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Piedmont, a youth Baseball and Softball League in Hockessin, has a **Buddy Ball** Program to enable boys and girls with physical or intellectual challenges, ages 5-19, to enjoy the game of baseball.

This program is affiliated with the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball League. As the name implies this program makes allowance for a "buddy" to help the player experience the thrill of playing baseball by assisting them to swing a bat, round the bases, and catch a ball, but, whenever possible, encourages the players to bat and make plays themselves.

The **Buddy Ball** program allows the players to be part of an organized sport, to make new friendships and to develop confidence and a positive self-esteem. The players express such delight when they put on their baseball uniforms for the first time! The **Buddy Ball** program is an emotionally rewarding experience for everyone as it also allows the buddies to gain valuable lessons of diversity, awareness and acceptance.

Parents and teenagers are encouraged to become involved in this uniquely rewarding program of Piedmont. Teenagers may become buddies, while parents may become involved in practices, coaching, and other volunteer positions. But most important, we are looking for players to join our league!

If you are interested or you know someone who may be interested, Buddy Ball league registration has started.

To register for **FREE**, go to the Piedmont web site at http://www.piedmontbaseball.com.

The registration button is in the upper right corner.

There is no registration fee for Buddy Ball.

If you have any questions please contact:

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