



Mentor Volunteer Agreement

A Mentor with Wilderness Journeys is a caring, responsible, Christian adult volunteer who serves as a trusted friend, support, and guide to a vulnerable youth in their community for a period of at least one year. A mentor builds a relationship based on trust and acceptance with their protégé, which provides a foundation for positive mental, spiritual, emotional, and physical growth.

Process of becoming a Mentor

- Submit written application
- Participate in a personal interview with a Wilderness Journeys staff member
- Complete background check
- Attend a new mentor training/orientation session
- Become matched to a protégé of the same sex

Responsibilities to Protégé and Wilderness Journeys

- Commit to a one-year mentoring relationship with a protégé
- Spend time with your protégé at least twice per month for at least 1½ hours each meeting
- Communicate with your Mentoring Coach monthly and willingly receive and implement advice
- Honor all commitments made to your protégé
- Be a positive role model by demonstrating a faith-filled Christian life
- Establish appropriate boundaries with your protégé and his/her family as described in our Mentor Orientation
- Seek to help your protégé find his/her God-given potential through encouragement and support
- Build a relationship with your protégé based on trust and respect
- Abide by all of the Mentor Responsibilities and Guidelines listed in the Mentor Orientation

Qualifications – A mentor must:

- Be least 21 years of age, living in the vicinity of Wilderness Journeys for last 6 months.
- Have been a Christian for a minimum of 18 months.
- Be actively involved in a church for a minimum of one year.
- Be living in a vital relationship with Christ as demonstrated by:
 - Seeking God through prayer, reading the Scripture and fellowship in a local church
 - Pursuing holiness and shunning any obstacle to communion with Christ
 - Seeking to honor Christ in work, relationships, sexuality, and emotions
- Be able and willing to demonstrate God's love to a youth through a personal relationship.
- Have a desire to build a genuine and caring relationship with a youth.
- Have the physical and emotional health to provide a consistent, caring relationship.
- Have a valid driver's license, access to an automobile and auto insurance.

Volunteers are not suitable for mentoring if they:

- Have been cited for driving under the Influence (DUI) in the last 5 years.
- Have been involved in a crime against a vulnerable person (child, disabled adult). Those with any other past criminal record should speak with the mentoring team.
- Cannot complete their mentoring commitment. Studies show that if a mentor quits before their commitment is up it does harm to the protégé.

Signature _____ Date _____

***Wilderness Journeys would like to thank CAYM for their assistance in developing our mentoring program.**