



# MAP Mentor Program

## PURPOSE

The MAP Mentorship Program is committed to empowering individuals by connecting experienced youth mentors with aspiring youth mentees. Designed for first-year families, the program offers personalized guidance and support for their specific animal species. We strive to create a collaborative environment where knowledge and skills are exchanged, helping both mentors and mentees achieve their personal project goals.

## OPERATIONS

- Attend the mandatory MAP meeting and complete the questionnaire.
- Match mentors with mentees based on their needs, preferably within the same club or group, or in similar locations.
- Share contact information with the matched parties.
- Conduct monthly check-ins or as needed. The MAP coordinator will send an automated reminder email on the 1st of each month to encourage ongoing communication.
- Engage in educational and informative interactions leading up to the NWSF. At the fair, mentors are encouraged to guide and support but should not fit or handle animals for the mentees.

## WHY MENTOR?

- **Personal Growth:** Mentoring allows you to reflect on your own experiences and knowledge, leading to personal growth and enhanced self-awareness.
- **Skill Development:** You'll hone your leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills as you guide and support your mentee.
- **Education Waived:** In recognition of your significant contribution to the future of the program, the two mandatory education requirements for MAP will be waived.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Building relationships with mentees, their families, and other mentors can expand your professional and personal network.
- **Giving Back:** Mentoring provides a meaningful way to give back to your community by helping others navigate their paths and achieve their goals.
- **Inspiration and Motivation:** Witnessing the progress and success of your mentee can be incredibly inspiring and motivating, reinforcing your own passion and commitment.
- **Legacy and Impact:** Mentoring allows you to leave a lasting impact by contributing to someone else's growth and success, shaping their future in a positive way.



# MAP Mentor Program Guidelines

## MENTORSHIP GUIDELINES

### Before the Fair

- **Monthly Check-Ins:** Schedule regular communications through your preferred method (text, email, etc.). Don't hesitate to reach out to your mentor if you have questions—take the initiative!
- **Understanding the Relationship:** Mentees should feel empowered to contact their mentors whenever they have inquiries. Mentors will aim to respond promptly.
- **Pre-Fair Preparation:** Discuss the necessary preparations for the fair, ensuring the mentee understands what is required for their species and how to achieve success.
- **Encourage Educational Participation:** Remind your mentee to engage in MAP educational opportunities, ensuring they accumulate the required two education credits for sale eligibility.

### At the Fair

- **Check-Ins:** Establish a plan for necessary check-ins before the fair between the mentor and mentee.
- **Mentee Responsibilities:** The mentee is responsible for **all** animal care at the fair. Mentors should refrain from feeding, washing, fitting, or handling the animals. All fair responsibilities are the job of the mentee and their family.

### Communication Guidelines

Please respect personal boundaries. Communicate during appropriate hours and allow ample time for responses. Establish the way you prefer to communicate and dates and times that work best for the partnership.

### Issues with Mentorship?

If problems arise, please contact MAP Mentor Program Coordinator Jeremy Mahr at 715-703-0056.



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## MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATION QUESTIONNAIRE

We strongly encourage all MAP members to complete this questionnaire. First-year families are eligible for the MAP mentorship program, and your responses will assist us in matching mentors with mentees effectively. Additionally, the information gathered will help us tailor valuable educational opportunities for all of our youth.

### FAMILY INFO

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of experience with MAP program: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Species of choice: \_\_\_\_\_

- In need of a mentor       Interested in being a mentor       Fine on our own

Exhibitor 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Species of choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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Exhibitor 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Species of choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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### EDUCATION NEEDS

- Finding/Choosing an Animal
- Feed and Nutrition
- Overall Animal Care
- Fitting and Grooming
- Showmanship
- Fair Week
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### MENTORS ONLY

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Areas I feel I could mentor in:

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Anything else we should know: