

BEAR Peer Mentor Application
2023-2024 School Year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

Age / Grade: _____

Six (6) peer mentors will be selected to assist with after school groups, day trips and participate in their own weekly mentor meetings to plan service projects throughout the year. Peer mentors must complete the required training(s) and at least 50 hours of direct service to be eligible for the \$500 stipend at the end of the season. On the last page of this application is more information about the different types of participation and your expectations.

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

1. What do you know about peer mentoring? Why do you think you'd be a good fit for the BEAR Peer Mentoring program?

2. What skills and knowledge do you have that you are excited to share?

3. What do you hope to gain from this program?

4. The focus of our program is to provide youth with the support they need to reach their full potential, while developing connections with the outdoors and the local community. How would you support youth in this process?

5. Are you willing to commit to full participation in the Peer Mentor program? What are your stumbling blocks to full participation? (For example, are you on a sports team with a conflict? Include any dates that you are unavailable.)

Please list best dates/times for a possible interview:

Please list two references for us to call. Close family friends, former employers, or teachers are acceptable. Immediate family members are not accepted as references.

Name:

Phone Number:

1. _____

2. _____

Required Trainings For All Peer Mentors: TBD

Bi-Weekly Mentor Meetings: TBD

- Peer mentors will meet every other week for 1-2 hrs to discuss service projects and

Weekly After-School Groups:

- Starting the 2nd week of October, after school groups will meet at the BEAR office and in Victor once weekly. Peer mentors will be assigned to attend either the Victor or Hamilton group meetings.

Trips (Day Trips & Overnights)

- Day trips are once monthly (see BEAR calendar for more details) on either Friday (when youth don't have school) or Saturday. There will be two overnight trips, generally in spring. Spots are limited for these trips and will often have only two peer mentors per trip, we will decide how to divy the trips up as a group. Trips will include: outdoor adventures, service projects and family gatherings.

*Contact Mallory Ijames (Program and Site Coordinator) at (406)209-9901 for any questions. Please email completed applications to mallory.ijames@bearmt.org or drop them off at the BEAR office: 1105 W Main St Hamilton Mt