



BEING AN SNL BUDDY

Thank you for volunteering to help create a memorable evening for these courageous kids and their families. You are the key to making your buddy have one of the best experiences of their young lives. ***Be prepared to smile, have fun and show them Lindbergh Flyer hospitality!***

Pre-Game Day Responsibilities

1. Attend the “SNL Mini-Camp” and Buddy orientation (date to be announced). When registering their children for Sunday Night Lights, families are invited to meet you prior to game night to ease the anxiety the child and parents might feel. This is an informal event (6:00-7:00 pm) with some fun ice-breaker games and refreshments. Not all SNL families will be able to attend, but all high school buddies are required to attend.
2. If you feel comfortable, you can email your buddy via their family’s email and introduce yourself. This might be a great way to further help acquaint you two before the SNL event.

Game Day Responsibilities

1. Greet your buddy and their parents when they arrive. Plan on being in the LHS Commons no later than 3:15 p.m. dressed in your organization’s uniform or representative t-shirt. Make a plan with the parents so you’ll know where they will be in case you need them. Assure them that they can relax in the commons and/or new cafeteria – you’ve got this!
2. Encourage your new little buddy to put on their SNL jersey or new t-shirt. Show them where they can change if they would like to!
3. Sit down together at a Buddy Table and fill out a “buddy information card” – then immediately put this into the drawstring bag. YOU will be responsible for handing this card to the field announcer!!
4. Show your buddy and their parents where the Lost and Found is located. This is for big people and little people as well as misplaced items! 😊
5. Escort your buddy and their family to dinner. DO THIS FIRST! Once the kids get into the carnival, it’s almost impossible to convince them to stop playing to eat dinner! So take time to

do this right away! You can always come back for more! Dinner is served 4:00 – 5:45 in the cafeteria.

6. Take your buddy to the photo booth. Make sure you get to do this at least once during the pre-game time! Same goes for the balloon making clown, monster trucks etc. – stay with your little buddy in ALL lines while you wait!

7. Do the activities WITH your little buddy! That's what you are there for – to keep them safe, to keep them happy, to be their friend!

8. By 5:55 start wrapping things up and head to your designated meeting areas to get ready to walk to the field together (make sure that everyone stops by the bathrooms first!) 😊 – cheerleaders meet in the multi-purpose room. Football meet in Gym 3. Poms meet in the multi-purpose room hallway. Band meet in the band room.

9. SNL MARCH TO THE FIELD – keep your buddy with you...and keep the buddy information card ready to give to the field announcer!!

HAVE FUN during the pre-game and game activities. We'll have water in coolers on the field for the kids during halftime. Just make sure they are comfortable, safe and not too tired! You might want to scout out where their parents are in the stands.

After the game

1. All SNL participants and buddies (and team members) will be invited to join together mid field for the traditional BUDDY DANCE.

2. After the group dance, stick around for the annual SNL group photo!! We'll let you know when you can escort your buddy back to their waiting parents. 😊 Be sure to thank the parents for bringing them...and if you'd like to stay in touch, this is where you can discuss arrangements for that!

Be aware that buddies may not show up due to illness, weakness or hospitalization. Many of these children are very ill and parents need to make last-minute decisions regarding the best interests of their child. In that case, please buddy up with a friend and share in making once-in-a-lifetime memories.

Important: Please do not rough house, pick up or piggy-back the kids...frequently their conditions are more fragile than they let on!

You'll do great...and we thank you!!