

# TEENS REACHING YOUTH FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



**Position Description:** TRY Adult Mentor

**Purpose:** To help TRY Teen Teachers achieve success by offering guidance, support and assistance.

**Benefits:**

- Become a valuable team player in the Vermont environmental and educational community.
- Help teens develop transferable skills and see the growth in their learning.
- Support the TRY program and help continue its success.

**Qualifications and Skills Required:**

- Age 21 or older with a strong interest in working with teens.
- Be able to help teens prepare lessons, gain skills, stay organized and meet program expectations.
- Must be organized, a team player, a strong communicator, and willing to learn new things.
- Background check required unless currently approved to work with youth.

**Responsibilities:**

- Participate in a TRY Mentor Webinar. (See application for dates & times).
- Attend the one-day training for your program area with your TRY team. (See flyer for dates & location).
- Assist your TRY team with identifying places to teach and getting lessons scheduled.
- Communicate regularly via email with the TRY Coordinator.
- Communicate regularly in person with your TRY team.
- Guide and assist your TRY team in meeting all TRY program deadlines and expectations.
- Help your TRY team practice each lesson before teaching.
- Attend at least two TRY lessons to observe and evaluate teen teachers. (You may need to attend more lessons depending on your TRY team.)
- Complete a TRY Mentor Survey at the end of the program.
- Make sure that your TRY team completes required TRY Forms on time.
- Assist your TRY team in keeping track of all activity supplies and organizing their teaching kit before returning.
- Be a positive role model to your TRY team.

**Resources Provided:**

- Training and ongoing support from TRY Coordinator and partner organizations.
- All activity supplies needed to teach lessons.
- TRY t-shirt to wear when teaching.

**Time Commitment:**

- Up to 6 month commitment which includes: TRY Mentor webinar (1 hour), a full-day training (8 hours), approximately 15 hours of program logistics, preparation and evaluation, and up to 12 hours of program delivery. (Hours may vary depending on your team needs.)