

T.R.A.C.life MENTOR CODE OF CONDUCT

As a prospective mentor for T.R.A.C.life, I WILL...

1. **Not** make promises to a camper at camp that I will "FOR SURE" be his/his mentor. However, I will tell the youth I will contact the T.R.A.C.life director to see if becoming his/her mentor is possible.
2. **Complete** my T.R.A.C.life application (**annually**), fingerprinting and background check. I will send in a copy of my auto insurance to the local T.R.A.C.life director.
3. **Make** my personal interview and all training sessions, visits with youth, and accountability meetings **ON TIME**.
4. **Read** the training manual in its entirety.
5. **Prepare** for the visit with my mentee so the time is unrushed. If needed, have my **T.R.A.C.life ID Tag** available to identify me as a safe person.
6. **Sign** the **Mentor/Youth Contract** on our first visit and work through the **Youth Interest Survey**.
7. **Respect** the youth's personal, spiritual and emotional boundaries.
8. **Encourage** youth to participate in the agreed activities and **keep** him/her safe.
9. Not bring my **outside life** (position, degree, financial, family, past hurtful experiences) into discussions with the youth unless they ask.
10. Dress and act **modestly** and **appropriately** to set a high standard for the youth and others around me. (I.e. Covered mid drifts, one-piece swim suits, etc.)
11. **Respect the guardians of the youth I serve**. I will remember that I am only responsible for the youth I serve through the T.R.A.C.life program, NOT the rest of the family. I will stay out of their family squabbles, family gossip and encourage the youth to rise above it all. I will NOT get involved UNLESS there is evidence of abuse. Involvement could cause termination of my relationship with the youth. **Developing personal friendships with the youth's guardians is NOT permitted. This undermines my relationship with the youth.**
12. **Return the VISIT REPORT** to the area T.R.A.C.life director within 24 hours of the visit.
13. **Attend** T.R.A.C.life Mentor Support Meetings on a monthly/quarterly basis. My attendance is very important to the local social service agency.
14. **Make every effort** to attend all quarterly mentor/youth activities.
15. **NOT be a source of money or presents for youth**. I will not loan any funds. Depending on my local fundraising, paying the expense of the visit is all that may be required. NOTE: I can give a small birthday or Christmas gift.
16. **Promise to be mentally and emotionally prepared** to accept failure and disappointment when/if my mentee doesn't respond, relapses or is not showing progress. I will not take things personally and let it bring me down. I will have expectations within reason.
17. **Meet** or talk to my prayer/accountability partner before and after every visit.

Mentor's Signature: _____ Date: _____