Join the Leadership Team!

Open to all 9-12 grade students! Apply by June 1, 2019!!

What is a Teen Science Café?

- A free, fun way for teens to explore science and technology.
- Teens participate in lively discussions and activities with local scientists and engineers.
- And, there is always free food!

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 resumé 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 Burlington for the cafés?

If you answered “yes”, then you should apply!

Email Lauren.Traister@uvm.edu with any questions.
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. Some will take place in person in Burlington, but most will be 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 résumé 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.
Leadership Team Application
** Due no later than June 1, 2019 **

**VTeen 4-H Science Pathways Café is a free, fun way for teens to explore science and technology. Teens will participate in lively discussions and activities with scientists. The Leadership Team contributes ideas on science topics, recruits friends and classmates to attend cafés, and helps organize and run each café. Leadership Team members are required to attend all team meetings and cafés.**

Name______________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address______________________________________________________________________________________

City___________________________________________________________   State_____   Zip_______________

Email_______________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone_____________________________________   Cell Phone_________________________________

Do you text? (Circle one)   Yes   No   Grade in Fall 2019 (Circle one)   9   10   11   12

School (full name, no abbreviations):______________________________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth________________________   T-shirt Size (Circle one)   Adult SM   MED   LG   XL   XXL

Race & Ethnic Background (Please Check)

___ White   ___Black   ___ American Indian   ___Asian   ___Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

___Non Hispanic   ___Hispanic   ___I prefer not to answer

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On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be on the Leadership Team?
2. What topics would you like to see in a teen science café?
3. What are three words or phrases you would use to describe yourself and explain why?

Check Here: ☐ I have read the Leadership Team Member Position Description and understand the commitment I will be making if selected.

Check Here: ☐ I understand that the first Leadership Team meeting will be in early July (between July 1-12) and we will select a date by Doodle Poll once the leadership team has been selected. This meeting will take place at the University of Vermont and I understand that I am expected to attend if selected. We will also have another in-person meeting in August before school starts.

Check Here: ☐ Both my parents and I understand that I will need to attend the in-person and online Leadership Team meetings as well as the science cafés.

Check Here: ☐ I give permission that the University of Vermont Extension 4-H Program may use my child’s image in print, electronic, and/or video format for publishing in promotional material. I release all claims against the University with respect to copyright ownership and publication including any claim for compensation related to the use of the materials.

Your Signature________________________________ Date________________

Parent/Guardian Signature________________________________ Date________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name_____________________________________________

Home Phone_________________________ Cell Phone_________________________

Email Address________________________________________________________

If you require a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Lauren Traister at 866-260-5603 x402 no later than June 1, 2019.

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