

Student Leaders Information Sheet

What is a Student Leader?

The Trek for Teens Foundation thrives off a student leader model. Student leaders take the initiative to act as representatives for their schools, youth groups, boards or other youth organizations to raise awareness about Trek for Teens and Youth Homelessness.

Responsibilities of a Student Leader Include:

- To represent the Trek for Teens Foundation
- To raise awareness about and funds for the Trek for Teens Foundation and youth homelessness
- To actively promote and facilitate involvement in Trek for Teens within your school or group
- To ensure Trek for Teens continues in your school or group in upcoming years

How does Trek for Teens Support Student Leaders

The Trek for Teens Foundation supports student leaders by offering them a large variety of services. We provide each student leader with a package containing: information booklets, posters, template announcements, etc. In addition, Trek for Teens will also come and give school presentations upon request.

If I am a Student Leader, does that mean I cannot participate in the events?

No, as a student leader, the majority of your work takes place before the events, therefore you can choose to volunteer at the events or participate in the event yourself.

How Can Student Leaders Promote Trek for Teens Day?

- Invite Friends to the Facebook Event
- Make announcements at school and put up posters
- Speak with homeroom classes
- Go to different clubs and get them to get involved
- Go to your friends and get them involved
- Speak (or present) at a ceremony or assembly
- Give a presentation
- Start a Trek for Teens Facebook Group (for your school)
- Use the Trek for Teens Video at an assembly, presentation etc.
- Share the Facebook and Instagram posts that you have been provided
- Get school teams involved
- Promote they can get community service hours or hours for the CAS program (IB)
- Approach groups based on area of interest
- Be creative

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Student Leaders Timeline:

March – April 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Promote Trek for Teens and Raise Awareness about Youth Homelessness- If possible organize a school presentation or workshop (either in class, at lunch or after school) to get students more familiar with Trek for Teens- Promote the Trek for Teens Race! (See Tips Below)- Encourage students to register and collect pledges/forms
April 28 – May 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue encouraging students to submit their pledges- If possible, work with the teams to organize a fundraiser to collect pledges
May 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Student Leader Party where you can deliver any forms or pledges collected in person- Attend Volunteer training if choosing to volunteer at the event
May 13 - May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remain in touch with the Director of Human Resources to keep track of what teams have registered from your school and ensure all forms and pledges are up to date
Following the Race on May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hold a party or celebration for everyone in your school who participated in the Trek for Teens Day- Sign-up to be a Student Leader for Next Year, OR try to find another student or two to take on the role next year so Trek for Teens can remain a presence in your school and we can continue to work together to fight Youth Homelessness.

Important Dates:

- *Race Registration Deadline: April 28, 2017*
- *Student Leader Collection Party: May 14, 2017*
- *Volunteer Training Session: May 14, 2017*
- *Trek for Teens Day: May 27, 2017*

Remember:

- The Director of Human Resources is always willing to help, feel free to contact her with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.
- Check and make sure that emails from @trekforteens don't go to Spam!

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