



Boys & Girls
with Special Needs
Playing Ball
with a Buddy

www.BuddyBaseball.org

About Buddy Baseball

Buddy Baseball is a non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls with special needs in Tampa, FL. The league fosters friendships and breaks down barriers with each player paired with a buddy. Buddy Baseball is an opportunity like no other for children with special needs. Not only do the players enjoy the thrill of participating, they also get to experience team play and camaraderie.

Play Ball!



This program is supported by the
Temple Terrace Leisure Services
Department

Buddy Baseball is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



Information

Players: Students (boys and girls) with special needs ages 8 – 22

Buddies: Boys and girls ages 10 – 22

Teams: 5 to 6 Players and 5 to 6 Buddies

Games: One hour with a 15 – 20 minute practice before each game

Location: Played on Saturdays at the Temple Terrace Family Recreational Complex Softball Fields - 6700 E. Whiteway Dr. Temple Terrace, FL 33617

- Season 1 - February and March
- Season 2 - October and November
(Check the website for season dates)

- Financial assistance is available

- Buddies receive community service hours

Testimonials

"We really needed something where our daughter could fit it in. This was perfect for her, because all the buddies, coaches and parents embraced and encouraged every child. She learned to take instruction, to listen and to interact."

"My child does not have the confidence or ability to play with kids his own age that are typical. This gave my child a chance to play where he felt like he could succeed."

"Playing Buddy Baseball has helped our son feel accepted and included in the community; he has made friends and learned an organized team sport in an environment that was all about camaraderie."



Support Our League

Sponsorships and donations help keep our league running successfully, provide scholarships and are tax deductible.

Sponsorships Available

- Grand Slam - \$2500 (Includes 2 Seasons)
- Home Run - \$1000
- Triple - \$750
- Double - \$500
- Single - \$250



- Grand Slam sponsor's logo on all uniform sleeves
- Sponsor's logo and link on the website, in the handbook and announced at all games
- Sponsor's name on back of team's uniform shirts
- Visit www.buddybaseball.org for more details on sponsorship opportunities

Community Recognition Awards

Mayor's Alliance for Persons with Disabilities
"Outstanding Community Service"

Hillsborough County Public Schools
"Excellence in Action"

The Tampa Tribune
"Hometown Hero"

Tampa Bay Buccaneers
"Community Quarterback"

The Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club
"Service to Mankind Winner for Outstanding Community Service"

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Be More Relevant – Be More Involved

Grants

- Rays Baseball Foundation
- TECO Energy Foundation
- The Brink Foundation
- Florida Medical Clinic - Foundation of Caring

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