



Best Buddies Leadership Conference

Season: summer

What is Leadership Conference?

BBLC is an international conference held at Indiana University each year for chapter leaders, jobs participants, ambassadors and community supporters to attend, meet the greater Best Buddies community and learn skills they can bring back to their communities.

Who can come to conference?

All conference attendees must be moderately independent and comfortable traveling on their own. They must be able to stay in ADA accessible dorms without the assistance from parents or guardians.

Conference Fees – A \$350 conference fee covers lodging, meals and transport to and from the Indianapolis airport. It is up to attendees to book and pay for their own flight. If someone is having trouble raising funds to attend they can fundraise on their own or look in to grants or scholarships provided by different charitable groups. As our programs grow Best Buddies is looking for more groups to provide assistance to those looking to attend Leadership Conference that are unable to raise the full funds.

School Leader Track – We ask each Best Buddies chapter to send at least one officer to conference. On the high school track, chapter leaders have the opportunity to participate in small group sessions with other Capital Region leaders as well as participants from across the country, listen to key note speakers, and bond with other participants during fun activities planned for the evenings. While the college track has the opportunity to participate in small group discussions with peers from their region they are also given the opportunity to pick from a variety of classes they find the most useful for their chapter.

When chapter leaders depart from conference they have learned leadership skills to bring to their chapter and built a network of other leaders to work with during the year to create a stronger community in Virginia and DC. This track is open to people with and without IDD.

Jobs Track - The jobs track is for Best Buddies jobs participants who are either looking to gain skills to get a job or already have a job and would like to build upon the skills they already have.

Ambassador Track – The Ambassador track is for participants looking to become Best Buddies State or Global Ambassadors. Each office is able to bring a small group of ambassador to conference each year. This group will spend the weekend working with speech coaches and preparing a speech

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to present. The last evening of conference 5 Ambassadors are asked to speak to the entire conference. All Ambassadors return from conference with a speech they have prepared and a greater knowledge of what goes in to giving a great speech.

Community Leader Track – this track is meant for board members and community supporters looking to learn more about Best Buddies internationally. They hear from the jobs and ambassador tracks and offer support to these groups as needed.

Relationship Managers – Volunteers asked to work alongside Best Buddies staff with a specific region. They are there to support offices as needed and maintain a proper adult to participant ratio. A region

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