



**Ed & Jodi, parents of Big 33 Player Buddy, Owen:** "The Big 33 Buddy Program gives Owen a chance to interact and play with athletes he otherwise would never meet. The athletes and Big 33 staff place the Buddies on a pedestal for the week. The Buddies feel incredibly special, not because of the challenges they face, but because they experience a unique week of inclusive events that they cherish long after the Big 33 game is over."



# BUDDY TEAM

**Register NOW!**

Please provide us with your contact information and we will be in touch with you:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Player Buddy
- Cheer Buddy
- No Preference

**Dave & Lisa, parents of Big 33 Cheer Buddy, Allegra:** "The smiles, the cheers and the unbiased celebration of all people is what Big 33 means to our family. We congratulate the football players and the cheerleaders who sincerely take the time to encourage the buddies to do their best despite their differences in abilities. What could be a better life lesson than acceptance and an understanding of those different from you?"

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## What is the Big 33 Buddy Program?

The Big 33 Buddy Program is an inclusive program, which pairs individuals with special needs with Big 33 athletes. As a Buddy, you can choose if you would like to be paired with a Big 33 Football Player or a Big 33 Cheerleader.

We invite our Buddy Team to "Buddy Day" and this is the first time players and cheerleaders have the honor of meeting their Big 33 Buddies. Our Athletes are introduced to their Buddies and have time to get to know each other. Our Buddies are also invited to attend a Pep Rally and Game Day. Player Buddies are introduced on the field with their players and have the opportunity to cheer them on from the sideline. Cheer Buddies have the opportunity to do some cheers and part of the Halftime show with the Cheerleaders.

Participation in the Buddy Team is open to all people with intellectual disabilities, regardless of their degree of challenge. The criteria to become a member of the Buddy Team is:

- ⇒ Must be 5 years of age
- ⇒ Must be identified by the school or other human service agency as having an intellectual disability or having a developmental disability with functional limitations in both general learning and adaptive skills



## 2023-24 Buddy Events

**October 1, 2023**

Buddy Mini Golf

**January 14, 2024**

Buddy Bowling

**March 2024**

Buddy Dance

**May 2024**

Big 33 Football Classic

**What is the time commitment for the Big 33 Football Classic?**

**We have events for our Buddies on Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th. The 67th Big 33 Football Classic will be held Sunday, May 26th in the evening.**

**Are there any costs for this program?**

**This program has no costs or fees for the Buddy for any of our events. For Big 33, each Buddy will be given a jersey or cheer uniform, as well as other Big 33 gear. You will also receive two free tickets for the game.**

For more information, contact:  
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