

**CLEMENTS GERMAN CLUB AND
GERMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
2019-2020**

<u>Officers:</u>	<u>German Club:</u>	<u>German NHS:</u>
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Membership in the **German Club** (GC) is open to anyone who is taking or has taken a German course at Clements High School or who is interested in German language and culture. Membership in the **German National Honor Society** (GNHS), on the other hand, is by invitation only, based on one's grades in German (minimum unweighted GPA of 3.6 or average of 90 in all German courses) and one's overall average in all subjects (minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0). Students in German II or above are notified in January whether they qualify for induction into GNHS.

Dues are \$15 for German Club and \$10 for GNHS. Everyone in GNHS is expected to join the GC as well, i.e., GNHS members pay a total of \$25 to be in both organizations.

Members of GC and GNHS receive "**participation points**" for every activity in which they participate. Everyone should make sure to sign in at all meetings and events so that accurate records can be kept. Participation points are important for two reasons: 1) you can earn a letter jacket based on participation points (more information below), and 2) GNHS members must accumulate 25 participation points each year in order to remain in GNHS.

Of the 25 participation points that GNHS members need to earn each year, at least 5, but no more than 10, should be "**service hours**," i.e., for volunteer work in the school or the community (the same types of service that would count towards the YES program). You can submit hours on a YES form (but don't double-submit the same hours to YES or any other organization!) or you can use a [GNHS service hour form](#).

Fundraising: We will have one main fundraiser for GC, GNHS, and GAPP. We will sell **World's Finest Chocolate bars** from November 18 to December 6 (the week before and the week after Thanksgiving Break), as we have done the past few years. We'll ask each member to sell a certain quota of cases, depending on whether you're in one, two, or all three organizations. You will have the option to make a donation in lieu of selling some or all of your quota.

We will also have several **spirit nights** at local restaurants to raise money, starting with one at Poketo on October 23.

Finally, we participate in the **Randalls Good Neighbor Program** and the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. These are the easiest fundraisers ever invented, and we encourage members' parents, relatives, and friends to participate by linking their Randalls Remarkable Cards and Kroger Plus Cards to our German Club account. ([See separate handout.](#)) For each household that a member convinces to sign up for the Kroger program (documented by bringing in a printout or screen-shot showing a successful registration), the member may receive 1 participation point, up to a maximum of 5 points.

German Letter Jacket: Junior and senior members of GNHS can receive a letter jacket (or an additional letter if you already have a jacket) in German! ([See separate handout.](#)) Because you must participate in *many* German-related activities over the years in order to earn a letter, you should start participating in lots of events as a freshman and sophomore if you hope to earn one.

T-Shirts: We design a new German Club T-shirt every two years, and this is one of those years when we will create a new one. The officers are hard at work on a proposed design, so stay tuned for more information this fall. Meanwhile, we still have 10 shirts from the previous design ("Mein Lieblingsgummibärchen") that anyone can buy at the bargain price of \$5.

Social media: Please request to be added to the "**Clements German Club**" **Facebook page** and sign up for reminders from **Remind 101** by texting "@clementsge" to 81010.

Schedule of Events for 2019-2020 (subject to change)

Tuesday, August 27	Scavenger hunt with prizes and free pizza: 3:00-4:30 p.m., Downstairs Lecture Hall.
Tuesday, September 3	Open House with German booth at club fair : 6:00-7:30 p.m. (set up 5:00 p.m.), Commons.
Wednesday, September 4	Freshman club fair with German booth during I-Lunch, Girls' Gym.
Saturday, September 21	Bowling at Bowlero (formerly AMF) in Stafford, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (provide your own transportation and bring money for all activities you will want to do: bowling, arcade, food).

- October **Sign up for Houstonfest** (regional German contest). After discussing the contest in class, we'll have sign-ups before school (7:00-7:25) and during classes on one specified day. We need maximum participation and dedication from everyone!
- Thursday, October 10 **Clements Oktoberfest**, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Sugar Land Memorial Park: games, *Bratwurst*, *Kartoffelsalat*, root-beer chugging contest!
- Wednesday, October 23 **Spirit Night fundraiser at Poketo** in Town Center, 4:00-9:00 p.m.: we earn 30% of all sales when customers mention the Clements German Club when ordering.
- Saturday, November 9 **Deutscher Samstag** (German Immersion Day), Clements High School, ~8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, November 15 **Holiday Cookie Bake-Off** with the Travis High School German Club on the THS campus, 3:30 p.m.: park or be dropped off in the teacher lot (the one on the far side of the school from Highway 99 / Grand Parkway) and meet in temporary building T-101 (provide your own transportation).
- November 18 – December 6 **Fundraiser** for GC, GNHS, and GAPP: The World's Finest Chocolate bars.
- Thursday, December 5 German IV students teach **2nd-grade classes** about *Nikolaustag*: Colony Meadows Elementary School, probably 9:45-11:10 a.m.
- Saturday, December 7 **Nikolausfeier**, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Anjali's house: food, drinks, gift exchange, games, singing, holiday spirit!
- January Determination and announcement of **new inductees to GNHS** (but actual induction will follow at banquet in May).
- Friday, January 17 **German movie** with free pizza: 3:00-5:30 p.m., Upstairs Lecture Hall.
- Saturday, February 8 **Houstonfest** German contest: Heights High School, Houston, departure time from Clements 7:00 a.m., return time around 5:30 p.m.
- Fri.-Sat., February 28-29 **Texas State German Contest**: Texas State University, San Marcos (overnight Friday night at hotel), departure time from Clements on Friday probably 3:30 p.m., return time around 10:00 p.m. Saturday.
- late March to mid-April **Visit by our GAPP partners from Köln.**
- ? **German Career Fair**: details TBD, but if it happens at all this year, it will be during a school day.
- Friday, April 3 (or 17) **Cookout at Brazos Bend State Park** for our GAPP guests from Germany and the Clements and Travis German Clubs – alligators, grilling, salads, s'mores, games, tie-dye, fun!
- Thursday, April 9 **Clements International Festival**: Commons; we will sponsor the Germany booth.
- Friday, April 24 **Houston Grand Opera** performance of **The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflöte) by Mozart**: Wortham Center in downtown Houston, departure time from Clements 6:00 p.m., opera begins 7:30 p.m., return time around 10:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 30 **Officer elections** for 2020-2021 with refreshments: 3:00-4:30 p.m., Downstairs Lecture Hall.
- Tuesday, May 19 **German banquet** to celebrate the year's accomplishments, honor graduating seniors, and formally induct new members to GNHS: Commons, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Other events may be added.