


Adult Mentors


2021 Teens as Teachers Conference

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Adult Mentor Role Description



Teens as Teachers Adult Mentor

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION
Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service

ROLE TITLE: Teens as Teachers Adult Mentor



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Who are Adult Mentors?

- An approved 4-H Volunteer
- A Purdue Extension Staff Member
- Each Teens as Teachers Team should have one Adult Mentor.



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What do Adult Mentors do?

- Help teen teachers fulfill their responsibilities
- Identify locations for possible presentations
- Offer advice and encouragement
- Answer questions
- Motivate as needed
- Monitor progress toward meeting team goals



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How do you measure success?

- When the Teens as Teachers team is fulfilling their responsibilities with minimal input from the mentor, you know you have been successful in your role!



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What is the time commitment?

- Complete the initial Teens as Teachers training
- Support the teens as they develop lessons – 1 presentation hour = 2-3 hours of preparation time
- Each teen teacher annually teaches a minimum of 6-10 hours (in groups of 2-3)
- Many teen teachers teach 30-40 hours annually
- Presentations occur throughout the year
- This is an annual commitment



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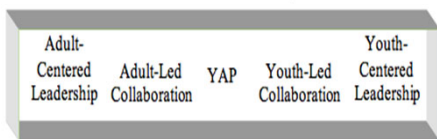
What are the responsibilities of an Adult Mentor?

- Support the teens
- Identify locations for presentations
- Encourage and provide feedback
- Guide, not direct
- Maintain close communications
- Assist with reporting accomplishments
- Encourage reflection



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This is a Youth-driven effort!



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What are the qualifications of an Adult Mentor?

- Approved Adult 4-H Volunteer or current Extension Staff member
- Desire to work with youth and help them succeed
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Organization and flexibility
- Basic computer skills



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What training and resources are available?


- Teens as Teachers training and webpage
- 4-H Volunteer webpage
 - Subject matter resources
 - 4-H Mentor Manual
 - New 4-H Volunteer Orientation modules
- 4-H Extension Educator



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What are the benefits of serving as an Adult Mentor?

- Work with amazing youth
- Meet local community needs
- Watch teens reach their goals
- Develop your personal skills
- Build network of community contacts



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Thank you for your willingness to serve as an Adult Mentor!!



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