throughout the year:

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Up to \$10,000 in annual scholarships are awarded annually to Seniors from Bixby High School.

**MISS BIXBY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT:** A local tradition since 1975, this pageant is open to sophomore, junior and senior girls living in the Bixby school district.

**FISHING DERBY:** Club members join with local youth ages 2-15 to enjoy a day of fishing at Lake Bixhoma.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION LUNCH:** The Optimist Club honors the top 50 high school seniors that demonstrate leadership in Bixby Public Schools.

**FOSTER CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY:** This special event helps area foster children and their foster parents with a dinner and gifts for the children.

**ESSAY AND ORATORICAL CONTESTS:** Annual competitions present Bixby youth with the opportunity to write and gain public speaking experience about a variety of topics.

**BIXBY YOUTH AND SCHOOL PROGRAM SUPPORT:** Each year, the Bixby Optimist Club has helped send local students to contests, special trips and other activities through financial support and aid as well as supported programs for disadvantaged youth.

**CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY:** Members of the Club assist with civic and community efforts to support parks, safety and beautification.

# Membership Application

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

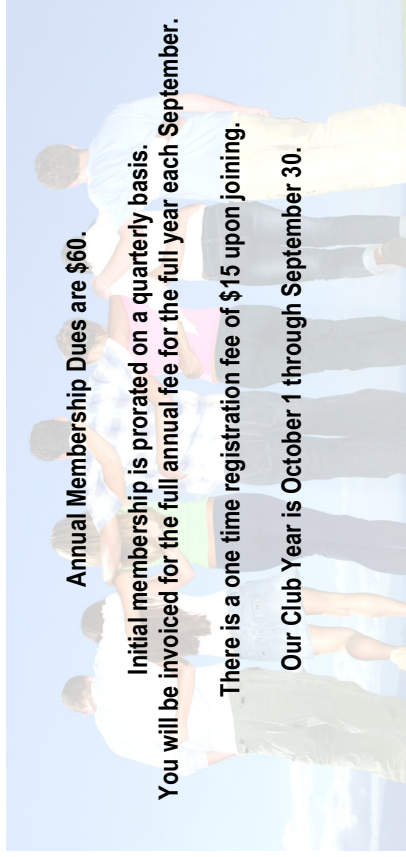
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you join between January 1 and March 31: Pay \$45 + \$15 one time registration fee

If you join between April 1 and June 30: Pay \$30 + \$15 one time registration fee

If you join between July 1 and September 30: Pay \$15 + \$15 one time registration fee

If you join between October 1 and December 31: Pay \$60 + \$15 one time registration fee



Please Mail this application and your payment by check to:  
Bixby Optimist Club P. O. Box 335 Bixby Oklahoma 74008

You may also return it to the Optimist Member that is sponsoring you or contact one of the following members  
Dr. Tom Outhier 706-0753 Don Crall 906-9540

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Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approved by Board \_\_\_\_\_