



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AUBURN SOCCER **NEW PROGRAM BEING DEVELOPED**

TOPSoccer – The Outreach Program for Soccer.

This is a community-based training and placement program for young athletes with disabilities.

The TOPS program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl with a mental or physical disability. This could include Downs Syndrome, ADHD; any form of Autism, including Asperger's and Cerebral Palsy. Each program is developed and structured to the specific needs of the participants. Modifications are made to the game and training environment to allow full participation and enjoyment to each athlete that participates.

- ❖ We are looking for adult "Buddies" to work with the athletes.
- ❖ Great opportunity for early childhood teachers.
- ❖ The volunteer Buddy would work with the TOPSoccer players in a one on one format on the field. This could be one player with a buddy participating in a small sided game with other players, or just the player and buddy doing individual activities. It depends on the needs of the participant.
- ❖ The "Buddy" role is used to build self-esteem and confidence in the participant.
- ❖ This is open to students willing to play with a special needs child for one hour a week.
- ❖ You DO NOT need to be a soccer player. You will be provided all needed instruction prior to the start of the season.
- ❖ Great opportunity for early childhood teachers.

The program will be held Sundays, beginning March 24. We will meet from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. We meet at Packachoag School in Auburn. The total time commitment is one hour a week for 8 weeks. I look forward to discussing this program with you.

More information can be found at <http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/topsoccer.aspx>

Thank you,
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