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.

10 Reasons for Being an Optimist Member

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:
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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.