



SSP Recommended Mentoring Activities

Year-Round Activities:

1. Visit a museum together. Check out [this list](#) of spots with Free Museum Days or 'Pay What You Wish' entry.
2. Take a class to learn a new skill together, such as cooking, drawing or gardening.
3. Volunteer together at your favorite charity.
4. See a Broadway show together. Take advantage of the [Broadway Direct Lottery](#) to score inexpensive tickets.
5. Do an indoor physical activity, such as indoor climbing, bowling or roller blading.
6. Hone your problem solving skills by signing up for an [Escape the Room](#).
7. Take your [Myers Briggs personality test](#) together and discuss your results. This will help you understand how best to communicate with one another and should open the door to larger conversations about your individual strengths, goals and challenges.
8. Go through a list of the city's [most iconic landmarks](#) and identify which sites you and your mentee have never visited. Make a plan to cross these spots off your list over the next 4 years.
9. Pick a book to read together and start your own book club. You can also offer to read books that your mentee is reading in school to discuss your thoughts and help them prepare for tests.
10. Get some exercise together. Shoot hoops, play a game of catch or ride your bikes through the park.
11. Invite your mentee to visit you at work after school one day. Show them your office, explain the various departments and how they interact with one another, and ask your coworkers to run through what their jobs entail.
12. Go thrift shopping.
13. Plan a game day to play chess, Monopoly, Scrabble, etc.
14. If one of you is bilingual, teach a short lesson on your second language.
15. Have a conversation on professional etiquette. Discuss proper attire for the workplace, proper handshakes and sending thank you letters.
16. Attend an after-school activity your student participates in and take them out for a meal or ice cream afterwards.
17. Bring sketch pads to a public place and draw what you see around you.
18. Gather the supplies for an [easy science experiment](#) and do it together.
19. Share your high school experiences. Help them understand what you struggled with in high school and how you came to be who you are today.
20. Explore a neighborhood that neither of you are familiar with. Make a list of the neighborhood's 'must sees' and craft your own walking tour.
21. Walk around the city's Botanical Gardens, either in the Bronx or Brooklyn.
22. Watch a TedTalk together and discuss your thoughts.
23. Make your life bucket lists together. Capture where you want to travel, what you want to learn and how you'd like to challenge yourself.

Cold Weather Activities:

1. Grab hot cocoa or cider and take a walk through the city's holiday markets such as Bryant Park or Union Square.
2. Check out the tree at Rockefeller Center and walk up 5th Ave to catch the holiday window displays.
3. Go ice skating in Bryant Park.
4. Marvel at the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall.
5. Walk around an indoor market, such as [Brooklyn Flea](#) or [Chelsea Market](#).
6. Head over to [LuminoCity Festival](#) on Randall's Island for a 12 acre display of massive LED art installations.
7. Spend some time cheering on man's best friend at the [Westminster Dog Show](#) in February.
8. Celebrate the Chinese New Year with activities [across all five boroughs](#).

Summer-time Activities:

1. Have a picnic in your favorite park. Bring lawn games or other outdoor activities to keep yourselves busy.
2. Spend an afternoon at Coney Island riding coasters, visiting the Aquarium or snacking on boardwalk treats.
3. Check out one of the many min-golf courses across the city.
4. Attend an outdoor street fair.
5. Watch a free outdoor movie together in a park.
6. Visit [Governors Island](#), a seasonal island open on the weekends in the summer. Check out the city's art installations, outdoor activities, views of the city and great food vendors.
7. Get together to watch one of the summertime firework displays.
8. Attend a free outdoor concert together.