



Sponsors

Mentorship Program

September 2017



GED

Classes

Want to get your GED but need extra help? Sponsors is hosting twice weekly GED tutoring classes to help you accomplish that goal! Tutoring sessions are facilitated by experienced tutor Randy Frost, and take place Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room at The Oaks at 1424 Oak Patch. If you are interested, please contact Kristie for more details at 541-505-5665.



September's Open Mentor Conference Room Hours.

Mentors, if you would like to get together with other mentors for an informal "support group" session, please come to the Mentorship Program Conference room on Thursday, September 28th from 2-4 p.m. We will have this session on the last Thursday of each month at the same time, so mark your calendars!

ORIENTATION

The next Mentorship Program orientation for new participants is on Saturday, September 9th. Mentees only need to attend from 10 a.m.–1 p.m., and mentors from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Lunch is provided. After lunch, mentors will resume training and the afternoon will end with a program tour of the men's facility.



September's Financial Planning Class – Managing Debt. Do you have questions about your personal finances? Come to the main conference room at The Oaks at 1424 Oak Patch Road on Thursday, September 28th, 6 - 7 p.m. for help. It will be taught by Stephen Snyder, experienced branch manager for Key Bank in the Eugene area. Contact Shane Hagey at (541) 735-6408 for more info or to RSVP.



Want to work out? Visit the Mentorship house to pick up a free 2-week pass to Oakway Fitness! They have gender specific work out rooms and loads of classes.



September's Movie Night at the Oaks – Idiocracy! Join us to see "Idiocracy" in the Community Room at the Oaks at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Idiocracy is a satirical look at culture and politics getting dumbed-down from generation to generation. When Private Joe Bowers is selected for a year-long military experiment in hibernation, he never expected to be forgotten. 500 years later, Joe is the smartest man in the world, but that won't mean much if he can't solve why all of the plants are dying in the future. Hope to see you there!



We need volunteers to table at two September events. This is to promote mentoring, recruit mentors, and share information with the public about Sponsors! For both of these, please RSVP with Joel to volunteer for a shift at 541-735-6400 or jsmith@sponsorsinc.org:

- **Eugene Sunday Streets** in the River Road neighborhood--Sept. 17th from noon-4 p.m. in the South River Road Neighborhood, set up at 11 a.m. (exact location TBD). Join with your neighbors and enjoy miles of open streets to run, walk, stroll and roll. The River Road route will connect three activity centers, each with live music, free fitness classes, arts and crafts and more!
- **Lane County Recovery Event** on Sept. 23rd from 11 am-2 p.m. at Alton Baker Park Did you know September is National Recovery Month? Join us as we celebrate perseverance, gratitude, spirituality and recovery. This event is open to all community members in recovery from dependency, as well as their families and supporters.



Mentorship field trip to Greenhill Humane Society! Do you love animals, but are not in a position to adopt one? On Thursday, September 7th, 1:30-4:30 p.m., we're heading to Greenhill Shelter at 88530 Green Hill Road in Eugene to spend some quality time with a variety of furry animals. We'll also make dog toys, which we'll present directly to the dogs! This event will be led by Jen and Brett. Meet at the Mentorship House at 1:30 p.m. for a ride, or meet us at Greenhill at 2 p.m. We'll return by 4:30 p.m. Mentors, please let us know if you can help with transportation. RSVP to Amy at (541) 505-5686 or abowers@sponsorsinc.org.



We have beehives at Sponsors - want to help and learn? Please join Kelly Goodwin, master bee educator, on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. beginning September 16th at 2 p.m. at the Mentorship House. Bees are FASCINATING creatures, and depending on the time of the year and the weather, you can spend an hour with her either working on the hive, or just learning about their incredible behaviors. We also have extra bee suits and great books to read. Join us!



September's Match of the Month is... John (mentee) and Gil (mentor)! Congratulations and please come in for a Sweet Life gift card! John and Gil were matched a year ago, and their relationship started with video meetings and weekly phone conversations while John was incarcerated. The two were building rapport and getting to know one another before John's release in January. Gil says John was always punctual and steady, and Gil was impressed with him right off the bat. When they first met in person, the two started off with getting a bite to eat and planned to meet at Starbucks for coffee and Scrabble that Saturday. Well, that initial plan turned into a weekly thing that they have continued for the last year! Gil said "it's always a good time with John. I have fun spending time with John, and really look forward to our weekly get together." Gil feels like he is making a difference in his life by being available on any level, and feels a great satisfaction in mentoring. John shared how much the Mentorship Program meant to him in his life's journey, and how much he really enjoys spending time with Gil.

Mentor Connections

September's Mentor Support Group – Mentor Speaker Panel.

New to mentoring and have questions? Been mentoring awhile and looking for support? Please come to the MENTOR ONLY Support Group on Wednesday, September 27th from 6-8 p.m. at the conference room located behind the Mentorship Program. This will be a potluck. The panel will include a variety of mentors from varying levels of experience in our program, including mentors with incredible long lasting relationships and mentors who have had a run for their money and have had a really hard time! Feel free to bring a friend who may be interested in mentoring, and please RSVP with Amy at abowers@sponsorsinc.org if you are interested in attending.



Make salsa with Sponsors

Garden food! Please join master gardener John Fischer in the Mentorship Program house next Tuesday, September 5th at 9 a.m. to make fresh salsa from our gardens, and take some home with you! We need volunteers, please be sure to come and help!



Free tickets to Oregon Contemporary Theater's "Middleton" - Thursday, September 21st at 194 W Broadway. You are responsible for your own transportation – arrive by 7:15 p.m. This play is “an absurd, beautiful, playful, poignant portrait of a town with two lives.” Reserve free tickets at 541-505-5686 or abowers@sponsorsinc.org by Tuesday, September 12th. If you reserve tickets and do not attend, you will be banned from reserving tickets in the future.



Come to an AMAZING waterfall hike at Sweet Creek Falls! Join us on Saturday, September 16th for one of the most beautiful (and easy) hikes in Oregon. Meet at the Mentorship House at 9:30 a.m. and we will return by 3 p.m. This phenomenal 2.2 mile hike features wooden bridges and an astonishing number of waterfalls, with Sweet Creek Falls as the grand finale. Bring water and lunch, and wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothes and shoes. This event will be led by Brett and Kristie. Mentors, please let us know if you can help with transportation. RSVP to Amy at (541) 505-5686 or abowers@sponsorsinc.org.



Championship Night at Cottage Grove Speedway! We're off to the races, located at 2150 North Douglas Street in Cottage Grove. Join us Saturday, September 9th for the exciting Championship Night of 360 Sprints, Late Models, Street Stocks, and Quality RV Repair Hornets. Meet at the Mentorship House at 5:40 p.m. for a ride, or meet us there at 6:30 p.m. We'll return to Eugene by 11 p.m. This event will be led by Joel and Brett. We will provide you with a \$10 ticket, but if you don't show up and don't provide at least 48 hours' notice, we will take \$10 off your books. Mentors, please let us know if you can help with transportation. The deadline to reserve tickets is Wednesday, September 6th, so RSVP now to Amy at (541) 505-5686 or abowers@sponsorsinc.org.