

What can I share about myself with my mentees?

*Your mentees will be interested to know about your family, childhood, and recent past. Give the most attention to your interests, hobbies, college experience and career.*

When will I be matched with my mentees?

*Matching mentors and mentees is a highly intentional process. Some matches can take up to a full semester to become official while other matches may happen within a few months.*

When/where can I take my mentees on outings?

*Coordinating schedules will be the most difficult part of organizing an outing. Any time that is agreeable to the mentees and their guardians is acceptable. You can take your mentees just about anywhere except a private residence. Please avoid high risk activities and you must be in a public place and within the Omaha Metropolitan Area- which includes Council Bluffs, Bellevue, and Elkhorn. Always check with your Program Coordinator as we frequently receive free tickets to sporting events or discount passes to attractions.*

Can I take just one mentee on an outing?

*One on one outings are not allowed. Two or more students must be present on an outing.*

Who pays for what on outings?

*Mentors are discouraged to assume the cost for outings with mentees. Mentees should pay their own way. If a mentor would like to use their own funds, it is allowed, but we ask that expenses incurred are minimal and that expectations are made clear to the mentees. Example- each person pays for their own admission and the mentor offers to purchase a treat to share. P4K frequently receives free tickets to sporting events and local activities that you can use.*

Can I take my mentees swimming?

*Yes, as long as the ability of each mentee to swim has been confirmed with guardians and the facility has a life guard on duty at all times. Female mentors must wear one piece swimwear and male mentors must wear swim shorts or trunks. Mentees and mentors may not change clothes in a public space- stalls or separate bathrooms must be utilized. It is best to arrive at the location with swimwear worn underneath clothing and to return home wearing wet swimwear or allow enough time to dry off before departing to avoid changing altogether.*

Can I use social media to interact with my mentees?

*Friending, following, subscribing, etc to the profiles of mentees is not allowed. You may use online chat programs to communicate just as you would with texting. If your mentee has a public profile on a social media platform, such as a blog or website, you must receive Program Coordinator permission before interacting through those means.*

Can I post photos of my mentee online?

*The safety of students and volunteers is our top priority. You may not post photos or any identifying information about your mentees online. You are encouraged to talk about your experiences on social media as long as the identity of your mentees remains anonymous.*

What do I do if I suspect my mentee needs help, and I am unable to assist?

*Your Program Coordinator is your best resource for any questions you may have regarding your students. When in doubt, your Coordinator is ready and willing to help. If you suspect there is a serious issue of child abuse or neglect, please follow Nebraska State law by contacting Child Protective Services or 911. Your Program Coordinator can assist you with this process if you would like.*