



"Find Out More"

T.R.A.C.life Meeting Agenda

To copy & have available:

- "Basic Requirements for T.R.A.C.life Mentors" from the Mentor Packet. (multiple copies)
- Mentor Application (new & returning) from the Mentor Packet. (multiple copies)
- Prayer Partner Form from the Mentor Packet. (multiple copies)
- "Mentoring Makes a Difference" from the Director Library. (one copy for yourself to read)

Schedule:

NOTE: Snacks/lunch optional. Usually 30 minutes after church service is a great time to meet.

- Welcome.
- Give a brief description of the program. See below.
- Share "Mentoring Makes a Difference."
- If available, ask a returning mentor to share his/her experience.
- Hand out basic requirements of being a T.R.A.C.life mentor.
- Answer questions. Give dates of quarterly events if possible.
- Have interested mentors & returnees fill out applications and prayer partner forms.
- Have fingerprinting information available.

Description:

Many volunteers long to connect with campers after Teen Reach Adventure Camp ends. T.R.A.C.life provides a safe platform to continue the relationships made at camp. Mentees are eligible to participate in T.R.A.C.life after they attend T.R.A.C.. Unlike many mentoring programs, T.R.A.C.life optimizes success because a match between a mentor and mentee is not a cold match. The two individuals already share the common bond of camp before the mentoring relationship even begins. This powerful connection leads to a strong foundation for a great mentoring experience.

Mentors commit to meeting with their mentees twice a month for a year, building trust, self-esteem and hope. After the relationship has been established for six months, the requirement can be met through one in-person visit and a second "virtual" visit through a phone call or other form of electronic communication. Often mentors follow their mentees long into the future, the one constant presence in the life of a teen who may bounce from foster home to foster home. Each visit focuses on one of five goals: emotional/character growth, educational/academic growth, social growth, athletic/physical growth, and spiritual growth. Quarterly events involve all the mentor/mentee pairs. Statistics prove mentoring can change the course of a life.