



## Baseball Buddies Needed

MYO Challenger Baseball is looking for middle school, high school, college students, and/or adults to help our athletes play baseball. This could include acting as guides for an athlete who is seeing-impaired, pushing a wheelchair-bound athlete around the bases, or helping the athlete bat and/or field the ball.

### **COMMITMENT to be a Baseball Buddy**

- Enjoy helping kids with disabilities in making their baseball experience an exciting one.
- Buddies will be assigned to a Challenger team for the season. Coaches will either give baseball buddies an assigned athlete or have you work with a small group of athletes.
- All Buddies must participate in a **minimum of 5-6** practices or games within the season.
- MYO Challenger is made up of a Minor League (players under 11), Major League (players 11-17) and Senior League (players 15+). When you register, please let us know which league you would like to participate in or if you can help in multiple leagues.

### **2023 Practice and Game Day Information**

- Practices and games will be held on Saturdays beginning April 29 and will run every week until July 1. They are typically in the morning or evening and will last an hour and a half.
- You will receive your team assignment(s) as well as practice/game day schedule by early April.
- Reminders will be sent to you via the Remind app and/or email no later than the day before. If you do not have the Remind app, please download the app. To become a part of the Buddy group:
  - If you have the app, add existing class **@masonchall**
  - If you don't have the Remind app text **@masonchall** to **81010**
  - Go to [www.remind.com/join/masonchall](http://www.remind.com/join/masonchall)
- Please arrive 15 minutes before game time to check in and help the athletes warm up.
- You will receive a T-shirt to be worn on practice/game days and other Challenger activities.
- Service credit is available for consistent participation by students.

### **Buddy Training**

Training is **required** prior to the season and will be given by the Challenger division board members. You will receive a power point presentation to review prior to the meeting via email to be discussed during the training session. ***We will let you know the day and time of the training session via Remind and/or email.***

### **How to Register:**

- Registration is open online **through April 8**
  - Go to [www.masonryouth.org](http://www.masonryouth.org) to register.
  - If this is your first year as a Buddy, you will need to set up an account. Click on the "Register" button at the top and fill out the "Account Holder Information".
  - If you were a buddy last year, you can just log in.
  - **IMPORTANT:** Please include your cell number, or parent's if you don't have one, so we can contact you throughout the season of any changes to practice or game day.
  - **Please note:** For any volunteers 18 or older, MYO requires a background check. You will receive an email from MYO with a link to complete the background check. There is no cost to you.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Petrina at [challengerbuddy@masonryouth.org](mailto:challengerbuddy@masonryouth.org).  
Please feel free to circulate this message to your friends and others who may be interested in volunteering.