



Youth Mentor Program

Overview

The One-on-One Mentorship Program matches Refuge students with mentors for various periods of time, on a case-by-case basis. Through these mentor/student relationships, students will have the opportunity to develop valuable communication skills, learn discipline, gain confidence and self-esteem as well as learn the value of positive influence. Mentors will spend at least one hour per week with their student. Mentors are able to take students to do things students enjoy. Things such as putt-putt, movies, batting cages, go cart rides, etc. This gives Refuge mentors the chance to gain effective influence into the students' lives which allows for lasting impact. Our mission is to provide an environment of safety, teach students the importance of making wise decisions and if the opportunity presents itself, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and the hope and love He offers.

Recruitment of Mentors and Students

All mentors must complete a written application with at least two references. They will then participate in an interview with Refuge executive director and are subject to a second interview before the Refuge board of directors. During this time, they learn about the program and its purposes and we get the chance to get to them and their background, why they want to work with students and their qualifications. After the interview process is complete the mentor must complete a training session. Students also complete a written application and are paired with a specific mentor based on their application. Any parent/guardian with a student in the mentor program has constant full access to all information about the program and their child's participation in it.

Group Activities

At Refuge, we aim to create a community environment. This is also true with our mentoring program. Groups of students will join together with their mentors to go on group field trips and participate in group activities. These events are planned by Refuge executive staff and parents must sign consent forms before students can participate. For any activities (individual or group) that require money, students and their families are responsible to cover the cost of the **student** (not the mentor), in the event that funds are unavailable, the activity will simply be something that doesn't require money (park, special time at Refuge, bike ride, etc).

Contact

If you have any questions, please call Refuge Executive Director, Andy Denen at 330.219.3170. He can also be reached via email at adenen@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration! We look forward to serving your family.

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Student Application

Please **write clearly** and answer **every question** with **student information**.

Today's Date: ____/____/____

Have you ever had a mentor through the Refuge Program? Yes No

If yes, would you like the same mentor this time? Yes No

Name: _____

Gender: (please circle one) Male Female Age: _____

Birthday: ____/____/____ Ethnicity: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home #: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell #: _____ - _____ - _____

Student's Cell # (if applicable) _____ - _____ - _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Do you prefer to receive Refuge news, updates, and other important information via email, in the mail, or both?

How did you hear about the Refuge Mentor Program? (circle one)

Friend Teacher Refuge Workplace Other

If Other, please explain:

Why do you want a mentor for your child?

What kind of person would like the mentor to be? (good listener, active in sports, etc.)

What are three words that best describe your child?

Please describe things that your student is good at:

Is your child involved in any extra-curricular activities? Please list them here:

Please take a moment to let us know what time your student is available for the one-on-one program:



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I, _____, give my consent for the Refuge Mentor Program to match my child, _____, with a mentor from Refuge. I will also give consent for my child to participate in all Refuge Mentor Program activities; including all organized activities and transportation. In consideration of the advantages of participation in the Refuge Mentor Program, the undersigned agree that Refuge Ministries and its mentors, agents, and employees shall be released and exempt from any liability for damages for bodily injuries or property damages that may occur as a result of participation in the Refuge Mentor Program, except to the extent of insurance liability as provided by law.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Relationship to Child

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone Number

Mobile Number

Work Number

Emergency Contact and Phone Number