



September 2026 Newsletter



September Impact Story: Issaquah HS Mentor Henry

Mentor

My time with my buddy has been some of the most fun I've ever had. The joy and fulfillment that I get from hanging out and mentoring him is unmatched. Whether we are at a mentor-buddy event or just chilling at his house, we always have fun and feel great by the time we're done.

I love our conversations about things that interest both him and I, which usually involve cars, vacation, or the weather in faraway places. Hearing his

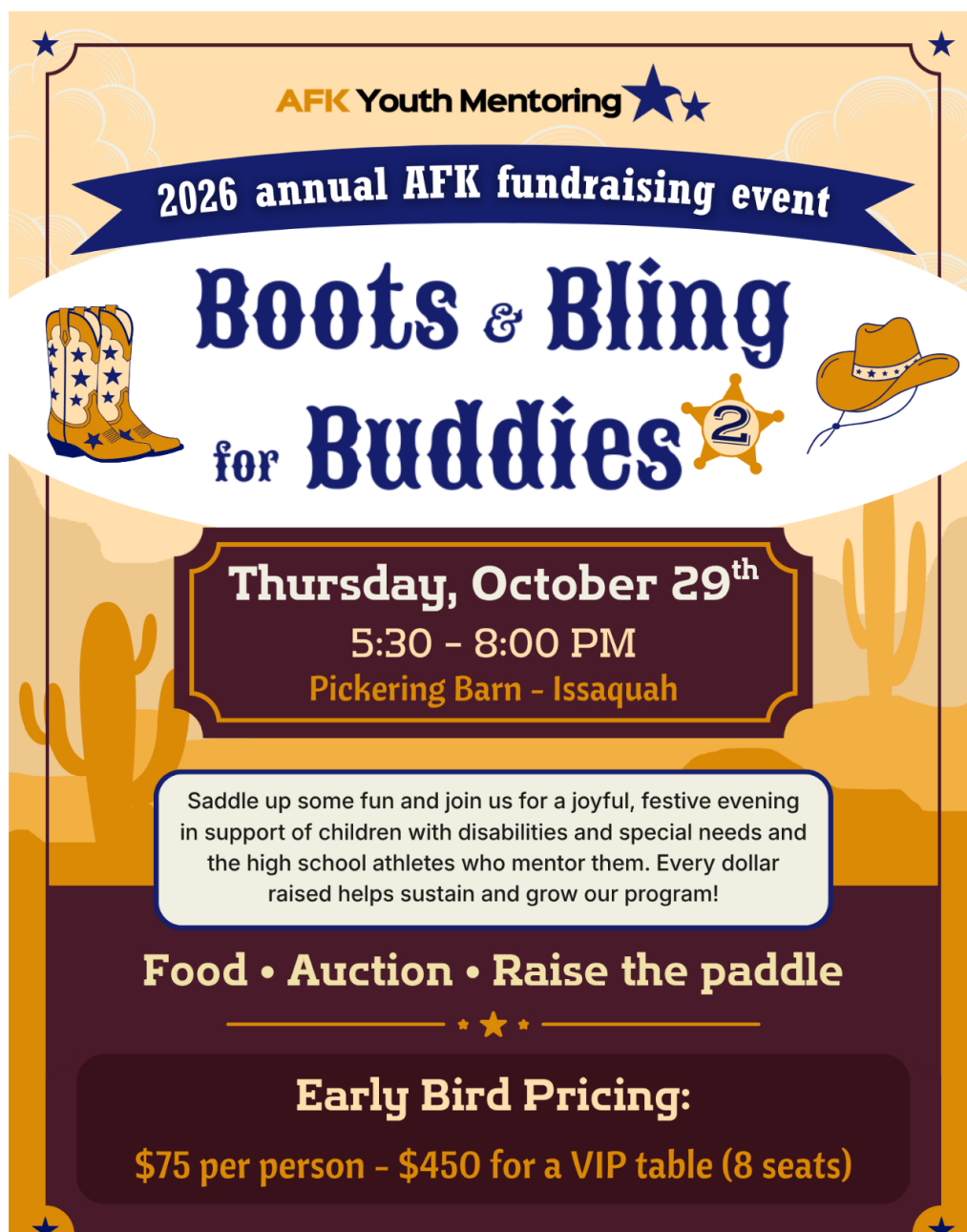
involvement, care, vacation, or the weather in a way that makes me think and leads to super cool and fun conversations. Playing board games with him is always fun as well, and I've still yet to beat him in checkers; he is seriously impressive at it. I'm super grateful for my buddy, and so glad that I matched him.

Mentee Parent

Our son has been incredibly fortunate to have such a positive and supportive mentor in his life. Through their time together, his mentor has encouraged him to be himself, share his interests, and engage in meaningful conversations, while also creating a friendship built on trust and genuine enjoyment.

We have seen how much he looks forward to their time together and how much confidence and happiness he gets from having someone who takes a sincere interest in him. It is clear that their relationship has had a meaningful impact on our son, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive influence, encouragement, and friendship his mentor has provided.

Upcoming Events



AFK Youth Mentoring ★★

2026 annual AFK fundraising event

Boots & Bling for Buddies ★2★

Thursday, October 29th
5:30 – 8:00 PM
Pickering Barn - Issaquah

Saddle up some fun and join us for a joyful, festive evening in support of children with disabilities and special needs and the high school athletes who mentor them. Every dollar raised helps sustain and grow our program!

Food • Auction • Raise the paddle

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Early Bird Pricing:
\$75 per person - \$450 for a VIP table (8 seats)

Registration is officially open for **Boots & Bling for Buddies 2!** Join us on Thursday, October 29th, for a joyful evening of western fun, great company, and auction excitement in support of our buddies and mentors. Every dollar raised will help us continue to **impact lives, one mentorship at a time**. Secure your tickets today and get ready for a memorable hoedown dedicated to Acceptance, Friendship, and Kindness!

[Click Here to Register](#)

We are also seeking **community sponsors for the event**. We invite you to partner with us in supporting our life-changing peer mentorships while showcasing your commitment to the community and gaining exposure for your business or services.

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Skyline Football 
Minicamp & Activity Day

Sunday,
Sept 27th
1:00 - 2:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun, football, and non-sports related activities, including:

- **LEGO table** 
- **Arts & crafts** 

Mentors, buddies, and siblings welcome!

Please note that a signed liability release form is required for all participants under age 18

AFK Youth Mentoring 

Skyline Football Minicamp and Activity Day is Back!

Join us on **Sunday, September 27th**, from **1:00 to 2:30 PM** at the Skyline High School Community Field for the Skyline Minicamp and Activity Day for an afternoon of fun, football, and non-sports-related activities hosted by the Skyline Spartans football team and coaching staff!

Please note! A liability release form is required to be printed, signed, and presented to staff at the event for all participants under the age of 18. Click below to download and print the form.

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Connect with AFK on Nextdoor



We're excited to share that AFK is now on Nextdoor! As we are a locally based organization, Nextdoor is a wonderful place for us to share local updates and mentor-buddy stories with our neighbors. If you're on Nextdoor, please take a moment to fave/heart our page and share our posts. Your support helps us reach more local families in your area!

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AFK Moments



As we reflect on a month of memories, we look forward to more mentorship moments and embracing acceptance, friendship, and kindness every day.

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