



## **Keller ISD JROTC Program**

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Hi, I want to introduce myself as the president of Keller ISD JROTC Booster Club. Keller's JROTC program is housed at Central High School but all four Keller ISD high schools (Central High School, Fossil Ridge High School, Keller High School, and recently Timber Creek High School) feed into the program there.

The Keller ISD JROTC program is not an enlistment program or getting them to join the military. What this program does though is teach the cadets how to succeed in high school and life beyond high school. It challenges students to make goals in life, to make a plan to attain those goals, and to provide direction as required so students achieve those goals. The program teaches teamwork, I chaperoned a group of cadets to a ropes course which was basically an obstacle course where everyone had to help each other in order for the whole team to succeed. I was amazed how encouraging to others they were, working together, and watching them doing these exercises.

This program provides opportunities for high school students to instill the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. Even if they do not join in the military after high school, the leadership skills, and traits of pride, commitment, loyalty, responsibility, civic responsibilities, patriotism, self-discipline, and teamwork learned in the JROTC program are qualities that will make them better citizens and more productive members of the civilian work force, college, or other institute of higher learning, and our community.

The cadets do so much for the community when assistance is needed. There are currently over 150 cadets in the JROTC program. Unfortunately the program is funded through fundraisers (with a limit they can do) and company sponsorships. The cadets need things for the program in which fundraising and company sponsorship provides that. Even major events such as their military ball, dining out, and refreshments for their events and competitions require fundraising to make these important events possible. Year before last year they were able to get an awning to use when they have drill meets to get out of the sun, last year they were able to afford getting equipment for color guard drill meets, but they also have many other needs such as special uniforms for contests and all that has to be raised by them and the boosters. We are asking for your help in making this an even more successful program by sponsoring our cadets.

If you would like to sponsor our cadets please let me know as we can also put your name on our website to promote you as a sponsor. Every sponsor is also tax deductible and as

little as \$5 or \$50 donations or even helping out with their events that require meals will help the cadet program. I can be reached by phone but mainly by email. My number is 817-304-1723 and my email address is [sherri@websiteauthor.com](mailto:sherri@websiteauthor.com). If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself, Major Gunter, MSgt Mickles, or MSgt Mayo at Central High School. Thank you for your time and hopefully your sponsorship for our program.

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