



AOL Instant Messenger



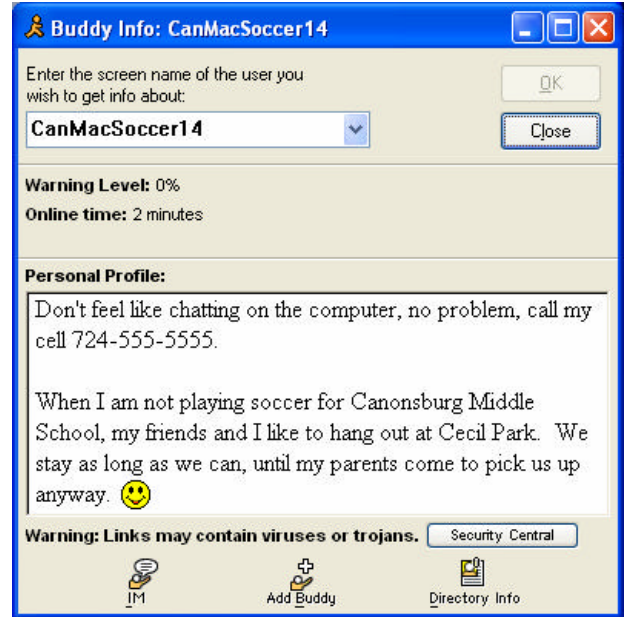
This is a buddy list. This list shows people who have been chatting with this user. It is best if these are all people that your child knows previously from face to face meetings, such as school, sports, camps, etc.

Does your child **really** know who all of their buddies are?

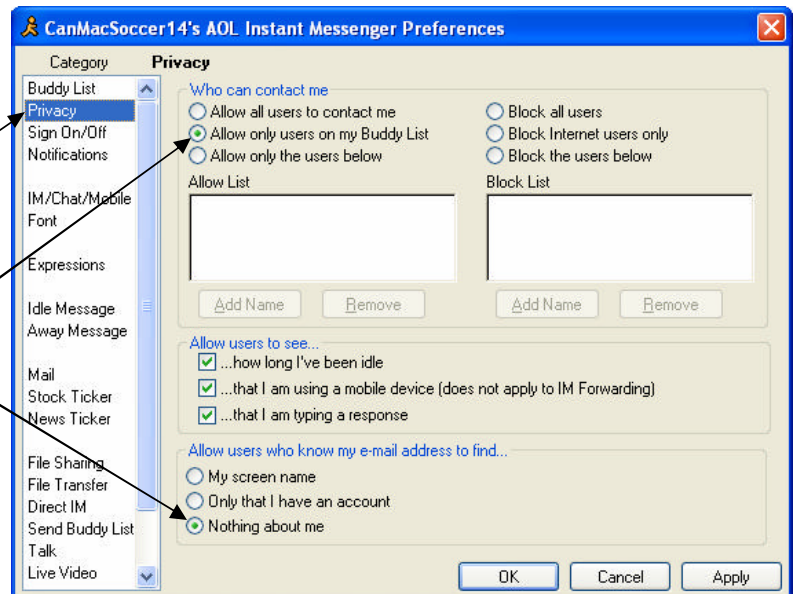
This is a buddy info screen. This is an area where users can provide additional information about themselves and their interests. Some users also provide links to their email address or web site.

Sometimes users provide information that could be used to identify themselves.

Is your child providing too much information on their buddy profile?



Buddy List Setup
Preferences
Show Useful Tools



One way to help protect your child is to set up their AOL Instant Messenger so that they only receive messages from people that they put onto their buddy list. Here is how to do this.

Select Setup, then Preferences.

Select Privacy.

Make these 2 selections.

- Allow all users to contact me
 - Allow only users on my Buddy List
 - Allow only the users below
 - Block all users
 - Block Internet users only
 - Block the users below
- Allow users to see...
- ...how long I've been idle
 - ...that I am using a mobile device (does not apply to IM Forwarding)
 - ...that I am typing a response
- Allow users who know my e-mail address to find...
- My screen name
 - Only that I have an account
 - Nothing about me