



Mentor-in-Training Application

Hello Awesome Young Person,

We are excited that you are interested in being a Mentor-in-Training (MIT) with Feet on the Earth, because our guess is that you realize this is one of the best ways to hone your own skills and that learning to be part of a community is one of the most important survival skills there is!

There are a couple things we want you to know about being a MIT and consider before you apply. First, this is a role of service, so we will ask you to help out in any number of different ways – gather materials for a project, help a camper find their backpack, carry a message to another group, etc.

Like the staff, we ask MITs to arrive early, usually around 8:30 or 8:45 am, to prepare for the day, and stay after camp, typically until around 4:15 pm, to do planning for the next day. Also, while you will have time to work on your own projects or crafts, sometimes we'll need you to put that aside to help with something else. Being of service to the camp is your first priority.

Being a MIT is also a learning opportunity. The mentors are here to support you to step into leading activities and teaching skills, as you feel comfortable, and to nudge you a bit as we sense you are ready to take on more. This could be anything from leading a game, song, or thanksgiving, to gathering the circle, telling a story, or demonstrating a specific skill. Let us know what you'd like to get better at doing!

Lastly, know that the younger kids look up to you so it is important that you follow our community agreements and show up with a good attitude for whatever needs to be done. Keep in mind that you are role model for the other kids, so you want to show up in the best way possible in every moment, and if you need a moment for yourself, ask one of the mentors if you can have some sit spot time. Taking care of ourselves is also important!

Again, we are here to support each other on our learning journey. We intend to have a lot of fun together and for you to learn a bunch of great new skills, mentoring and otherwise. Thank you for being willing to share your time and positive energy with others in our community!

Please email your responses to these questions to: info@feetontheearth.org. Feel free to use the back if you need more space. We will reply within 10 days to let you know if you have been accepted as a MIT for this summer.

Remember MITs are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Final deadline to apply is May 1.

MIT Application Questions

Name:

Age:

Birthdate:

Name of parental contact (mom, dad, other guardian):

Parental contact's phone number:

Parental contact's email address:

Best email address to reach you:

Whose email is this (yours, mom, dad, etc.):

Best phone number to reach you:

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1. What FOTE programs and camps have you participated in during the past 2 years?

2. Which weeks of camp are you interested in helping with this summer? Please give specific dates. (See our website for dates and descriptions) *Note: You need to be at least 2 years older than the campers for any program you want to be an MIT for.*

3. What are your favorite skills or activities that you've done on programs?

4. What skills and activities are you excited to help teach or lead?

5. Tell us about any experience you have working with younger children (babysitting, helping neighbors or family members with younger children, helping at other programs, etc.)

6. What skills do you want to learn or get better at this summer?

7. Why do you want to be a MIT for FOTE?

8. What will be challenging for you as a MIT?