

***Gryphons In Action
demonstrate a sense of
responsibility and good***



WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

GIA's can attend special field trips when they become "Active". Possible outings may include:

- Six/Flags/Discovery Kingdom
- Walnut Creek on Ice
- Lunch time Bowling

Celebration luncheons are offered to GIA's two times a year- a way of saying "thank you" to our very special Gale Ranch volunteers . GIA's are also rewarded during the school year with special treats and contests! Parents are encouraged to participate with their GIA as a chaperone on field trips or helping them line up volunteer work. Sign-up information will be announced in meetings and via Schoolloop.



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The GIA's would like to thank the generous donations made during registration that help offset GIA activities.

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***How wonderful it is that
nobody need wait a
single moment before
starting to improve the
world.***

Ann Frank

Gryphons In Action

Student Volunteers Making A Difference HOW DO I BECOME A GIA?

In the academic year you begin working on your Gryphons In Action (GIA) points.

- You must earn a total **30** hours during the school year.
- **20 hours must be earned before you become “Active”** and can participate in special luncheons, field trips, contests & treats.
- You must achieve “Active” status to be able to attend any of the activities which start in November.
- The remaining 10 hours must be earned by the last Friday in May to earn your end of the year award.

If you are a returning Gryphons In Action (GIA) you must earn 20 hours during the academic year. You must earn 10 hours to become “Active” and can then participate in activities. You must earn the remaining 10 hours by the last Friday in May to earn your award. You are encouraged to turn in points as soon as you begin the school year. Forms are placed the GIA box located in the front office. All summer work points must be turned in **by the end of first quarter**. All final points are turned in by the **last Friday in May**. Points **DO NOT** carry over to the next school year!

WHEN CAN I START EARNING POINTS?

You may begin earning points **after your final class ends the previous year**. You are strongly encouraged to earn as many points as possible during the summer – before school begins again and you get involved in studying and extra-curricular activities.

WHAT TYPES OF WORK CAN I DO?

As long as you are volunteering your time and talent, **and not receiving a merit badge, hours for other organizations, money or privileges for your time**, you can count the hours of work for Gryphons In Action (GIAs).

Please note that you can only volunteer for immediate family members, grandparent, sibling, aunt/uncle etc. for a total of 10 hours out of the 30!

Examples of volunteering:

Elementary Schools	Gardening & Yard Work
GR Cafeteria Helper	Park Clean Up
Religious School/camp	San Ramon Soccer
Peer Tutoring	City of San Ramon
Registration/PTSA Help	Senior Center
Teacher Helper	Church
Food Banks	Children’s Hospital
Office Helper	Retirement home
Assistant Coaching	Boy Scout/Girl Scout
Humane Societies	Dosomething.org
Nursing/Senior Home	Give a Day Get a Day (Disney) beginning 1-1-10

HOW DO I REPORT MY HOURS?

Each time you complete a job, you must fill out all the requested information on a Gryphons In Action (GIA) Activity form and get the job supervisor to sign & date the document. If information is missing you will not be credited for your hard earned points! Activity Forms are available at the GRMS Website under **Gryphons In Action (GIAs)**.

A quarter or semester GPA of less than 2.0 will remove you from “Active” status. GPA’s of less than a 2.0 must be brought up by the next quarter. This is especially important since the year end awards are based on the 3rd quarter grades. If you have below a 2.0 for the 3rd quarter you will not be eligible to receive your year end award.

All hours are kept on a spreadsheet and updated regularly. Points are posted at the attendance window. This is also where you will be able to check out the current jobs available to sign up for work.