



Fireworks News Flash

#5 - May '26

Fireworks Families, Friends and Volunteers:

You are receiving this Newsflash because you are one of our great supporters or hopefully a future supporter of our delegation. First of all, WE THANK YOU, for everything you have done for our athletes to provide them with meaningful experiences. We are also thanking you for what we hope you will do to support us in the future. More volunteers and dollars are our biggest concern. What we need is your time and your expertise.

VOLUNTEERS

Coaches - we always manage to squeak by, but we need more coaches, assistant coaches and people to help the coaches (no training necessary to be a helper-except a desire to help the athletes). In 2025, we had 13-15 athletes on every softball team because we did not have enough coaches. In 2026, many of our basketball teams had more than 10 athletes because of lack of coaches. That's too many and we don't want to burn out our volunteers and shortchange our athletes.

FUNDRAISING

Here's our current situation with fundraising

Year	\$ Raised	\$ Spent
2018	\$46,000	\$45,000
2019	\$48,000	\$61,000
2020	\$45,000	\$20,000
2021	\$20,000	\$17,000
2022	\$13,000	\$54,000
2023	\$12,000	\$33,000
2024	\$18,000	\$26,000
2025	\$18,000	\$31,000

Please come join us! May 18 at the Unify Center

6:30 pm. Meet & Greet for our 4 Fireworks athletes that will be attending USA Games in June. Please come and show your support.

7:00 pm. Delegation-wide Meeting to discuss volunteerism, fund-raising and the future of the Fireworks Delegation.

OUR FUTURE

As you can see, with few volunteers to organize us, our fundraising efforts have drastically decreased. We have been doing our very best but our current volunteers are stretched too thin. Our goal is to have two large fundraisers a year with a goal of \$40,000. We are not talking about bake sales and selling fruit. Our Golf Tournament is our biggest fundraiser and we are hoping Pigskin Madness (NFL Football) becomes our other big one. We are also looking at ways to get business to support us in various ways. It's our opinion that most businesses support the State Office and they don't realize that we have delegations within Sioux Falls that need their direct support. Do you have any experience with Fundraising? Do you own a business or know of a business that would support us? Would athlete's families want to give an annual donation to the Fireworks?

COME AND TALK TO US:

What we're asking is that you take some time to think about how you can support the Fireworks. Please, we encourage you to attend Monday, May 18 at 6:30 pm at Unify Center. We will be hosting a Meet & Greet for our four Fireworks athletes that will be competing at USA Games this summer. Then have a short meeting to discuss the future of the Fireworks delegation at 7 pm.