



PINKYSWEAR FOUNDATION

Youth Leadership Council Volunteer Adult Leadership Facilitator

About the Youth Leadership Council

The Pinky Swear Foundation Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is a group of junior high and high school student leaders who are the premier ambassadors of “kids helping kids” with cancer. The mission of the YLC is youth working together to share their voices to further the mission of the Pinky Swear Foundation. By spreading awareness, fundraising and volunteering – YLC members are motivated to support kids with cancer and their families. By doing so, YLC members acquire and use important life skills and develop leadership qualities and become community leaders of the future. The key components to this program are: leadership development, volunteering/fundraising and recognition.

In 2020, more than \$288,000 was raised through peer fundraising. The YLC played a large part in these efforts with three of them being in our top 50 fundraisers and one of them being number three nationally! These students are making an impactful difference in the lives of children with cancer and their families – we are looking for adult volunteers with the passion to do the same!

Volunteer Description

The volunteer Adult Facilitator will help be responsible for creating a safe, supportive and fun environment for local and regional YLC members. The ideal volunteer will be creative, self-starting, bring positive energy and a willingness to work in a team environment. Additionally, experience working with children/teens and a passion around helping kids with cancer is a plus!

RESPONSIBILITIES

This individual will have the opportunity and responsibility to lead local/regional youth once per month by facilitating their local YLC meetings. These meetings will be pre-planned and laid out for the volunteer to easily execute. These monthly meetings include:

- Facilitate ice-breaker questions
- Read “Thank You” notes from children we help (All-Stars)
- Leadership-based monthly topics with a high level overview
 - Examples include - Communication, organization, goal setting, over-all leadership, empathy and more.
- Guest speaker interviews – usually families we have helped or individuals who support our mission

- Break-out discussion sessions on various topics
 - Examples include – events going on for Pinky Swear, the monthly topic, future ideas for the group and more.
- Help oversee mentoring sessions between younger YLC and more senior YLC members
 - Mentor pairs and providing additional time for them to connect (ex, during the break-out session)
- Lead the “Pinky Swear Promise” – we end all meetings by having YLC members go around and make a Pinky Swear Promise of what they are going to do from then until the next meeting.
- Wrap up meetings and provide any other details or important information to the group (this will always be provided to the volunteer facilitator)

The volunteer will also collaborate monthly with Pinky Swears Student Leadership Manager. The monthly collaboration will consist of:

- Plan current and future local YLC meetings – all information for next meeting to be provided
- Ensure things are running smoothly
- Ask & answer any questions
- Brainstorm future ideas for further engagement and YLC member recruitment

Part of this volunteer facilitating position will also include:

- Track meeting attendance
- Email communication
- Potential hands-on volunteering at events
- Recruitment of new local students
- Additional duties, as requested

The ideal volunteer facilitator is punctual, responsible, have a positive attitude and provide encouragement – while also helping spread the mission of Pinky Swear Foundation.

If you have any questions or are interested in this NEW volunteer role, please reach out to Pinky Swear Foundation’s Student Leadership Manager, Frankie Behr at frankie.behr@pinkyswear.org.