

Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

2017**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.**A** For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning **October 1**, 2017, and ending **September 30**, 20 **18****B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization**Optimist International 21006 Gilmer County Georgia**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

PO Box 1711

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Ellijay, GA 30540**D** Employer identification number**90-0897488****E** Telephone number**706-271-5973****F** Group ExemptionNumber ▶ **1334****G** Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶**I** Website: ▶ www.facebook.com/gilmercountyoptimist**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(4) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Form of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☒ Association ☐ Other**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets

(Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

\$ **38,931****Part I** **Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received															37,353														
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																													
	3	Membership dues and assessments															1,578														
	4	Investment income																													
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																													
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																													
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																													
	6	Gaming and fundraising events																													
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																													
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)																													
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events																														
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																														
Expenses	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																													
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold																													
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																													
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																													
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8															38,931														
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)															36,231														
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																													
Net Assets	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																													
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																													
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																													
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																													
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)															2,100														
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16															38,331														
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)															600														
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)															4,445															
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)															-244															
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20															4,801															

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II **Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

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Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)	
	Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒	Expenses

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒ **Expenses**
(Required for section 501(c)(2) and 501(c)(4))

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Charitable service to children and youth.**

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

Expenses
(Required for section
501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)
organizations, optional for
others)

28	Gilmer Optimist raised funds for Saint Jude via a low country boil.		
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29	Gilmer Optimist raised funds for the Gilmer Food Pantry Kid Sack Program. This program sends meals home each weekend to all students on free or reduced lunch programs.		
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(Grants \$ 9,447) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐		29a	9,447
30	Gilmer Optimist raised funds to "Stuff the Bus" with School Supplies for the local school systems. In addition		

(Grants \$	3,297	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	30a	3,297
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	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	36,231

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐				
	(b) Average	(c) Reportable	(d) Health benefits,	(e) Estimated amount of

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		✓
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		✓
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		✓
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		✓
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 40a ; section 4912 40a ; section 4955 40a		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e		✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed Georgia		
42a The organization's books are in care of Trent Sanford Telephone no. 706-271-5973 Located at 130 Coosawattee Drive, Ellijay, GA ZIP + 4 30540		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: 42b		✓
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: 42c		✓
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a		✓
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44b		✓
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c		✓
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 44d		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a		✓
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) 45b		✓

- 46** Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
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- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

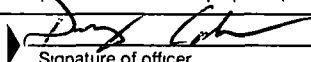
- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

- 52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here  **Signature of officer** **2/1/2019**
Date
Doug Colburn, President
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶		Phone no	
Firm's address ▶				

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No