



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BOSTON**

Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q: Do I need to submit another CORI or SORI form if I have volunteered already or completed them in the past?

A: Yes. All volunteers need to fill out (3) forms, a state CORI, a state SORI and a national CORI each year, even if you already filled them out last year.

Q: How many references do I need to submit?

A: Three references are required for a prospective mentor, and 1 is required for a prospective volunteer. You can find a link to the template on our website in the "volunteer" page.

Q: Is there parking at the Clubs?

A: There is a parking lot with limited parking at our Blue Hill and Jordan Clubs. The Yawkey Club of Roxbury has a parking lot. South Boston has limited on-street visitor parking. Charlestown has very limited parking, but public transportation does go there.

Q: Is there a minimum number of hours I need to volunteer or can I volunteer whenever I get the time?

A: Unless you are part of a one-day service project, volunteers must be able to commit to at least 1 hour per week for 12 weeks. Mentors must be able to commit 1.5 hours per week for the duration of the school year.

Q: What is the difference between a volunteer and a mentor?

A: A mentor is someone that focuses heavily on relationship building and academics. A mentor also aims to provide a pathway to success for youth who reside in high-risk neighborhoods and are, as a result, a high-risk population themselves. A volunteer can dedicate their time in a number of ways including: athletics and recreation, performing and visual arts, technology, education and homework help, etc. Our volunteers coach, give swimming lessons, teach computer classes, or help children and teens with their homework after school.

Q: Do I have a choice in where I volunteer?

A: Yes. We prefer to place volunteers at sites where they are most needed, but you can choose which Club is most convenient for you as well.

Q: When are volunteer and mentor trainings held?

A: Volunteer trainings are held at the end of September and in early October. There is one mentor orientation and it is held in the beginning of October. For the spring volunteer season, orientations are held at the end of January.

Q: What can I do if I miss a Volunteer or Mentor trainings?

A: A few alternative orientations are held by a Volunteer Coordinator at the Administrative Office after the official orientation's pass. After November 1, we ask that prospective volunteers wait until January to attend a spring volunteer orientation. Prospective mentors are asked to wait until the following school year.

Q: When are the best times to contact the volunteer coordinator for volunteer and mentor opportunities?

A: For mentoring opportunities, the best time to contact the volunteer coordinator is in August or early September. For volunteer opportunities, there are two time frames. If you would like to volunteer in the fall, August and early September are the best times. For spring opportunities, January and early February are the best times. The volunteer coordinator can be reached at lchase@bgcb.org or 617-994-4742.