



SHOP WITH A BUC 2023

AHS Mentor Info Packet

It's hard to believe, but the Holidays are already upon us - a time for family and relaxation, but most of all, generosity. Every year, hundreds of families in our community are unable to afford gifts for their children due to their financial situation, but here at Allatoona, we are trying to change that. Shop with a Buccaneer was started to ensure that the underprivileged children in our feeder program have the best holiday season possible. Through this program, students at Allatoona raise money so that they can take these children shopping for holiday gifts. It is just one small way that we can give back to the Buccaneer Community.

This year, we are planning to take over 130 underprivileged little Buccaneers shopping at Target on **December 9, 2023**. In order to make Shop with a Buccaneer possible, we need two things. Our goal this year is raise a minimum of \$20,000, which is a very tall order. The money raised for Shop with a Buccaneer comes directly from you, our students. As a potential mentor, we expect you to help us in this endeavor. You have already taken the first step to becoming a Shop with a Buccaneer Mentor by obtaining this application.

We hold our mentors to the highest standards and will review the applications rigorously. The goal for Shop with a Buccaneer is to make a positive difference in the lives of the children we will be assisting. This will be a demanding but rewarding experience for not only the child you assist, but for yourself. The event needs your **absolute commitment** so please check your personal calendar for any conflicts in your schedule on December 9th (this may be an SAT/ACT or sporting event day) **prior to applying to this event.**

You must arrive by **7:30 am SHARP on Saturday, December 9th**. **Mentors will be assigned a shopper on a first-come, first-serve basis so punctuality is essential.** On December 9th, you will be completely responsible for your little Buc shopper. You are expected to be extremely enthusiastic and positive, spending 110% of your time and energy on your shopper. You will also be required to help clean up after the event and will be allowed to leave after all is completed, probably around 2:30 pm.

Are you excited about participating in the most fanatic AHS event of the year? **To apply, you must complete the following three tasks by Friday, November 10th:**

1. **Applications must be submitted online via Microsoft Forms**
2. **\$20 Applications fee must be paid through MyPaymentsPlus fee**
3. **Join SWAB "Group Me"**

*Please note that each student applying must raise an additional \$50 (aside from the initial \$20 application fee) in order to participate. While we ask you to create shopping teams at the time of registration, shopping pairs/team may be adjusting the morning of the event to accommodate all of our little Bucs. **Your raised donation of \$50 must be submitted through MyPaymentsPlus by Friday, December 1st.**

This is an exciting and rewarding opportunity, but one that is not to be taken lightly. We are looking for the best here at AHS. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this awesome program. We look forward to seeing you on December 9th!

Reminders & Important Dates	
Friday, November 10, 2023	Complete 2 tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SWAB Application Due (<i>online Microsoft forms</i>) ▪ \$20 application fee (<i>MyPaymentsPlus</i>) ▪ Join SWAB "Group Me"
Friday, December 1, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$50 minimum donation fee <u>per applicant</u> (<i>MyPaymentsPlus</i>) <small>***Donations online can be either \$50, \$75, or \$100. If you have a different amount or more, please see Mrs. Petersen or Mrs. Carter with cash or check!!!</small>
Friday, December 8, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Set-up and decorate for SWAB right after school
Saturday, December 9, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SWAB!!! ▪ Arrive at 7:30 and get ready for an amazing day!

Steps for becoming a Shop with a Buc Mentor

**A space has been provided next to each step so you can keep track of your completion of all steps in the process*

STEP 1: Turn in the application and application fee no later than Friday, November 10th, 2023.

- **Applications** are to be **submitted online** via AHS website
- **\$20 non-refundable application fee** must be paid online through *My Payments Plus* (under “special events”); it’s linked to the online application.
- **Join the “SWAB 2023 Group Me”** to receive reminders, messages, etc.
 - Applications will not be accepted without the \$20 non-refundable application fee, which covers the cost of your shirt as well as helps pay for breakfast, lunch, and transportation costs for the event.
 - All shirts will be distributed at the mentor training sessions. Be sure your application has the correct shirt size indicated.
 - At the end of the online application, you will be asked to **sign on the last question of the application**; by “signing,” you are agreeing to dedicate yourself completely to Shop with a Buccaneer. This includes attending **ONE training session**, raising the **\$50 minimum** donation by **December 1st** (*you can always raise more*), sending family and friends your request for a donation letter (*donation letters are at the end of the SWAB info link*), and giving 110% on December 10th.

STEP 2: Send out donation letters (*attached at the end of this sheet*). We recommend you print out at least 2 donation letters and mail/email these letters to at least two people you think would be able to donate money to SWAB. The money received from these donations does NOT go towards your personal required \$50 donation; they are above and beyond the money that we are asking you to raise personally, so be sure to mail these letters to people that you are not asking to help you with your \$50. ***Remember you will be seeing lots of family over the Thanksgiving holiday, so be sure to make copies of the letter and take it with you to your events. The more you raise, the more we are able to provide for our lil’ Bucs.

STEP 3: Turn in your \$50 SWAB REQUIRED donation by December 1st. Your \$50 (minimum) fundraiser should be turned in online through *MyPaymentsPlus*.

- \$50 is the minimum donation amount but additional donations are greatly appreciated to help give each child the best experience possible.
- If you need to pay via check, please see Mrs. Petersen (*SPED Suite – room 2107 near theater lobby*).

STEP 4: Attend a SWAB training session. This year we are holding all training sessions on the following dates and times:

- **Monday, December 4th @ 3:45 PM:** location TBD
- **Tuesday, December 5th @ 7:45 AM:** location TBD
- **Wednesday, December 6th @ 3:45 PM:** location TBD
- **Thursday, December 7th @ 7:45 AM:** location TBD

***Sessions will begin promptly at 7:45 am and 3:45pm (you will be asked to attend another session if you come in too late). **YOU MUST ATTEND ONE TRAINING SESSION TO PARTICIPATE EVEN IF YOU’VE PARTICIPATED IN SWAB BEFORE!!!**

STEP 5: Stay after on Friday, December 8th, to help decorate. We like for this event to be exciting for our lil’ BUCS. In order to do this, we transform the lunchroom into a winter wonderland. If you cannot stay after to help decorate, you **MUST** indicate on your application online OR notify Mrs. Petersen by Wednesday, December 7th. Any other absences from decorations after school on Friday will register as a non-commitment on your part and you will be one of the last to receive their lil’ BUC assignments on Saturday if we have enough to go around.

Questions, please see Mrs. Petersen in room *SPED Suite* (near theater lobby) or via email at Laurie.Petersen@cobbk12.org. You may also reach out to Mrs. Carter in room 2205, or Mrs. Tatum in room 2210

***All donations and fees to SWAB are non-refundable**

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Because of this, I would very much appreciate your help in sponsoring a Little Buc this year!!! If you are able to contribute, please mail your donation directly to the program director at:

AHS Shop with a Buc Program
c/o Laurie Petersen
3300 Dallas-Acworth Hwy.
Acworth, GA 30101

If you write a check, please make it out to: **AHS Shop with a Buc (SWAB)**. All donations are tax deductible, please have your student see Laurie Petersen (Laurie.Petersen@cobbk12.org or room 2701 at AHS) for receipt.

Thank you so much for your consideration this year. I can assure you that 100% of your donation will go to make a difference in a child's life this Holiday Season. I'll be sure to let you know all about my day after the event occurs.

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