



Hey Girls – Join ASB and "Thrive!"

Middle school...a time when you look at yourself and start wondering about the "enoughs" ... are you good enough, strong enough, pretty enough, smart enough, athletic enough, creative enough, funny enough, popular enough, kind enough, caring enough and more. Does that sound familiar?

Join ASB "Thrive" and learn how amazing you - that's right – YOU! actually are. Spend Wednesday afternoons with other middle school girls and compassionate, caring college and adult mentors ("Big Buddies"). Come and explore new ways to

- Make new friends and improve relationships with current friends
- Increase your self-confidence and self-esteem
- Improve interactions with family members
- Take care of your mind, body and spirit inside and out
- Give to yourself by giving to others.

Wednesdays 1:30-4:30 pm starting Nov 1, 2017 Christian Life Center–Hiway 20 Bend



The After School Buddies "Thrive" middle school program prepares girls for the difficult social and academic challenges of the adolescent years by providing caring and compassionate adult and college-aged female coaches ("Big Buddies") in weekly after school mentoring sessions.

What can a middle school girl expect from being a participant in After School Buddies "Thrive"?

You will be encouraged to

- ★ Aspire to discover self-confidence and self-respect;
- ★ Share with others by community projects while discovering personal passions/talents;
- ★ Build healthy relationships and a healthy mind, body and spirit.

Under the leadership of our "Big Buddies" middle school girls working in teams will engage in an assortment of challenging and fun activities including cooking, outreach projects, arts, crafts, exercise, music & more. You will

- ★ Be empowered to make good choices that impact your education, health, family and your world;
- ★ Be **encouraged** and **inspired** to experience the **joy** of **giving** to **others**.

This **FREE** program, in its **16th year**, meets weekly from **November** to **May**. 6-8th grade girls are invited to come to **Christian Life Center** and take the next step to becoming **independent**, **confident and compassionate community members**. ASB has served **more than 1500** students and women of Central Oregon since 2003. Don't miss this chance to experience the encouragement of amazing role models while learning to love others as you are loved.

ASB is a faith-based organization however it is not sponsored by an individual church or denomination. Participation in a local church or church group is **not** required nor expected.

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Applications for ASB are being taken NOW! <u>Preregistration is required.</u>

Students must preregister to attend ASB. Completed and signed parent/guardian permission slips are required. Complete the enclosed application form and return to the address on the bottom of the form promptly. Middle School ASB meets in the gym at the Christian Life Center on Highway 20 east of Costco. Information regarding free Bend Lapine bus transportation from Pilot Butte, High Desert or Sky View middle schools will be provided upon registration. Students from other Bend middle schools or home schooled girls need to arrange for car pooling as BLSD buses are not available. For further information, contact:

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What Happens at Thrive! ??

- 1:00 Adults/college mentors (Big Buddies) set up and review day's plans
- 1:30–1:50 Buses arrive from Sky View, High Desert & Pilot Butte; other students by car pool
 Students check in and move to "SIGs" led by Big Buddies at Special Interest Group tables: *Help w/Homework; Arts; Book Club; Board/Card Games; Dance/Music & more*
- 2:15-2:40 Group welcome as students move to assigned table groups; Snack n Share (snack provided by BLSD at east side Thrive!); Conversation topics prepared by Big Buddy leaders
- 2:45 Large group physical activity games; dance; sports
- 3:00 Lesson presented by Big Buddy leaders; eg:"Strong Girl" topics; "Cooking Matters"; STEM activity; outreach project
- 3:30 Table (small) group follow up discussion or activity
- 4:00 All group wrap up followed by gym/kitchen cleanup; Free play until...
- 4:30 Parent pickup
- 4:40-5:00 Debriefing meeting for adult leaders

Schedule may vary if it is a "Cooking Matters" or field trip/outreach day.

