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August's Mentor Monthly Update



"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction"
- John Crosby

Hello all!

It may be hard to believe, but school in Georgia is back in session! The start of this school year not only brings new and exciting changes for your mentees, but also for the entire Go-Betweeners Mentoring Program! In the coming weeks, many new mentors will be matched with mentees. This is the perfect time to begin a meaningful mentoring relationship. Culture Connect is also announcing a great set of group events and activities for mentors

and mentees this fall. Please see the calendar below for all the dates and details and make sure to mark your calendars. Have a great month with your mentees!

-Nick Cheadle, Volunteer & Go-Betweeners Mentoring Program Coordinator

Quick Reminder:

A reminder to all currently matched mentors to send in a monthly activity report for the past month of June to volunteer.coordinator@cultureconnectinc.org! Thank you!

Mentor Training Sunday August 29th!

Don't miss out on our next mentor training! Remember this training is mandatory for all untrained mentors. The sooner you are able to attend a

training the sooner you will be making a difference in the life of a child!



Who: All untrained Culture Connect mentors
Where: Culture Connect, Inc.
4151 Memorial Drive
Kensington Office Complex Building E, Suite 207
Decatur, GA 30032
When: Saturday, August 29th, 2010
1:30 PM-4:30PM

If you have not already done so, please turn in your application as soon as possible so that you be able to attend this training! We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming trainings will be held Sunday, September 26th and Saturday, November 6th :)

Fall Go-Betweeners Event Schedule!

Take a look at our Calendar of events for the rest of 2010 (and a bit into 2011!) and mark your calendars! More details for each event will be released as the dates draw closer.

Healthy Living Mentor/Mentee Workshop: *Sunday, October 17th Hour To Be Announced*


Mentor Drug and Alcohol Awareness Training: *Sunday, November 7th 2:00-4:00pm*

Multi Cultural Thanksgiving Potluck: *Saturday, November 20th, 3:00-6:00pm*

Community Service@Books For Africa Warehouse: *Saturday, December 4th 12:00-2:00pm*

Go-Betweeners Annual Party: *Saturday, January 22nd 11:00am-3:00pm*

Free Movies at Atlantic Station

 Looking for a fun AND free activity to do with your mentee? Take them out to Atlantic Station (perhaps they're never been) and watch a free flick. Check out the Thursday evening schedule at on the [website!](#)



Words of Encouragement

From MENTOR.org

Mentoring is a youth intervention that research shows can help keep students in school, out of trouble and working to achieve their potential as individuals and as citizens. During the Conference on Volunteering and Service, DuBois cited alarming statistics for the capacity crowd, including:

- 1.3 million American students drop out of high school each year.
- One-third of all children and one-half of low income and minority youth fail to graduate on time.
- Of minority students who enroll in college, only 10 percent graduate.
- Only 3 percent of today's jobs are available to unskilled employees.
- The 2,000 lowest-performing schools are located in 170 communities.

Research has shown mentoring to have significant positive effects on two early indicators of high school dropouts—high levels of absenteeism and recurring behavior problems. Youth in mentoring relationships present better attitudes and behaviors at school and are more likely to attend college than their counterparts.

If you have any questions about the Go-Betweener Mentoring Program please do not hesitate to call or email Nick Cheadle.

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