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The Community Mentor Program (CMP) is designed to forge relationships between high school age students and young adults to provide a resource for guidance and a positive support system for the mentee. In addition the program will create the investment necessary to foster a new generation of stakeholders in the Japanese American community for both parties.

Participants can expect opportunities to engage with the Southern California community and its many organizations. Mentees will have the chance to earn volunteer hours at events like the ESGVJCC's Aki Matsuri, enjoy social activities such as the holiday cook-off and seek advice, whether personal or academic through one-on-one mentoring occasions. Participation is free for mentees. The program coordinators and mentors are volunteering their time.

Mentees must be current high school students. Mentors have completed degrees at universities and gone on to careers in fields like engineering, non-profit management and consulting. Mentees should exhibit an interest in the Japanese American community and its future. The time commitment is contingent on the age of the mentor, but is expected to last through high school graduation. A variety of events are offered throughout the year and participants are expected to attend a minimum of 16.

What is unique about the CMP is the eclectic pool of mentors that have been selected to be a part of the program. Just like the Japanese American communities in Southern California, each mentor's experience in their respective community is unique.

Following the completion of participating in the CMP, participants will have learned the importance of community in their growth as a civically minded individual. Mentees will have acquired the resources and the skills necessary to be a lifelong participant in whatever community they come to identify with. They will have also established a network of multi generational connections within the Japanese American community.

CMP is a collaborative effort of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and Kizuna. Their respective missions are "to foster and preserve the cultural heritage unique to Japanese American ancestry; and to serve the community through social services, artistic, recreational, and educational programs" and to "build a vibrant Nikkei community by: creating an empowering culture and environment; engaging and advocating for the community by igniting the passion of young Japanese Americans; Building collective identity through multi-generational and multi-ethnic collaborations".



Mentor Application Form

General Information

Name: _____
Sex: _____ Male/Female
Address: _____ City: _____
Home Phone Number: _____ Cell/Alternate Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Parent / Guardian's phone number if different from above: _____
School Name: _____
What is your favorite subject? _____
What is your least favorite subject? _____

Personal Information

What activities, clubs, sports, etc. are you involved in?

List a few of the jobs/professions you've been thinking about for yourself:

Please tell us what you hope to gain from this mentoring program. (For example: build new relationships, gain new college/career goals, learn about what to expect in college, how to do better in school.)

What do you want to learn from your mentor?



What do you like to do the most in your free time?

Introduction

Please introduce yourself to your mentor by writing a little bit about yourself. You can start by telling them your name, how old you are, where you live and what you expect to gain from this experience. Also let them know what your plans are after high school, what college or university you'd like to attend and why, as well as how you plan to prepare yourself to meet your goal. We will share this information with your mentor.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



Mentees Contract

General

- I understand that the Community Mentorship Program is an experience designed for my mentee and me to engage and discover opportunities to become involved in the community. Additionally, I am engaged in this project as a means to personally develop community youth.
- I will always be a positive role model to my mentee and lead by action.
- I will agree to the terms of the Special Service for Groups Application for Volunteers

Attendance

- I will make my best effort to regularly attend 8 mentor/mentee activities throughout the year.

Communication

- Prompt and clear communications with my mentor about scheduled events and check-in's. More specifically:
 - Notifying my mentee when I cannot attend meetings or events at least a week in advance
 - Promptly providing my mentee with a list of several dates that work for check-in's to allow for schedules to align
 - Communicating during check-in's regarding events that are already set in the calendar that may preclude my participation on later events.
- I will be positive but also honest about my experience with my mentee

As a mentor and a representative of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and Kizuna I will not engage in inappropriate behavior, activity or community with any mentees in the program. Some precautions include:

- Cross-gender single-ride (as in one passenger) transportation is prohibited (i.e. Female mentors cannot provide transportation to a individual male mentee and vice-versa)
- Mentors are prohibited from visiting the residence of a mentee
- Mentors will retain a strict professional distance from mentees utilizing their best judgment.
- Mentors will not engage in any activity that could result in defaming Kizuna and/or the Little Tokyo community.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ Kizuna's



Community Mentor Program

Parent's or Guardian's Permission/Waiver Form and Authorization for Medical Care

As the parent or legal guardian of _____, I hereby give my full permission for my child as described on Exhibit A to participate in the Community Mentor Program from September 15, 2012 to August 30, 2012 (the "Program"). In consideration of my child (the "Student") being allowed to participate in the Program and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:

1. Release of Liability; Indemnification.
 - a. The Student is capable of withstanding both the physical and mental demands of Community Mentor Program activities.
 - b. The undersigned shall assume all risks of the Student when participating in the Program, whether such risks are known or unknown to me at this time.
 - c. The undersigned, for myself and on behalf of the Student, and my and the Student's heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY (A) RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS Kizuna, the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and its staff, volunteers, agents, employees and representatives, and other participants used to conduct the Program and associated activities (all of whom are referred to collectively as the "RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the RELEASEES or otherwise and (B) agrees that in the event that any claim for the Undersigned's personal injury, property damage or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against the RELEASEES, he/she shall indemnify, defend and save harmless RELEASEES from any and all such claims by whomever or wherever made or presented..
 - d. The undersigned acknowledges, understands and assumes the risk, if any, arising from the conditions of the premises and adjacent properties, parking lots and facilities of the Community Mentor Program activities and acknowledges and understands that included within the scope of the above waiver and release is any action or causes of action arising from the performance, or failure to perform, maintenance, inspection, supervision, control or security of said areas and for the failure to warn of dangerous conditions existing on or near said locations or for any actions or causes of action for negligent supervision or selection of personnel.
1. Photography.
 - a. Kizuna and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center shall be authorized, without further consent from the undersigned, to include the Student in photographs for promotional purposes of events and activities such Student is participating in.
 - b. The undersigned understands that the Student's full name will not be published with the photographs such Student is in.
2. Authorization for Medical Care. During the Student's participation in the Program, the undersigned authorizes:



- a. Kizuna and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center's staff and volunteers to obtain medical care for the Student.
- b. A physician or other emergency medical personnel, as applicable, to render medical care to the Student as deemed necessary and appropriate by the physician, in such physician's or medical personnel's sole discretion.

The undersigned understands that Kizuna and the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center personnel has no insurance covering such medical or hospital expenses and costs that may be incurred by the Student pursuant to section (c) above and therefore, any such expenses and costs shall be the undersigned's sole responsibility.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, the undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing paragraphs, has been fully and completely advised concerning same, has had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel, and is fully aware of the legal consequences of executing this document and waiving all claims in connection with the Community Mentor Program.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTANDS THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HAS GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGNS IT VOLUNTARILY.

Parent's or guardian's authorization signature:

Parent or guardian's name (print):

Date: _____

