Adult Mentors

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Adult Mentor Role Description

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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

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!

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
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

This is a Youth-driven effort!

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
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

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

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