Silver & Black Give Back is excited to begin the second year of the Team Up Challenge which supports school-based service learning projects. Your class, team or club can submit an application for the chance to receive funding and recognition from Silver & Black Give Back, teams, and players. The recognition may include game tickets, on court activities, player appearances, and much more! Team Up Challenge projects should be determined by students, align with curriculum and include group reflections. Projects should address a concern in one of these five categories: Education, Environment, Health & Wellness, Arts & Culture, or Uniformed Services.

The Team Up Challenge review committee will select 20 semi-finalists in September. The 20 semi-finalists will receive $2500 in seed funding to support their project. Selected semi-finalists will be expected to participate in media coverage and will be invited to off-campus Team Up Challenge events throughout the year. Incentives will also be provided to those who submit applications, are not selected as semi-finalists, yet Team Up Anytime. The Team Up Anytime application is separate and does not include financial support.

While we hope all participating students develop leadership and character skills through their service, five Team Up Challenge projects will be awarded $20,000. It is essential your application include an outline of how your team would use the $20,000. The championship funding can be used to continue the project beyond the program timeline, or address another need you find relevant during the year or in our community. The championship funding will be awarded to the school of the winning projects. Champions are determined by a review committee.

Enclosed you will find an application and more information about the Team Up Challenge. If you have questions please contact Hollis MacDonald at 210-444-5891 or hmacdonald@attcenter.com. Applications must be submitted by September 15, 2011.

We look forward to supporting, encouraging, and learning about your students’ ideas for improving our community.
Questions to Get You Started:

We suggest you use these questions with your Team Up Challenge group to help you brainstorm and start planning your project.

1. What is important in our neighborhood/community?
2. What do we need in the neighborhood/community?
3. What are we learning about right now that can help our neighborhood/community?
4. How could the Spurs, Silver Stars, or Rampage players help us make our neighborhood/community a better place?
5. What is a big problem in our neighborhood/community? In San Antonio?
6. How could we help fix this problem?
7. How could we use $2,500 to help improve our neighborhood?
8. If Silver & Black Give Back helps us, who else could we get to help us address this problem?
9. How could we use $20,000 to help improve our neighborhood/community?
### 2011-12 Application

**Team Up Challenge**

**2011-12 Application**

Bitte legen Sie alle Dokumente ordentlich und lesbar ab. Alle Felder müssen ausgefüllt werden, um in Betracht gezogen zu werden.

**Class, Club, or Team:** ____________________________  **Grade(s):** __________

**School:** ____________________________  **District:** ____________________________

**Address:** ____________________________

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**First Captain**

- **Name:** ____________________________
- **Title:** ____________________________
- **Conference Period:** __________
- **Email:** ____________________________
- **Cell Phone:** ____________________________
- **Work Phone:** ____________________________

**Second Captain**

- **Name:** ____________________________
- **Title:** ____________________________
- **Conference Period:** __________
- **Email:** ____________________________
- **Cell Phone:** ____________________________
- **Work Phone:** ____________________________

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**Select one area of need your project will address:**

- **Education**
- **Environment**
- **Health & Wellness**
- **Arts & Culture**
- **Uniformed Services**

**Need**—Why is this project needed in your community:

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**Outline**—Describe how this project will be implemented:

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**Attach additional pages as necessary**

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Community Responsibility
One AT&T Center San Antonio, TX 78219
Fax 210.444.5875

For questions, please email teamup@attcenter.com
Curriculum—Describe how this project will be tied to your classroom curriculum:
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Benchmarks—List the outcomes this project will aim to meet by the following dates:

Benchmark #1 (12/15/11)

Benchmark #2 (2/15/11)

Final Reflection Submission & Presentation (4/2/11—must include a reflection piece)

Participation—Include number of participants in each of the following categories:

Students:_____________________________ Other:_____________________________
School Staff:___________________________

Community Partners – Any organizations that you will pursue or have established partnerships with:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Number and sizes of T-shirts for participants:

Youth S:_______ Youth M:_______ Youth L:_______ Youth XL:_______
Adult S:_______ Adult M:_______ Adult L:_______ Adult XL:_______

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**Budget**—How will the $2500 seed funding be used:

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**Grand Prize**—Describe how the grand prize of $20,000 would be used:

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**Schedule**—Please provide the best dates and times to see the project in action:

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*Any additional notes about scheduling:*

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Memorandum of Understanding
Team Up Challenge Academic Year 2011-2012

If selected as a semi-finalist for Silver & Black Give Back’s Team Up Challenge for the 2011-2012 Academic Year, we acknowledge and commit to the following. We understand that failure to return this signed form will disqualify our team from being considered as a semi-finalist.

We understand that failing to meet any one of the following will result in disqualification for the $20,000 champion grant.

We will send one captain and one student to every workshop held for the Team Up Challenge. If selected as a Champion our team and captains will be present for the check presentation.

We will submit receipt information regarding the use of the $2,500 seed grant. If the use of the money does not serve the project we understand that we may be disqualified from the $20,000 champion grant and required to refund the misallocation of funds.

We will return the signed NBAE media releases for all participants in the Team Up Challenge – students, captains and other personnel. We understand that failure to do so will result in an inability to go on court during halftime and an inability to be eligible for player appearances.

We will submit our benchmark reports, information for online voting and our final reflection piece on time.

We will send one captain and at least one student to the reflection presentation.

We will allow Team Up Challenge partners and other staff from Silver & Black Give Back and Spurs Sports & Entertainment on campus during Team Up Challenge appearances or work days.

If selected as a Champion, we will submit a signed letter from our Principal with a detailed fund allocation proposal. This fund allocation will verify that the funds will be used as outlined in the original proposal.

If selected as a Champion we will put the Championship banner provided by Silver & Black Give Back on display in our school.

While we encourage the use of social and traditional media, we ask that you do not publicize a player appearance in advance or distribute information regarding semi-finalist or champion status before an announcement has been made by Silver & Black Give Back.

I have read and understand the above statements. If selected as a semi-finalist we will adhere to the above guidelines.

__________________________________________
Signature of Principal
Applications will be accepted from K-12 classes, clubs or teams at public, private, or charter schools. They will not be accepted from an entire school or district.

**Captains** are the caring adults who help facilitate the students’ service learning project(s) and serve as the point of contact for Silver & Black Give Back. The Captains will be responsible for the distribution of incentives and submission of progress reports.

Students may choose from five **project categories**: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health & Wellness or Uniformed Services. A single project category must be selected. Examples of service learning projects may be found at [http://www.servicelearningtexas.org/about-service-learning/what-is-service-learning/](http://www.servicelearningtexas.org/about-service-learning/what-is-service-learning/).

Please provide a brief explanation of how and why the students identified the **need** that their project is addressing.

The **outline** should be brief, yet provide enough information for the review committee to understand how the students’ service will meet the objectives of the project. Please limit the outline to one page if attaching additional pages.

In order for our review committee to clearly see the tie to learning, we are counting on the application to show how the student activities address **learning objectives**.

To keep the project progressing and as a way of measuring the impact of these projects, please establish **benchmarks** the students are aiming to meet by the given dates.

Included in the second benchmark report due February 15, 2012 should be five bullet points (no more than one sentence each) detailing accomplishments to date. Photos and video submissions are also encouraged. These components will be used in our **online voting**, one of the components in determining the Team Up Challenge Champions. The technical requirements will be provided to semi-finalists.

**Recognition** could include an appearance and help from a player or mascot from one of the Spurs Sports & Entertainment teams, game tickets, on-court photos, public recognition, Spurs Calendars, posters, pencils, and other special items and experiences.

For the **participation** section, indicate the number of students, staff, other adults, and community groups who will contribute to the project. Students are encouraged to collaborate with community organizations. The core of the student group should not exceed 50 young people.

The **budget** outlining how the $2,500 seed funding would be used to support the project is an important planning tool in ensuring the project is plausible. Receipts for the use of the seed funding should be submitted with the final submission piece.

We are excited to learn what you will do with the **Grand Prize** award. The check will be written to your school, so please include how you propose the funds be used if awarded. In conjunction with thoughtful and carefully planned reflection pieces, the semifinalists will be evaluated on their relationship to Silver & Black Give Back’s mission and Team Up Challenge focus and the likelihood to meet the Grand Prize objectives.
An important component of service learning is **reflection**. Students should be creative in how they reflect on their service; however, the following information must be submitted with the reflection piece:

- Number of participants active all summer:
- Number of new members:
- Funds Raised (if applicable):
- Partners in the community:

Semifinalists must include receipts from the seed funding along with a **statement from the principal** of the organization verifying how the Grand Prize of $20,000 would be used and an itemized fund allocation proposal.

In order for Silver & Black Give Back staff to schedule visits from our board, staff, players and media, it is critical for you to include a project schedule with your application. You may enter multiple calendar dates and times for each day of the week. Once selected, all Team Up Challenge semi-finalist participants must have a signed waiver on file before any visits take place.