

# ***ADULT INVOLVEMENT***

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## **MENTORS**

One way to grow a volunteer base is to empower more experienced volunteers to mentor other volunteers. This can be done within a club setting or across club boundaries. Mentor relationships give experienced volunteers a way to progress in their development as volunteers and people. It also affords them an opportunity to share their knowledge with others.

The following are desirable characteristics of mentors:

- Team player
- Trustworthy and ethical
- Positive attitude and a sense of humor
- Respected by peers, shows respect for others
- Listens and communicates effectively
- Recognizes and encourages excellence
- Self confident
- Patient, encouraging, caring and sympathetic
- Appreciates and encourages diversity
- Flexible/adaptable, receptive to new ideas