



## March 2025 Newsletter

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**Skyline Mentor Sean and his buddy**

### ***Mentor***

I joined AFK in the summer before my junior year, and it's become something I look forward to every weekend. When I first joined, I didn't know exactly what to expect but I wanted a fun and engaging relationship. I knew it was a great fit when I met my buddy for the first time, seeing that we were both super competitive and connected through sports and card games. Hanging out with him every week has taught me to take breaks in life, play like a kid again, and just be present.

I love that our friendship has a routine, playing our favorite card games like speed and stress, but it is also spontaneous at times when we want to step out of our comfort zones and try a new sport. Watching him grow in his social and school life - and as a person of high character - has been one of the most rewarding parts of this experience. His growth has inevitably rubbed off on me as well, shaping the lessons I've taken from AFK.

### ***Mentee Parent***

Saturdays at our house are special for us. Besides having a chance to sleep in, it's the day that Sean comes to hang out with our son. As the clock gets closer to when Sean arrives, our son is thinking about things they can do together. For him, it's quality time with his mentor who truly meets him where he is at. Be it playing chess, cards, or football in the backyard, Sean shows our son what patience and working together look like. We are so grateful for AFK and for the joy Sean brings to our son.

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## ***Upcoming Events***

AFK Youth Mentoring ★

★ LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN! ★

# Movie with My Mentor

Rescheduled

**Saturday, March 8th**

**11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

Showing: The Secret Life of Pets

Popcorn and soda will be provided for free!

**North Bend Theater**

125 Bendigo Blvd N  
North Bend, WA 98045

## Let's try this again! - Movie with My Mentor

Join us for our rescheduled free annual Movie with My Mentor event on **Saturday, March 8th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** featuring The Secret Life of Pets at the North Bend Theater. As a special treat, popcorn and soda will be provided for free!

Mentors, buddies, siblings, and parents are welcome!

[Click Here to Register](#)

# LET'S SKATE!

A special event for matched mentors and buddies

**What:** Join us for an afternoon of skating at Sno-King Ice Arena in Kirkland. Rental skates will be provided, and mentors and buddies will be treated to a short performance from Ice Arts Northwest!

**Who:** Due to limited staffing at Sno-King, this event is only open to matched mentors and buddies.

**When:** Saturday, April 5th  
from 3:15 - 5:00 PM

**Where:** 14326 124th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034

**Request:** Please register ASAP using the link below.

[Click here to register](#)



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## ***With Gratitude***

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### **Thank you to Nick Riley!**

This month we take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all Nick Riley does as AFK's Mentorship Coordinator. Nick has been with Athletes for Kids for 7 years and his strength as a human being shines through in his positive attitude and unwavering dedication to our mission.

Nick's job puts him in direct contact with mentors as well as buddy families, and he gains their respect and trust on both ends of that spectrum. We are incredibly thankful to have such a passionate and impactful individual on our team and look forward to many wonderful years ahead.

A special shoutout to Nick and his beautiful bride Emily who celebrated their nuptials in September 2024. Thank you, Nick! We appreciate you!

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## ***AFK Moments***

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As we look back on a month of memories, we look forward to more friendship

moments and choosing kindness, acceptance, and inclusion every day.

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