



Ms President US

Role of Mentors

- ▶ **Wear your Ms President US Mentor t-shirt.** Bring your bag, bottle, and notebook.
- ▶ **Arrive at 3:00pm** to help set up and receive instruction on the Interactive Activity.
- ▶ **Your role** will be to help the girls with the interactive activity, to ensure they have understood the assignment, to ensure each girl in the group is an active participant, and to provide encouragement. Also, be sure the girls are not derailed by a **hot topic**, such as a controversial politician or issue. Try to keep the dialogue constructive.
- ▶ **When any girl is dominating discussion**, gently try to transition the conversation to another girl in the group, without offending the girl who is dominating. It's important to ensure all the girls feel heard, and none feels their voice is less important.
- ▶ Be sure the girls are being **respectful** of one another and of you.
- ▶ **Immediately address any concerns**, or bring to the attention of one of the adults.
- ▶ Unless you are designated to take photos, please put away your **cell phone** for the duration of the session, and please ask that the girls participating do the same.
- ▶ Girls in your group should ask your permission to use the **restroom** and it is your responsibility to ensure they return in a timely manner. Whenever possible, we will assign a mentor or adult to supervise the restroom area.
- ▶ Following the session, please **help clean up** / return supplies to car or cart.
- ▶ **Have fun**, and encourage each of the girls to have fun!

We hope that you will have as much fun with the program as the participants. In many cases, you may learn things you didn't know before – the adult leaders surely will! Feel free to take notes, and encourage discussions in your assigned break-out group using your own observations. Your note-taking will be exemplary to the younger girls.

Note: Whenever possible, Mentors in 9th and 10th grades should try to sit with the 4th and 5th Grade tables; and Mentors in 11th and 12th grades should sit with the Middle School tables.

Thank you!