



LOOK WHAT OUR BUDDY FAMILIES ARE SAYING:

"Amazing event! My son loved his time with his player. Thank you for doing this event and making my intellectually disabled child feel special."

"My kiddos LOVED the entire program!"

"We have been involved since 2007 and it is an event that we look forward to each year."



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**BUDDY
TEAM**

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WHAT IS THE BIG 33 BUDDY PROGRAM?

Founded in 1985, the Big 33 Buddy Program pairs individuals with special needs with Big 33 athletes, creating unforgettable experiences and breaking down barriers. Throughout game weekend, Buddies get the chance to connect with athletes both on and off the field, forming special memories that last a lifetime.

The Buddy Program is designed to create an environment where everyone is seen for who they truly are, beyond their disabilities. Football players and cheerleaders embrace their Buddies unconditionally, creating an atmosphere of inclusion, respect, and fun!

As a Buddy, you'll enjoy a range of exciting activities: meeting athletes, taking photos, collecting autographs, cheering on athletes, and joining in the excitement of a Pep Rally.

Participation in the Big 33 Buddy Program is open to all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, regardless of their degree of challenge. The criteria to become a member of the Buddy Team is:

- **Must be 5 years of age (no maximum age)**
- **Must be identified by the school or other human service agency as having an intellectual disability or having a developmental disability**



2026-27 BUDDY EVENTS

OCTOBER 18, 2026 - BUDDY DAY @ SPORTS EMPORIUM

DECEMBER 2026 - HOLIDAY PARTY

JANUARY 24, 2027 - BUDDY BOWLING

MARCH 12, 2027 - BUDDY DANCE

MAY 29-30, 2027 - BIG 33 FOOTBALL CLASSIC

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR THE BIG 33 FOOTBALL CLASSIC?

Buddy events are on Saturday, May 29th and Sunday, May 30th. The 70th Big 33 Football Classic will be held Sunday, May 30th in the evening.

ARE THERE ANY COSTS FOR THE BIG 33 BUDDY PROGRAM?

All events and activities are **FREE** for Big 33 Buddies. Big 33 Buddies also receive: jersey or cheer shirt, (2) free game tickets, and more!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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