



The Ohio State University
Alumni Club of Franklin County

JULY 2025

THE BACKPACK GIVEBACK RETURNS!

This summer we will once again help the Driven Foundation, headed by Buckeye Football alum Roy Hall, as they collect donated school supplies and backpacks to provide for children in underprivileged areas of Columbus.

This spring and summer, keep you eyes open for sales on school supplies, and take advantage of the lower prices so we can provide more donations. Here is a partial list of items that are most needed / requested:

- 400 Spiral Ring Notebooks (wide ruled)
- 800 Composition Notebooks (wide ruled)
- 800 "Block" Erasers (rectangle pink or white)
- 9000 #2 Pencils (Not Mechanical Pencils)
- 400 24 Count Crayola Crayon Boxes
- 400 Packages of Colored Pencils
- 400 Loose Leaf Wide Ruled Paper
- 800 Glue Sticks



We can arrange for drop-off and pick-up locations throughout July, and you can bring your donation to our July 9 club meeting at the Longaberger Alumni House.

Then on **August 9**, we will provide volunteers to help pack the backpacks with all the supplies, and then deliver them to the children. The Driven Foundation has a very well-organized packing day – last year 500 backpacks were filled in barely an hour!

NEW: Quick website links for easy ordering! You can use our Amazon and Target "wish lists" to send your donated items directly to The Driven Foundation:

https://www.target.com/giftregistry/gift/osualumbackpack

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/11Z0UFB DQMALQ?ref =wl share

For questions about the event, or online orders, or to arrange to drop-off / pick-up your donations, email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com.

BUCKEYES AT THE BALLPARK JULY 12

Club members from Franklin and Delaware Counties and two other alumni groups will be joining together for summer's favorite pastime, baseball in the capitol city! We'll see the Columbus Clippers take on the Louisville Bats at 7 pm on Saturday July 12.

Tickets are **sold out** for this event! We will fill an entire section of the outfield with 164 Buckeyes! Attendees will get to see Lou Seal, the Clippers mascot, along with the exciting Hot Dog Race, and watch future major-league baseball players in action.

If you still want to attend, you're welcome to purchase your own tickets and visit Section 23 where all the Buckeyes will be!



FOOTBALL TICKET RAFFLE

It's time for our annual raffle of our Presidents Club season football tickets! The OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County is raffling all of our seats in our raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, 6 for \$25, or 12 for \$50. All money raised goes directly to our Scholarship Fund to help a future Buckeye.

We're not allowed to sell raffle tickets on our website, so please send your check or money order (payable to Franklin County OSU Alumni Club) to Leyla Hawkins, 1149 Tillicum Drive, Worthington, OH 43085. Make sure you include your phone number and email address with your check, so we can reach you after each drawing! You can also bring cash to one of our upcoming meetings (July 9 or August 13).

The first drawing will be in late August for the first 4 games; the second drawing will be in early October for the remaining games. If you have questions, please email us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com or 614-893-0559.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 9. Meetings are usually the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Our meeting location is the Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Rd., on the corner of Lane Ave & Olentangy.

July 12 - Buckeyes at the Ballpark - Clippers game

August 9 - Driven Foundation Backpack Giveback

Sept 6 - Tailgate for Alumni Band Day



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2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Based on changes with the OSU Alumni Association, our membership year is aligned with the **calendar year**. Membership dues can be paid any time **early** in the calendar year and are good thru Dec. 31 that year. Or donate in the last two months of this year to cover the following year.

Remember to take advantage of our two-for-one special! If you choose to donate your \$75 Association contribution directly to our Franklin County Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund, your membership dues for our Franklin County club are waived for the following year! To contribute to the scholarship fund, contact the Endowment office directly at 614-292-2141 or www.giveto.osu.edu/igive/onlinegiving and use the fund number #600137.

One great benefit of keeping your membership up to date is that you are eligible for sporting event tickets that we provide throughout the year. **Note: Dues are required before any football/basketball tickets can be requested!**

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\$20 for single membership, or \$25 for a family. You can send your check and the form above to Franklin County OSU Alumni Club, PO Box 2411, Columbus, OH 43216. You are also welcome to download a more complete membership form through our club website (www.BuckeyeAlumni.com) to express interest in volunteering, committees, etc.

Anyone can join our club! You do not need to have graduated from OSU or live in Franklin County.

Associate memberships for those who did not attend OSU are available for \$25/single and \$30/family. Contact us at OSUAlumniFranklinCounty@yahoo.com or 614-893-0559 if you have questions.

FUN TIMES AT OUR MEMBERSHIP PARTY!

A good time was had by all who attended our annual Membership Appreciation party in June!







TAILGATE PARTY - ALUMNI BAND GAME

Football season will be here before we know it! We will hold our annual Tailgate party on Alumni Marching Band Day, **Saturday Sept 6**, for the Grambling State game. Join us for a party and then watch over 800+ marching band alumni perform the *quadruple Script Ohio!*

For **only \$10** / **person**, you can enjoy all of the food and beverages you wish. Bring your family and friends! Game time is set for 3:30 pm, so the party will start around 12:30 pm. Whether or not you're going to the game, come for the party! We're not quite ready yet, but you'll be able to sign up soon on our website: **BuckeyeAlumni.com**.