



## **BUCKNATION DAY**

BuckNation Day is a day of free activity-filled entertainment through sports, music, education, and health for families with children of all ages. The goal of BuckNation Day is to erase the lines of limitations by bringing a day of wallet-free fun and education to Miccosukee's and Tallahassee's most vulnerable and underserved populations.

BuckNation Day aims to stretch the boundaries of your classic family event by providing unique services such as free dental and eye exams for children, high blood pressure tests and breast exams for adults, and financial literacy and mental health workshops for adults and teens. Entertainment and activities will include free food, structured team building sports such as basketball and kickball, arts and crafts, and music.

Our mission is to be a source of encouragement and hope in families living in poverty and in rural communities with limited access to resources. Join us in leaving a lasting impression and making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

## **ABOUT JAVORIUS "BUCK" ALLEN**

**Who founded BuckNation Day?** Former Baltimore Raven, Javorius "Buck" Allen, a kid from Miccosukee, FL, who grew up to live his dream to play in the NFL.

Buck is proud to come from the rural community of Miccosukee. He reflects on the Carrie Wilson Boys & Girls Club as an organization that offered a safe environment to explore extracurricular activities, and more importantly, a club that symbolized hope. Like many others from his neighborhood, he did not have access to many resources. The Boys and Girls Club was instrumental in helping him rise above his circumstances, and there, Buck found his love for football after joining the Miccosukee Steelers, a recreational football team. In 2008, he was the youngest student to start on the varsity team at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, where he received the nickname "Young Buck." In 2011, Buck committed to the University of Southern California, making him the first person in his family to go to college. Buck was drafted in 2015 to the Baltimore Ravens, a dream come true.

His hardships were relentless, but his will to overcome was indestructible. BuckNation Day is an event that expresses Buck's notion that one opportunity can change the trajectory of someone's life.

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