

# Allies

## Find the Perfect Ally

**An Ally** is a non-controlling adult mentor who assists Venture Teams when they need help. Each team is required to have at least one Ally, so it is important to choose someone who will help support the needs of your Venture Team without taking over. Below are some suggestions to help your team find an Ally:

**MORE INFO** Can't find an Ally? Don't worry; some teams have trouble finding the right Ally. If this is the case, feel free to email Youth Venture at [info@youthventure.org](mailto:info@youthventure.org) or contact your local YV office. They will be happy to assist you in finding an Ally.

### The role of an Ally is to:

- Offer suggestions if you get stuck.
- Provide guidance when your team makes decisions.
- Supply resources to better connect your Venture to your community.
- Provide expertise in unfamiliar areas.
- Encourage you throughout your Venture.

### An Ally could be:

- A teacher.
- A family member.
- A coach.
- A community member with expertise in your Venture's field.
- Any trustworthy adult interested in working with you.

### Points to consider when choosing an Ally:

- **Expertise/strengths:** Does he/she have experience or knowledge in the type of work you will be doing?
- **Connections to the community:** Will he/she be able to introduce you to other community members?
- **Schedule:** Does he/she have the time to help? People may want to work with your Venture, but may not be available for this type of commitment because of a busy schedule.
- **Control:** Will he/she "take over" your Venture? Your Ally's role is to support the Venture, not to lead it.

### More YV Tip Sheets

Check out these additional YV Tip Sheets:

- [What is an Ally?](#)
- [Ally Agreement](#)