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# **Top 10 Reasons For Becoming A Mentor:**

- #10 You have been thinking about it for a long time and now it is time to put your thoughts into action.
- #9 It brings out the kid in you.
- #8 Every kid deserves a chance.
- # 7 It is a great way to meet new people while doing something that matters.
- # 6 Seeing the world through younger eyes can change YOUR outlook.
- # 5 It has a huge ripple effect.
- # 4 It is a powerful way to change the world one youth at a time.
- #3 You can help a youth recognize his or her potential.
- # 2 Investing in our youth is an investment in the future of our community

and the #1 reason...

It is priceless to know <u>YOU</u> have made a difference in the life of a child.

# Join the Fun TODAY!

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# "Be a Hero"







#### Who Are We?

The Lake County Youth Mentor Program's mission is to connect youth, grades K-12, with caring adult mentors to enhance academic, social, and personal achievement. We recruit and train adult mentors to work with youth in a variety of mentoring relationships.



# What Is Mentoring?

Mentoring is simple, yet powerful. It is about friendship, learning, and connections.

For youth being mentored, it is linked to improved academic, social and economic prospects. For adults, mentoring provides an opportunity to give back to the community and positively impact a youth's life.

According to research, students who are in mentoring programs are:

- 59% more likely to earn better grades
- 55% less likely to skip school
- 81% more likely to participate in extracurricular activities
- 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to start drinking.

#### What Is The Commitment?

#### **One-on-One Mentoring:**

The mentor is a youth's friend. You take time to listen, offer encouragement, and provide support and friendship through shared activities.

**Commitment**: A minimum of one hour a week for one year.

#### **Team Mentoring:**

Mentors interact with students, grades 3 through 6, in group settings where they participate in fun activities that help develop life skills. All activities are provided by the program team mentor coordinator. Mentors just show up and have fun!

**Commitment**: Two hours one afternoon per month, October through May.





#### What Skills Do You Need?

- Desire to help youth
- A big heart
- Patience
- Perseverance
- An open mind
- Willingness to listen
- Desire to have fun

#### What's In It For You?

- You get to be a "hero"!
   You can help one youth learn to become successful.
- You can share your interests and Skills with the next generation.
- You can meet new people and make new friends.
- You can be young at heart again and see the world through fresh eyes.
- You will help improve your life and your community—one (or several) youth at a time.
- In team mentoring you can have an impact on the lives of many youth and enjoy watching them learn and grow.

# Become a "HERO" Today!

