## STUDENT MENTORS WANTED FOR PASCACK VALLEY NAVIGATORS SPORTS PROGRAMS

Modified Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, and Track for children with special needs ages 5 through 18.

Our goal is to teach the basic skills of each sport,

Encourage teamwork, exercise, socialize and have lots of fun!

Rutgers-certified parent-coaches facilitate the sessions.

## STUDENT MENTORS ARE NEEDED TO CHALLENGE, MOTIVATE AND HELP THE PLAYERS ONE ON ONE! YOU DO NOT NEED REC OR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE WITH ANY OF THE SPORTS TO HELP OUT.

**Youth mentors should be** grades 5 through 12.

Mentors will earn community service hours by participating.

There is no commitment – volunteer as much as your schedule allows!

Adult mentors and coaches need to have taken the Rutgers SAFTEY course, watched the online concussion video and get fingerprinted (fees will be covered).

Contact: pascackvalleynavigators@gmail.com

Visit Us: https://sites.google.com/site/pascackvalleynavigators/home
or at Pascack Valley Navigators on Facebook

To register: <a href="https://register.communitypass.net/hillsdale">https://register.communitypass.net/hillsdale</a>

If you are a student, please consult with your parents and use your existing Community

Pass family account to register. There is no fee for mentoring.

Enable General and Alert communications so you can receive important updates.

Select Hillsdale Recreation NAVIGATORS MENTORS

Choose the programs you wish to participate in: Fall Soccer on Saturdays, September - October Winter Basketball on Saturdays, January - February Spring Track on Sundays, April - June Navigator Basketball will tip off January 6th at George White Middle School, 120 Magnolia Ave, Hillsdale.

Bring water in a reusable bottle and wear sneakers with good tread.

Students, grades five through 12, can mentor for the Navigators (players aging five - 18). Sessions are 1:45 - 3:00PM (75 minutes of service)

Students in their sophomore, junior or senior high school year can also mentor for the Voyagers (players 18 and older). Sessions are in the main gym from 1PM - 1:45PM (45 minutes of service plus 75 minutes if they stay to mentor for the Navigators).

Session Dates (tentative): January, 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10 & 24 If you are registered to mentor for other Navigators sports and haven't registered for basketball, please do so in your Community Pass account so you can receive basketball related updates.

Please add <u>info@communitypass.net</u> to your contacts so emails about sessions don't go to your spam/junk folder. There is no fee.

## **What To Expect:**

**Mentors** will be paired up with one or two players to help guide and motivate them through the exercises and drill stations. Building social bridges during the sessions is also important. Engage the players in conversations and encourage them to speak with you and their teammates. Keep them active while waiting in line by repeating ball exercises.

The Navigator player's ages are five through 18 and have different abilities and challenges. This is why having one-on-one mentors is vital. If a player doesn't stay on task, cater the activity so it's is fitting to the player. If you need help, ask a coach.

Make sure you check in so we can track your hours. Safety first: Do not shoot or kick the ball around when on water breaks or any other time. The gym/field is crowded and our kids do not have quick reaction times.

**Coaches** help set up and manage the warm ups and break out sessions. They demonstrate the skills and drills and keep the stations running safely and smoothly. They help the mentors when needed.

Rutgers SAFTEY are offered periodically.

Fingerprinting: <a href="https://uenroll.identogo.com">https://uenroll.identogo.com</a> to set up an appointment.

Codes needed: 2F1J3Y for volunteers and our contributors number is B08007.

## **Activities include:**

Warm-ups and stretches
Ball handling and coordination drills
Dribbling, passing and shooting stations.