

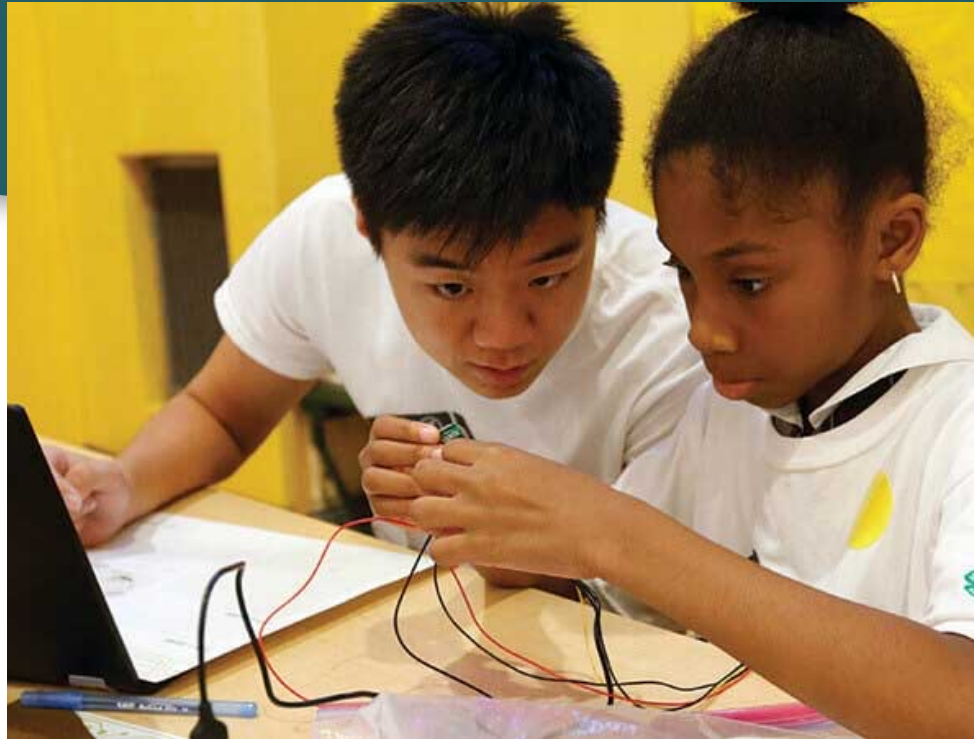
Building Strong Teen Leaders

Join the Click2ComputerScience Team

Be prepared to support the growth and development of young staff members and teen volunteers teaching STEM.



Teens are valued leaders and teachers.



How do teen leaders fit in your programs?



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Teen leaders are Near-Peers

By pairing students with someone just slightly ahead them and often from the same backgrounds, near-peer mentors were listened to and respected because they had recently had the same experiences.

Dr. Debra Yourick, Director of Science Education and Fellowship Programs at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

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1. Dedicated adults who support teens
2. Active teen recruitment
3. Strong curriculum
4. Initial training
5. Ongoing training and support
6. Attention to details
7. Recognition and reward
8. Team building
9. Setting teens up for success
10. Feedback and evaluation

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This internship will help me improve my skills, learn new technologies, network with people in my field, and share my experience with others.

I am interested in this opportunity because I am passionate about 4-H and enjoy teaching youth new things.



I am interested in this position because this would be a fantastic opportunity to combine my extensive experience working with youth and my love for computers.

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Benefits of successful teen leadership experiences

- Experience being a leader.
- Make important decisions.
- Build positive relationships with youth and adults.
- Feel like they are making a contribution/serve others.
- Learn new skills.
- Plan activities.
- Overcome challenges and solve problems.



Key Ideas to Take Away



You should know why you are incorporating teen leaders into your program and what outcomes are important.



Providing structures to help teens be successful leaders must be intentional. Set them up for success.



Positive youth-adult partnerships are critical to the success of teen leaders. Teens need adults to provide feedback.



Don't forget to support the logistics.



Share computer science in your out-of-school learning program.

Inspire youth and help them find their potential in computer science.

Engaging Youth in Computer Science



Develop a training on the skills to facilitate engaging CS learning experience in out-of-school time programs using the quick-start pathway.

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Teaching Computer Science



Build confidence and competence in computer science for staff in out-of-school time programs using this quick start pathway.

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