



Youth in Action
TEEN READERS FOR KIDS

Youth In Action News

Empowering young teens as literacy mentors for pre-school students

**STORY OF THE MONTH—Check here in future months
to see the story of the month**



Farmers Andrea and Amy
leading a Farmhands
Education program

**This Year's YIA theme:
PEOPLE WHO MAKE
OUR COMMUNITY**

This year in Youth In Action we will be building friendships and literacy skills WHILE learning about "People Who Make Our Community." The schedule is still coming together, but I am confident this year's theme is going to lead to lots of fun field trips and activities. We're planning on visiting a farm, a restaurant, a doctor/dentist office, and a fire station. We also are going to have artists and musicians joining us. We'll feed animals, cook food, help each other stay healthy, make gifts for our friends and family, celebrate together, all while learning about important people in our community. Most significantly, our explorations will provide unique opportunities for each mentor and mentee to shine—as they realize how important they are in each others' lives and in *making this community a great one.*

**-Eleanor Fahrney
YIA Program Manager**

BV SEPT CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Mentor & Mentee Applications Due
Turn applications into your school

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

You will be contacted . . .
*On whether you/your child has
been accepted into YIA*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Family Orientations
Required for all parents & youth
CHOOSE ONE TIME: 3:30pm OR 5pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

Middle School Mentors ONLY
Leadership Training—Part 1
PARENTS PICK-UP: 6:00pm
At Avery-Parsons Pre-school

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28ST

Middle School Mentors ONLY
Leadership Training—Part 2
PARENTS PICK-UP: 6:00pm
At Avery-Parsons Pre-school



Last year's 8th graders having
fun bonding during training

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

First Day with Pre-schoolers
Let's Meet Our New Friends!
PS PARENTS PICK-UP: 5:30pm
MS PARENTS PICK UP: 6:00pm

SALIDA SEPT CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Mentor & Mentee Applications Due
Turn applications into your school

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

You will be contacted . . .
*On whether you/your child has been
accepted into YIA*

TUES & WED, SEPT 15TH & 16TH

Family Orientations
Required for all parents & youth
CHOOSE ONE TIME:
Tuesday OR Wednesday, 4pm OR 5pm
at Salida Early Childhood Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Middle School Mentors ONLY
Leadership Training—Part 1
PARENTS PICK-UP: 6:00pm
at Salida Early Childhood Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

Middle School Mentors ONLY
Leadership Training—Part 2
PARENTS PICK-UP: 6:00pm
at Salida Early Childhood Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

First Day with Pre-schoolers
Let's Meet Our New Friends!
PS PARENTS PICK-UP: 5:30pm
MS PARENTS PICK UP: 6:00pm
at Salida Early Childhood Center



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