

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MENTORS

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Here are ten things you might not know about our terrific Forest Edge Mentoring Program:*

1. We have been working with students at Forest Edge for over 10 years.
2. Most mentors work with their student for several years.
3. One of our earlier students just graduated from a four year college and invited her mentor to attend the graduation ceremony (which the mentor proudly did!).
4. One of our mentees is starting her senior year in the IB program at South Lakes High School.
5. Our mentoring group has compiled a small cookbook this past year, with favorite recipes from students and mentors. It included a short write-up about each recipe's origin.
6. A mentor only has to devote 1 ½ hours a week to a student to make a difference in both mentor's and student's lives.
7. We are not just a tutoring program – we play games, do crafts, read stories, give advice, share lives and generally offer friendship.
8. We have two mentors (who work and/or travel a lot) that have worked out a partnership in the fun of working with a student. They alternate Tuesdays – you could do this also.
9. We have both men and women mentors.
10. If every Tuesday is too big a commitment, then you can put your name on our substitute list

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