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Adult Volunteer Mentor Position Description

About the Program:

Mentoring programs help build vibrant communities, and the goals of the 4-H National Mentoring Program (NMP) are to increase youth social competency, improve family relationships, and increase academic success. This is a small-group mentoring program that engages local teens and elementary-aged youth in meaningful relationships with caring adults that are invested in helping them reach their full potential.

Program Structure:

This mentoring program uses a small group model that pairs adult mentors with teens who have similar interests. Those teens are paired with 2-3 elementary aged youth to build connections with and guide through activities. These pairings make up a mentoring “pod” that the adult volunteer will meet with and provide support to for a minimum of 4 hours per month. Training is provided for all mentors, and guidance will be provided by the 4-H office and the Mentoring Program Coordinator through the duration of the program.

Adult Mentor Responsibilities:

- Participate in two trainings addressing WSU expectations and requirements as well as how to be a good mentor in early December (Dates TBA)
- Provide 4-8 hours of mentoring time with assigned mentees every month
- Support teens with their elementary-aged mentees
- Provide guidance through activities and curriculum relevant to teens interests from the program coordinator (with support from the 4-H office)
- Attend bi-monthly virtual events for mentees and their families
- Track the time you spend mentoring and submit mentoring reports monthly

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Adult mentors should be at least 18 years of age and enjoy working with youth
- Volunteers will need to commit to participate from December 2020-April 2021
- Satisfactory reference and criminal background checks are required prior to interacting with mentees
- Access to internet capable device and webcam, some experience and familiarity with Zoom is a bonus

To Apply:

Visit <https://extension.wsu.edu/skamania/youth/4-h-mentoring/> to access the online application. A PDF is available for download and can be emailed to the Program Coordinator prior to the deadline. Program Contact: Phoebe Jud, Mentoring Program Coordinator, 509-427-3932

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