

## JLAB 2019 JROTC UNIT BEST PRACTICE

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JROTC Unit Best Practice (one per form only):

AJ Arnett JROTC 5K Honor Run/Walk

Discussion

Our Battalion has organized and executed our annual fundraising event for about four years and it has only grown in success since. The event is held in May of each year and consists of our entire JROTC Battalion as well as a vast number of people within our community. The Junior class plans the event alongside our Major and Sergeant so that they can develop crucial leadership qualities needed for their senior year. The Junior class alongside the other members of our battalion go out into the community with specific "Pledge Sheets" in order to collect donations toward Honor Flights of Fort Wayne and Shepherds House. Honor Flights raises money to send veterans to their respective war memorials in D.C. in hopes of allowing them to visit with fellow veterans from their war era as well. Shepherds house provides homes and food services to homeless veterans in our area. We have raised in total \$40,000+ for these two organizations and their respective causes. The mission statement for this event is as follows: "The Cadet Battalion will conduct a JROTC 5K Service Learning Project that will apply classroom learning and student development that will result in opportunities for long term growth, understanding, and community involvement." We have created a community project in which people can come together and honor those who have served us as well as enjoy themselves. This past year we even included a DJ, food trucks, a photo booth, as well as a vast amount of awards in different categories. Our vision for this even is to ultimately achieve academic growth and understanding by applying classroom instruction to foster rewarding and fulfilling experiences in each student.

A timeline of events is included below:

- September:
  - Coordinating Staff begins planning
- October:
  - Staff writes letters to possible sponsors
- November:
  - Staff meets with Mitch Harper to
- December:
  - Begin race promotion Campaign
  - Contact Fort Wayne Police Department
  - Contact Indiana Mobile Music
  - Contact Food Vendors

- Contact Army and National Guard Recruiters to provide assets
- January:
  - Coordinating Staff meets with Mitch Harper to discuss status
  - Pass out race fliers at Fitness Expo
- February:
  - Meet with Mitch Harper to finalize Race details
  - Publish Operation Order
- March:
  - Lock in race sponsors
- March/April:
  - Radio and Social Media
- May:
  - Collect pledges and event execution
  - Presentation and AAR

A list of resources needed is:

- Race Coordinator (Mitch Harper)
- 5k Course
- Timing chips with Bib numbers
- Race Promotion ( Radio spots/ Social Media)
- Police & Medical Support
- Working volunteers (35 Volunteers)
- Local military recruiting assets (Inflatables & SF Trailer)
- Race sponsors
- Food trucks and entertainment

We all do some things better than others. Likewise, some JROTC units are better at some things than other JROTC units. We call those Best Practices. We think that the “best” best practices come from the best units. If your unit’s day-to-day performance is a reflection of your accomplishments on JLAB Level I and Level II, and we think that it is, then we believe your unit to be among the best. We want you to tell us about your best practice(s). Complete and submit this form on one or more of your unit’s best practices. Use a separate form for each Best Practice. Be detailed in your report so that the other 3,400+ JROTC units in the country with whom we will share it can read and execute it without questions! This report form is designed to expand as you type. It should accommodate your report without attachments. Should that not be the case, submit your report(s) in a format that works for you. Please name your file with your school name.

Below is a non-all-inclusive list of possible unit best practices.

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- Academic Team
- Drill Team
- Orienteering Team
- Raider Challenge Team
- Rifle Team
- Color Guard
- Marksmanship Training
- Awards Ceremony
- Awards support from outside organizations
- Cadet retention in JROTC

- Fundraising
- Leadership Team
- JCLC
- Service Learning/Community Service
- Military Ball
- Cadet Commander and Staff Organization and Functions
- Cadet Scholarships
- Technology support of unit from school and community
- Educational and Orientation Trips
- Cadet Challenge

THIS IS NOT A GRADED ASSIGNMENT BUT IT IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.