

Join The Adult Partner Team!

APT is a formal, ongoing mentoring program for adults of all ages. The **APT** is a solid support system for both at-risk and mainstream youth volunteering at TREE MUSKETEERS,

For more information, please call or stop by:
TREE MUSKETEERS
136 Main St.
El Segundo, CA 90245
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Mission: *To empower young people to be leaders of environmental and social change in Earth's communities.*

During over a dozen years of organizational life, TREE MUSKETEERS has created quantifiable results through well awarded, youth led programs. Developing youth as eco leaders is at the heart of two multi-year campaigns launched in 1997.

The national ONE IN A MILLION campaign aims to empower one million kids to dedicate one million hours to



planting one million trees by 2000. OUR COMMUNITY PROMISE is the local model and cornerstone of the national ONE IN A MILLION campaign, meaning that our local youth leaders are setting the example to be emulated by kids in hometowns nationwide while coordinating this major effort

from our office in El Segundo. Goals of both campaigns are consistent with the five child needs identified by America's Promise: adult mentors, a healthy start, a safe place for structured after school activities, effective educational opportunities, means to perform community service. The focus for OUR COMMUNITY PROMISE in 2000 is implementation of the Adult Partner Team.

FACT—65% of seven to fourteen-year-olds say they would like to connect with an adult they can trust and who respects

APT volunteers will be recruited from the residential and business communities to serve as adult partners for individual youth to ensure successful leadership and community service experiences, and to mentor members of the YMT and LEAD groups as a whole. **APT** participants will be fully insured after clearance by the Dept. of Justice, and will attend a Backseat Driving workshop about the adult role in youth led programs. Each **APT** member will volunteer for a comfortable level of participation ranging from serving as an occasional advisor to committing for a full year with one child or working with court ordered youth through community service assignments.



In today's busy families and under funded schools, mentoring is often insufficient to empower kids with the skills to move comfortably within society's communities toward a successful future. By design, OUR COMMUNITY PROMISE has stimulated organizational activity and opportunities for kids. As Youth Managers have taken on increasingly ambitious projects, even the born leaders require more one-on-one mentoring by adult partners and access to specialized expertise. Further, many of the mainstream youth at TREE MUSKETEERS face large family challenges—a void that can be filled by an adult partner. Perhaps most importantly, kids satisfying community service obligations are only with TREE MUSKETEERS a limited time, and mentors increase the chances that these young people can be touched by a taste of success and how much better it feels to do good things.

Caution- Kids In The Driver's Seat!

Adult Partner Team Mentor Application

Please complete and return this form to TREE MUSKETEERS, via fax, mail, or hand delivery.

Name _____ Gender: ? Male ? Female

Title _____ Career Field _____

Employer/Organization _____ Length of time at current employer _____

Work address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ E-mail _____

Emergency contact _____ Relationship _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Special interests and hobbies _____

Educational background (brief) _____

Previous experience working with young people (scouts, church, community, etc.) _____

Who was your mentor? _____

Why would you like to become a mentor? _____

Interest Finder

There are no limits to the kinds of projects kids take on to help Mother Nature. Weekend, evening, occasional, and even “take home” opportunities are available. As a member of the APT, you will be invited to simply join the team and be a group mentor and/or to assume responsibility for entire free-standing projects or subprojects with your youth partner.

Check All Areas of Interest



? **Artwork:** illustrations, flyers, banners, comics, brochures, graphic design

? **Community Forestry (training provided):** plantings, tree care

? **Computer Assistance:** data entry, editing, etc.

? **Creative/Business Writing:** brochures, newsletter, flyers, scripts, speeches

? **Office Support:** answering phones, filing, typing, copying, errands, organizing, sorting, stapling, folding, stuffing

? **Transportation:** errands, messenger, deliveries, accompany youth to events

? **Environmental Fairs:** public interface, networking, staff booths



? **Project Coordination:** assume responsibility for entire activities from small to major

? **Misc:** Do you have skills, talents, or other interests that might be an asset to our team? If so, what are they? _____

When Are You Available?



Short Notice

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Special Events

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Mornings: Mon ? Tues ? Wed ? Thur ? Fri ? Sat ? Sun ?

Afternoons: Mon ? Tues ? Wed ? Thur ? Fri ? Sat ? Sun ?

Evenings: Mon ? Tues ? Wed ? Thur ? Fri ? Sat ? Sun ?

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Please list two local references who have known you for at least two years. (By supplying this information, you are granting TREE MUSKETEERS permission to contact the individuals listed below.)

Reference name _____ Job/Employer _____

Home address _____

Home phone _____ Business phone _____

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Should you ever be in a position to provide transportation for youth partners, risk management policies require that we have the following information:

Drivers license # _____ State issued _____ Expiration date _____

Auto insurance carrier _____ Policy # _____

Because we work with children, our insurance (and the law) requires all adults to be fingerprinted. (TREE MUSKETEERS will make the arrangements for you.)

Have you ever been fingerprinted? Yes No Do you have any concerns about being fingerprinted? Yes No

As an adult, have you ever been convicted of a felony for any type of drug or sex offense, crimes against children, or violent behavior? Yes No (If yes, please indicate the type, and attach a copy of the conviction record with the disposition)

I agree to all the conditions above and do affirm that I have not, nor am presently engaged in any activities of a criminal nature. I also grant permission to TREE MUSKETEERS to check with the appropriate authorities (courts, youth agencies, police, DMV, and others), if necessary regarding my background or history. My signature indicates my agreement with the above and that I understand that TREE MUSKETEERS and its youth reserve the right not to engage the service or to discontinue the service of a mentor or prospective mentor for any reason or no reason at all.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Project Manager

Date