



WAYFINDERS
HELPING OPPORTUNITY FIND EVERY CHILD

WAYFINDERS MENTOR COMMITMENT 2022

Being a mentor is about seeing and nurturing a child's potential, being a role model, and helping navigate life's challenges.

WAYFINDERS -- Mission and Vision

Our MISSION is to ignite students' potential by expanding their confidence, connections, and horizons. We achieve this through summer camps, year-round enrichment programs, and mentor relationships for self-motivated, underserved students.

Our VISION is that every child, regardless of zip code, has access to transformative life experiences through camp, mentorship, and educational opportunities.

WAYFINDERS -- Program Model

- Students are selected in fourth grade by Communities In Schools site coordinators, teachers, and school personnel for demonstrating **strong academic effort, leadership potential, and good citizenship.**

WAYFINDERS – Mentor Commitment

- Build a relationship with your mentee by meeting with them for an activity **at least once a month** (Wayfinders sponsors regular enrichment activities).
- Provide transportation to and from camp and other enrichment events for your mentee and other scholars (if able and if needed).
- Commit to sustaining a mentoring relationship with your mentee through 9th grade (*note – if 9th grade scholars apply and are selected for our high school program, you will have the option to continue your relationship with your mentee to graduation and beyond!)

WAYFINDERS – Mentor Support Provided

- Initial and ongoing mentor training opportunities
- Dedicated mentor coordinator for support
- Mentor teams – smaller group of mentors that provides support and exchange of ideas

WAYFINDERS – Next Steps

- Potential mentors complete an application and background check, and participate in an interview
- Training provided in April
- Mentor matches and camp kickoff party in May

For more information on becoming a Wayfinders Mentor, please view this 5-minute video <https://vimeo.com/549031033> or contact Lisa Stewart, Wayfinders Mentor Coordinator, at 704-975-3196, or lstewart@wayfindersnc.org.