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## ***Newsletter - July 2021***



### **RHS Mentor William and buddy**

Getting to meet with my buddy on a weekly basis has been an amazing experience. It has been awesome to see my buddy grow in different areas, and this friendship has taught me a lot about myself too. Being a mentor has taught me patience, kindness, compassion, and to always consider other's perspectives. I always look forward to our meetings, whether we are fishing, mini golfing, playing Xbox, or playing at the park. Through our meetings we work on different challenging areas and are able to grow our friendship. The relationship we have built has been very valuable to me and I can't wait to create more memories with my buddy!

Having William as a mentor has been a wonderful opportunity for our son to try new things such as their recent fishing adventure where he learned to bait a hook, learned to fish, modeled Will on how to be VERY patient and actually catching, touching and eating a fish! The boys have all kinds of fun and new experiences planned for this summer too - including our son's first Mariners game with Will. I would say that Will has been an exceptional role model,

always willing to try new things and letting our son lead as much as possible. Will is responsive and consistently communicates in a timely manner and is really great about keeping us up to date on his schedule and plans. We feel very fortunate to have been matched up with Will and his supportive family.

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## ***Upcoming Events***

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### **Popsicles in the Park**

Join us on Friday, July 16 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at Marymoor Park in Redmond. (6046 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE, Redmond) We will meet by soccer field #1 to beat the heat, enjoy cold treats and have fun at the park.

[Click here to register](#)

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## ***Save the Date***

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### **Save the Date for our Beneath the Same Sky Virtual Auction**

We are going “virtual” again! We’re hosting our exciting live auction and fundraising celebration “virtually” with a special livestream broadcast on Thursday evening, November 4, 2021! Watch for announcements for details on how to register, bid and join the party!

We have already posted our 2021 Beneath the Same Sky Auction volunteer positions. Click on the link below to volunteer today!

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## ***With Gratitude***

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**Thank You AFK Hank Pladson!**

Athletes for Kids friendships really do last a lifetime. Just ask 2018 Eastlake alumnus Hank Pladson. Hank and his buddy have remained in contact since Hank graduated and the two still meet once a year. Even though Hank’s buddy moved to Arizona, the distance hasn’t affected their connection. The boys recently met, and Hank had this to say about their friendship, “My buddy and I have an incredible bond that has benefited both of us greatly. He is a true friend for life.” Athletes for Kids is grateful for all our current and past mentors. Thank you Hank and the hundreds of others who have made a difference in someone else’s life.

**AFK Moments**



As we look back to a month of celebrating our class of 2021 mentor graduates, we welcome July and more moments of kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

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