

Dear Buddy Baseball Volunteer,

Thank you for volunteering your time for the upcoming 2024 season of Buddy Baseball! Here are some “need to knows” for this upcoming season

1. Our league is organized into 2 divisions are the Junior and Seniors. The Juniors are ages 5-14 and the Seniors are ages 15+. You must be at least 10 years old to volunteer for the Juniors and 11 years old to volunteer for the Seniors. We ask that you come to as many games as possible to maximize the buddies we have and the time that you can spend on the field.
2. All games will be at Rick Drazner Park in Buffalo Grove: 401 Aptakisic Road, Buffalo Grove, IL
3. The Juniors play on Wednesdays from 6-7:00pm and Saturdays from 9:30-10:30am. The Seniors play on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm and Saturdays from 11:00am-12:30pm.
4. If you would like to sign-up for a specific game time to volunteer, you can use the Sign-up Genius link listed:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA8AB2DA5FCC34-47907457-buddy#/>

5. If the weather conditions on game day are unsuitable for playing, you will get a message through the Remind app. Please be sure to join as it is going to be the main way of communication. If you are unable to make a game that you had previously signed up for, please contact Emilie through Remind or email ASAP. You can also contact Coach Allen through email or phone.

Buddy Remind Code: @buddy24s30

6. Please dress accordingly to the weather! Wear gym shoes only! No flip-flops, spiked shoes, or cleats are allowed on the field.
7. Emilie is our Buddy Coordinator. She will be assigning you to a player before the game starts. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the game starting. Buddy parents are not obligated to stay for the game. Please have any sort of transportation arrive for pick up 5-10 minutes before the game ends. Also please be aware that games might be shortened due to weather.
8. If at ANY TIME you feel uncomfortable or you don't know how to handle a situation, please tell Emilie, our team manager, or one of the coaches. We are here to help you!
9. Please try and honor your commitment by showing up to at least one of our games.

Safety Reminders

- Please stay with your assigned player at all times. You should be with them in the dugout, at bat, on base, and in the field.
- Please do not let players swing the bat until it is their turn to bat. Bats should not be swung anywhere before home plate.
- Some players might need help swinging the bat. We will teach you how to help that player when needed. If your player does not need help, please stand by or near the

fence. It is for your safety and the safety of others.

- If your player is in a wheelchair **and asks for assistance**, please help by pushing them to their base. Your player might also need help getting from base to base. Please direct your player where they need to go.
- It is your responsibility to protect the player from any fly balls. If you retrieve the ball, please give it to a player to throw it in. Please stay close to your player, alert, and your eyes on the ball when pitched.

Thank you for volunteering! Your participation is important to the success of our Buddy Baseball program. If you would like to bring any friends to buddy to any games, do not hesitate! Please make sure they are registered on the BGRA website. The more the merrier!

See you soon!

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