

Activities for Connecting with Your Mentees

Elementary – early Middle School

- Travel around the world
 - Exposes mentee to other cultures. Ask your mentee if there is a country they would like to visit. Read up on that country and culture. Cook food together from that country, watch a movie that represents that country or culture.
- Library outing
 - Take a trip to the library, maybe engage in an interactive story or do a book hunt.
- Take a trip to the animal shelter
 - We have a mentor/mentee who go to Brightside and read to the animals.
- Swimming/swim lessons
- Going to the park
- Playing catch

Late Middle School - High School

- Car Maintenance
 - Windshield wiper replacement, oil change, changing a tire, jump start, etc.
- Learn photography, videography
 - Capture moments together, or things in nature.
- Work on a resume and practice a job interview
 - Talk about and/or research jobs they are interested in.
- Taking a community class together

Any Age

- Life Journal
 - Use photographs, pictures from magazines, construction paper, etc. The journal can contain memories of their life and what they want their future to look like.
- Mentoring story book
 - Way to document your relationship.
- Reading exercise
 - Mentor can bring a variety of reading materials when they meet. The mentee can rate them on a scale from 1-5, this will help give mentors idea on types of reading material the mentee enjoys and they can read together.
- Scrapbooking
 - Take a picture every time you meet, then each month take the pictures and work on a scrapbook together. Gives you opportunity to look back at things you did together at the end of the year.
- Teach a kid to play
 - Example is Chess, but could be any game, cribbage, rumi, checkers.
- Make stationary together
 - Use for sending thoughtful notes to the special people in our life.

- Volunteering together
 - Find a cause that is important to both of you and volunteer a few times a year together.
- Going to a book signing or an author reading
- First Thursday Art Stroll in the summer months
- Cooking together
 - Discover new foods and recipes.
- Going bargain shopping
- Playing games
 - Card games, video games, board games.
- Bowling
- Taking a trip to the High Desert Museum (we have passes for this)
- Going to a movie together
- Visiting an Alpaca farm
- Attending a school event or fundraiser together
- Attending a local parade

A Year's Worth of Mentoring Activities

January

- Make your New Year's resolutions and set mentoring goals
- Develop a website together
- Write thank you notes from the holidays
- Attend a sporting event

February

- Rent/watch each other's favorite movies
- Read the same book and discuss it
- Go sledding
- Talk about your first job
- Make valentine's cards

March

- Go to a sporting event
- Make plans for spring break
- Talk about planning a career
- Make a leprechaun trap
- Take a hike or walk together

April

- Go to a baseball game
- Plant seeds for a garden (indoor)
- Tour a college campus and learn about how to prepare for enrollment
- Go on a bike ride

May

- Go to a high school play or concert
- Work on a resume
- Plant a tree
- Go fishing

June

- Talk about how to look for a job
- Go to a free outdoor concert
- Shoot some hoops
- Go outside and take some picture together
- Build a birdhouse
- Go to the lake

July

- Talk about news and current events
- Go to a parade
- Search for a great fireworks display
- Watch a movie with a mentoring theme and discuss it
- Go swimming, bike riding or for a walk at Black Butte Ranch
- Look for a summer job or internship

August

- Make dinner together
- Share a talent or teach a skill to each other
- Talk about planning a budget
- Go for a hike

September

- Prepare for school
- Tour Sisters
- Visit an orchard or farm
- Volunteer for a fundraiser or service project

October

- Go to a football game
- Work on homework together
- Go to a haunted house or maze
- Work on a Halloween costume
- Make caramel apples

November

- Take a walk together
- Talk about elections and the election process
- Volunteer at a food shelter
- Write a story or poem together
- Make a list of things you are thankful for

December

- Help make creative gifts for each other's families.
- Bake cookies together
- Make a scrapbook of all the things you have done throughout the year
- Talk about the future
- Make a homemade Holiday ornament