

Maple Hills Marlins Big Buddy/Little Buddy Program

What is a Big Buddy?

A Big Buddy is a 15 & Over swimmer who desires to mentor a first year 8 & Under Swimmer - "Little Buddy". Big Buddies cheer for their Little Buddies during swim meets and are role models who demonstrate a positive attitude and good sportsmanship.

Big Buddy Responsibilities:

- Cheer for Little Buddy during swim meets (at least 2 races per meet).
- Be a positive role model for Little Buddy (sportsmanship, great attitude). Must make sure to refrain from any inappropriate language or actions in front of the Little Buddy.
- Connect with/say hello to family of Little Buddy at least once per meet.
- Give gift (provided by Marlins) to Little Buddy before each home meet starts (Big Buddies can pick up their gifts from the Big Buddy Coordinator at the meet from 5-6:00).
- Notify Little Buddy's family if they will be gone for a meet (or if the Big Buddy has BDQ'd from a meet) so the Little Buddy doesn't wonder where the Big Buddy is.
- Notify Big Buddy Coordinator if Big Buddy will be gone from a meet (so they can give the Little Buddy his/her gift and ask other Buddies to cheer for them).
- Participate in the Big/Little Buddy relay at the last home meet of the season.

The following are NOT responsibilities of a Big Buddy:

- Getting Little Buddy to blocks for races.
- Hang out with/babysit Little Buddy during meet.
- Inform coaches of Little Buddy's absence.
- Coach Little Buddy/give swim tips (leave it for the Coaches).
- Big Buddy/Little Buddy pairs will be announced prior to the first home meet.

If any questions/concerns arise during the season, Big Buddies will communicate with the Big Buddy Coordinator for guidance.