



MH Teen Board

Description:

- The Mather Homestead, a historic home and museum in Darien, CT, is rich with history and alive with activities and events which promote public education and enjoyment. The Mather Homestead Teen Board offers high school students with an interest in history an opportunity to both contribute to and learn from the Mather Homestead, including its rich collection of original documents and antiques.

Commitment:

- Attendance at one evening meeting per month.
- Ability to volunteer 5 to 10 hours per month during the academic year.

Qualifications:

- Must be a high school student with an interest in American History and/or National Parks.
- Must have desire to promote the mission of the Mather Homestead: *to preserve the Mather Homestead as a treasured place for public education and enjoyment, and to raise awareness of the home's unique history, dating back to the Revolutionary War, and Stephen Tyng Mather's legacy as an important conservationist and the founder of our modern National Parks System.*
- Must be proactive, responsive, dependable and punctual, enthusiastic about our organization.

Requirements:

- Be an ambassador for the Mather Homestead - actively promote our mission and events/activities.
- Provide teen perspective/sounding board on the work of the Mather Homestead.
- Become a docent of the museum with the knowledge and confidence to give 30 minute tours to the public.
- Volunteer at a minimum of four MH events per year.
- Help to organize and execute a fundraising event for the Homestead.
- Other opportunities for those who are interested:
 - Help with archiving of documents
 - Help with preparation of special exhibits and tours.
 - Help with social media and/or website

MH teen board participant goal:

- 12 board members within 3 years
- 50/50 Darien/New Canaan – students from other towns also welcomed
- 50/50 public/private schools
- 50/50 male/female – other genders also welcomed
- Active parent participation

Application:

- Students
 - Why are you interested in joining the Mather Homestead “teen board”?
 - What do you think you can contribute to the Mather Homestead teen board and what do you think you will gain from it?
- Parents
 - Do you believe that your student is a good fit for the Mather Homestead teen board and will both gain from and contribute to it?
 - Will you support your student and actively help to manage the teen board?
- \$100 fee – due upon acceptance to the teen board

Signatures required:

- Students:
 - I will act as an ambassador for the Mather Homestead, actively promoting the mission and participating in events/activities
 - I will provide a teen perspective on the work of the Mather Homestead
 - I will become a docent of the Mather Homestead and bring in 10+ people to tour the Homestead each year.
 - I will attend monthly meetings and volunteer 5-10 hours per month, including a minimum of four events per year
 - I will help to plan/execute a fundraiser to raise funds for the Mather Homestead.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

- Parents:
 - I believe my student will be an asset to the Mather Homestead Teen Board and meets the requirements above
 - I will support the work of the teen board

Parent Signature _____ Date _____