Join the Leadership Team!

Open to all 9-12 grade students! Apply by September 30, 2022!!

What is a Teen Science Café?
- A free, fun way for teens to explore science and technology.
- Teens participate hands-on learning activities and lively discussions with local scientists.

What does the Leadership Team Do?
- Attend meetings to plan and organize the cafés.
- Contribute ideas about café topics to explore.
- Recruit friends and classmates to attend cafés.
- Run the science cafés with the help of an adult advisor.

What are the benefits of joining the Leadership team?
- Gain leadership and transferable skills through real-world experience.
- Build your résumé for work, scholarships, and college applications.
- Run a program by teens for teens.

Let’s Talk!
→ Want to explore your curiosity about science?
→ Want to take a leadership role in creating teen science cafés for other teens?
→ Are you able to travel to Sterling College in Craftsbury for the cafés?
If you answered “yes”, then you should apply!

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Position Title: VTeen 4-H Science Pathways Café Leadership Team Member

Purpose: To give teens the opportunity to gain leadership and transferable skills through real-world experience designing and organizing teen science cafés for their peers; to help increase awareness and knowledge of different science careers in Vermont.

What is a Teen Science Café?
Teen Science Cafés are informal, interactive programs that promote exploration, curiosity and life-long learning about current and cutting-edge ideas in science and technology. Teens engage in lively discussion and hands on learning with experts. The programs are free to all and organized by teens for teens.

What is so great about a Teen Science Café program?
Teens say their Teen Science Café programs are interesting and fun, but these events also provide teens with a much more realistic view of the nature of science, the work scientists do, and the relevance of science to their lives. They enrich and bring a real-world perspective to the science teens learn in school.

What are the expectations and responsibilities of the Leadership Team?
Leadership team members play a key role in designing the café experience. You decide what the venue should look like, which topics sound interesting, and how events should be run. You help prepare, set up, facilitate, and break down café events. Specific duties vary but may include event promotion, introducing the speaker, helping to facilitate activities, and providing closing statements. Teens don’t just participate in a café, but own it!

Some basic expectations include:
- Attend monthly organizational meetings online using Zoom.
- Work as a team to organize, promote, and host the cafes.
- Communicate regularly via email or text with the Leadership Team and adult advisor.
- Advertise the cafés in your school and community to raise awareness of the program and encourage friends and classmates to participate.
- Contribute your ideas to the program.
- Follow through on all commitments.
- Be a positive role model for others.

Benefits:
- Gain leadership and transferable skills through real-world experience.
- Build your resumé for work, scholarships, and college applications.
- Interact closely with scientists and their work in an informal, fun way.
- Run a program by teens for teens.