

Dear MDC Boosters Parents:

As you are aware, MDC has been selected to host the USA Diving East National Junior Championships April 13-15, 2012. Almost 250 divers, their coaches, and families will converge on the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center to participate in the meet. So that we can provide a warm welcome to these participants---and continue MDC's reputation for being excellent hosts of large dive meets---we are asking family members of MDC divers to help in soliciting in-kind donations for the meet. These donations will be used for the Coaches'/Judges' hospitality room, the divers' registration bag (usually called "goody" bag), and to otherwise make KSAC more welcoming to our guests.

**What items can we use?**

- Food donations, particularly breakfast and lunch items, for the hospitality room;
- Drink donations, particularly items such as soda, coffee, or juice. We have already received a commitment from Drink More Water to provide water for the event;
- Promotional materials for inclusion in divers' registration bags---water bottles, T-shirts, balloons, pens, paper pads, etc. The athletes seem to appreciate anything that ends up in those bags;
- Coupons for use at a local restaurant/ business so that out-of-town athletes have the opportunity to receive some food discounts;
- Hospitality supplies, particularly plates, napkins, rental fans (for the stands), rented or borrowed plants.
- Vendors who might sell items at the meet and provide a portion of the proceeds to MDC.

**Who can you ask to make a donation?**

Almost any business can be asked. MDC Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible to the donor to the extent allowable by law. We will be asking for donations from businesses that are close to KSAC, but there may be businesses in your own neighborhood that you frequent that will be willing to donate to the meet. These businesses might include:

- Your favorite bagel shop. If several of us asked our local bagel shop to provide a dozen or two bagels, we will be well on our way to feeding coaches breakfast each morning;
- Your favorite bakery---sweets are almost always appreciated by judges and coaches (in moderation, of course);
- A local caterer or grocery store for trays of sliced fruits or vouchers/gift cards that we can use to purchase sliced fruits;
- A local garden center that might provide the use of plants or flowers to decorate the venue;
- A local restaurant that can provide lunch items, or discounts to meet participants. For the last Regional meet, many divers used the coupon for a free shake from the Silver Diner that was found in the registration bag ---it could be a win-win for restaurants that provide a discount!

I have attached a copy of a letter that can be provided to any business that you ask for a donation. In person requests, particularly if you have a relationship with a business owner, usually work best.

If you are able to procure a donation, please let Jeff Stabile know what you've arranged via [mdcstabile@gmail.com](mailto:mdcstabile@gmail.com).

Thanks for your help!

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