



Best Buddies Prom

Season: Spring

Atmosphere: Gala

What is the Best Buddies Prom?

The Best Buddies Prom is two parties in one. The student portion is an alternative prom for all students in the Capital Region to attend with their fellow Best Buddies chapter members. The Best Buddies office provides multiple charter busses to transport students from across the region to Prom where they will enjoy music, great food, a photo booth and more. All for no more than \$20 a ticket. Many students with IDD do not have the opportunity to attend their school proms, so this is their chance to party the night away with their friends in a safe, accepting atmosphere.

The adult portion is a DC gala with a twist. The adult Prom is open to corporate and community supporters, parents, adult participants, chapter advisors and whomever else is interested in attending and able to cover the ticket price. There is always a silent and live auction with a wide variety of items to fit anyone's interests. Attendees can also expect passed hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, music and dance floor for adults only.

Sponsorships – There are multiple ways to sponsor Prom. Groups can donate a general amount, buy a block of tickets, donate auction items or work with the Best Buddies office to decide what works best for them.

Auction Items – The Best Buddies development team works hard with the help of volunteers to secure auction items to present at prom. We try to present a wide variety of items that will appeal to many different tastes. We want every adult prom attendee to feel that they can bid and win on at least one item. That is why we not only look for high end items, but also items that could go for as low as \$50. Some past auction items have been: concert tickets, signed sports and media memorabilia, jewelry, gift cards, hotel getaways, experiences, food, and airline miles. Even if the donation is not big enough to be presented as its own item, it can always be packaged with others to create a gift pack.

Volunteers – With two parties happening at one time, Prom needs a lot of volunteers to ensure the event runs smoothly. Volunteers are expected to dress in cocktail attire and needed to help with security, student and adult registration, the auction and general set up and clean up before and after the event. Because a large portion of the volunteer positions take part in the adult section or deal with handling credit card information, we look for volunteers that are 18 and up only.

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