

MENTORING

Mentors will be asked to participate in the program for 2 years while their protégée is in 7th and 8th grades [2007-2008 (7th grade) and 2008-2009 (8th grade)]. Mentors and protégées will be the same sex. Mentors may have technology and/or science careers; however, this is not a requirement.

Responsibilities/Commitment:

Mentors participate in the following areas:

- 1-2 hour mentor training;
- During the summer camp held in July;
 - 2 hours on Monday of week one to meet protégée and his/her parent
 - 2 hours on Thursday of week two for lunch

On Monday (July 9th or 16th)

8.30-10.30

Introduction day to protégée and parents

On Thursday (July 19th or 26th)

12.00-1.45

- Holiday mentor–protégée activity (Nov/Dec);
- Spring fling activity (Mar/Apr);
- Communicate at least once a month with protégée by email, phone, letter and/or visit
 - The mentor and protégée determine how they would like to communicate
 - Possibly a job shadowing experience

Mentors will be invited (not required) to attend the summer camp classes and the Saturday academies during the school year to continue to build the relationship with their protégée in a structured environment.

Supervision/Support:

- Monthly emails/phone calls from program staff

Mentors will be encouraged to maintain mentoring relationship after the program officially ends.