

Miracle League Buddies Instructions:

Thank you for considering to be a Buddy!

It is often through the help of the buddy that the Miracle League athlete is able to play and enjoy the game of softball. In noncompetitive and semi competitive teams, each team plays two innings allowing the athlete an opportunity to bat once during each inning. There are no “out’s or keeping of score.

To ensure the safety of the athlete and the buddy, Miracle League prefers the buddies to be at least 12 years of age. The responsibilities of a buddy includes running beside the athlete from base to base, encouraging and assisting the athlete as s/he bats or catches a ball and guiding the athlete during various transitions during the game. Some athletes may need more assistance than others. * For further assistance and instructions, the athlete’s coach will also provide information and guidance.

How to register to be a buddy?

Option A

- 1) Go to www.handsonforsyth.org
Contact Susan Darlington at sdarlington72@comcast.net if the dates are not listed.
- 2) Select the time and day you would like to buddy
- 3) Look for the confirmation that is emailed to you.

Option B (if registering a group of volunteers):

- 1) Contact Susan Darlington at sdarlington72@comcast.net or 770-887-2461 ext. 202327
- 2) Provide the number of confirmed volunteers, date and game time(s)
- 3) Look for the confirmation that is emailed to you.

What to bring?

- 1) Nothing extra – unless you’d like to bring your own glove for the outfield
- 2) Wear something that you don’t mind getting dirty
- 3) You will be given a Miracle League T-shirt to wear during the games- of which you will also keep to show our appreciation for your support.

Day of the Games:

- 1) Arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the actual start time.
- 2) Look for the buddy registration table and complete the buddy application form. For buddies under age 18, a guardian or parent must sign the form.
- 3) Pick up your Miracle League T-shirt after registering
- 4) Go to the assigned dug-out and meet your athlete (the coach will introduce you to you athlete).
- 5) If you picked up a glove at the registration table, be sure to return it back to the table (please do not leave it in the dug-out).

In the event that the number of buddies is more than the number of athletes, one of two things will happen:

- 1) the athlete will be assigned two buddies
- 2) the extra buddy will be assigned a particular athlete on each team to cheer for in the stands.

In case it rains, call the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation weather hotline. Miracle League is considered a “youth sport”. If your game is rained out and you would like to buddy the rain-out date, check the Miracle League Calendar for the rain-out date and sign up at www.handsonforsyth.org for that particular date.

* To ensure the safety of our athletes, we strongly encourage the buddies not to forcefully pull or carry a Miracle League Athlete during the games unless the coach or parent gives prior authorization.