

AFK Youth Mentoring



Newsletter - June 2021



SHS Mentor Jack and buddy

I love spending time with my buddy. It is amazing to see the difference you can make in someone's life through friendship. I always look forward to seeing my buddy and putting a smile on his face. He is an amazing kid and I feel so lucky to have gotten to spend so much time with him!

Jack has been such a blessing to us! Throughout his time with our son, he has been so kind and encouraging. From playing board games, tennis, basketball, card games, and going on walks our son looks forward to his time with Jack every week. We've been delighted with Jack's creativity and flexibility throughout the pandemic. Some of our son's favorite memories were building a gingerbread house in the front yard with Jack and taking his puppy for a walk. We feel so fortunate to have been paired with Jack and while we will miss him as he goes off to college next year, we are so proud of Jack's accomplishments and know he is going to continue to do great things there as well!

Upcoming Events

Sammamish Animal Sanctuary



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Join us on Thursday, June 24th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Sammamish Animal Sanctuary to usher in the summer season and have some fun! AFK buddies, mentors and siblings are welcome! Treats may be brought for the animals: apples, carrots, and lettuce.

[Click here to register](#)

Volunteer with AFK



Ready to start using your talent to make an impact?

At AFK your time and talent go a long way! Your support will make a difference in the lives of children with special needs and the high school athletes who mentor them and strengthen our community through kindness, acceptance and inclusion. When you volunteer with AFK, you are taking an active role in empowering youth and bringing about meaningful, supportive, mentoring relationships in your community.

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



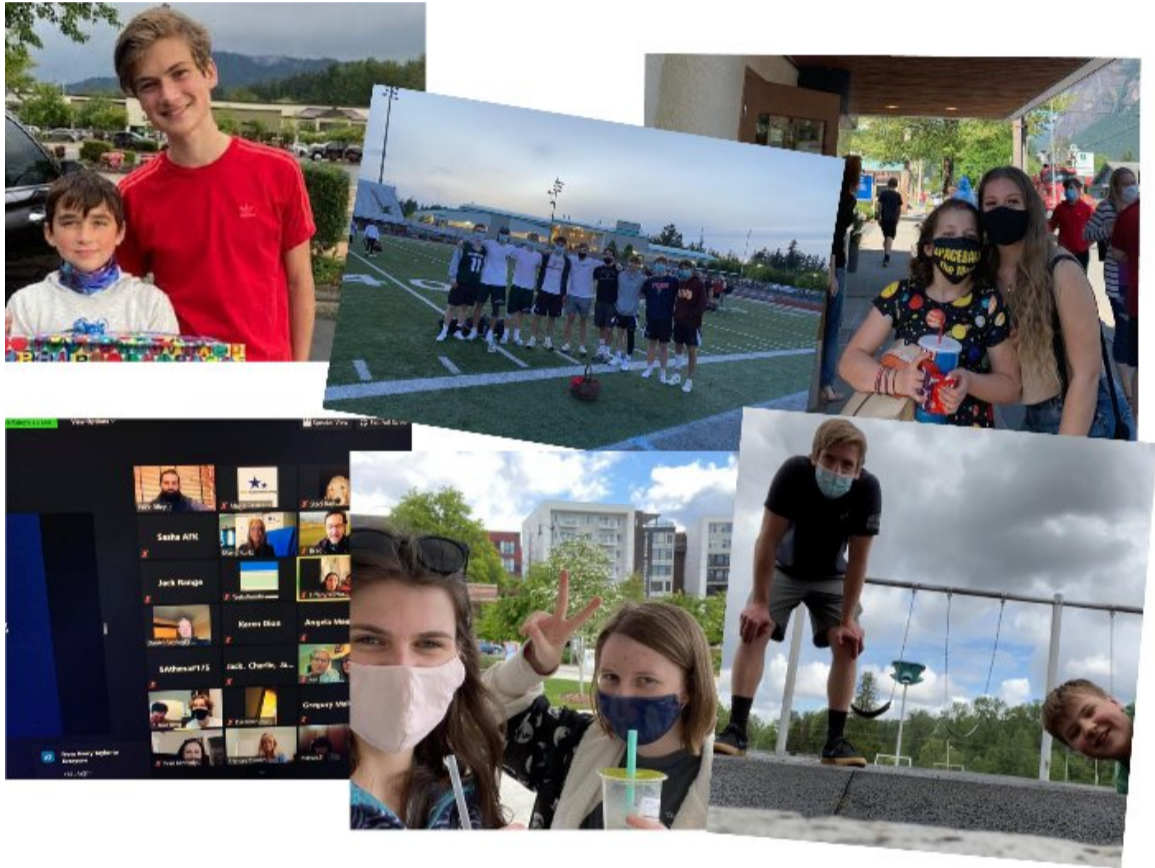
Thank You AFK Senior Mentors!

On Sunday, May 23rd AFK held its annual Senior Mentor Celebration where we celebrated our 68 mentor graduates! SHS mentor Jake Berg was awarded the 2021 Mentor of the Year and Mount Si mentor Maggie Mitchell and Redmond mentor Mark Meltzer were the recipients of the 2021 AFK scholarships. We are proud of our graduates and wish them success in their future endeavors. Thank you graduates for your commitment to the program and your buddies. You will be missed! Please click on the links below to watch the buddy videos from the program.

[Mentor Celebration Video 1](#)

[Mentor Celebration Video 2](#)

AFK Moments



As we look back to a month of moments of kindness, acceptance and inclusion we welcome June and celebrate our senior mentors as they head to college.

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