



Challenger 2009

Bridgewater Community Little League

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Dear Friends,

We are very grateful for your interest in being a Challenger buddy for the 2009 season. It is impossible to overemphasize the importance of each buddy's role in our program. The athletes look to their buddies for guidance, assistance, protection, instruction, encouragement, and friendship. In many cases, the quality and consistency of this relationship makes the defining difference in a Challenger athlete's feelings of success and enjoyment of the season.

Because of the importance of these relationships, we are looking for persons whose schedule and commitment make it possible for them to make Challenger a priority. A 2009 season schedule is posted on the above website. Please review it carefully and consider your other obligations. **If you find you are going to miss more than three Challenger games, we need to be informed so we can avoid assigning you to an individual athlete.**

A training session for NEW buddies will be held Sunday, March 29, 7:00-8:15 pm, in the chapel at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Please plan to attend this meeting if you will be new to our program. The focus of the training will be on ways of assisting and protecting athletes during specific game situations. Buddy assignments will also be announced at this event.

As you can imagine, securing buddies for four teams of athletes is a challenging job. Please help us by responding to the following requests no later than March 1. These are requirements for ALL volunteers, even if you have been a buddy in the past:

◆ **CONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT AS A 2009 CHALLENGER BUDDY.**

After you have reviewed the schedule for the season and compared it to yours, email Sue Hutchinson at hutchisl@jmu.edu to confirm your availability to serve as a Challenger buddy. **Include your tee-shirt size (adult sizes only) and an email address and phone number we can use to contact you during the season.** This contact information will be shared with your athlete's family unless you notify us otherwise. If you are unable to be a full-time buddy, but are willing to be on the substitute list, please let Sue know of this interest and the dates you are available.

◆ **COMPLETE A LITTLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION.**

Because of legal requirements for child protection, all Little League volunteers age 16 or older must complete a volunteer application; please complete this form on the Bridgewater Challenger web site (<http://coe.jmu.edu/hutchisl>) and mail it to Philip and Sue Hutchinson, 209 Dinkel Avenue, Bridgewater, VA 22812. **The application must be signed and a copy of your driver's license must be attached to the application.** Despite the "optional" notation, social security numbers are required for proper identification, but will be protected by League officials handling the forms.

We look forward to a great season together! Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

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