

Friends in High Places?

Finding the Perfect Ally

An Ally is a non-controlling adult mentor who offers support and guidance to Venturers. Each Venture Team is required to have at least one Ally.

Allies should...

- Offer suggestions if you get stuck.
- Provide guidance when your Venture makes decisions.
- Supply resources to better connect your Venture to your community.
- Provides expertise in unfamiliar areas.
- Encourage you during good times and rough times.

An Ally could be...

- a teacher
- a family member
- a coach
- a community member with expertise in your Venture's field
- any trustworthy community member interested in working with you!

What do we want an Ally to help us do?	Who might be able to help? List potential Allies.
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6.	

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Name of Potential Ally	Why would this person be a good Ally?	How will we contact them? Include their email or phone number.	Which team member will contact this person?
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When asking someone to be your Ally, consider...

- **Expertise/strengths:** Do they have experience or knowledge in the type of work you will be doing?
- **Connections to the community:** Will they be able to introduce you to other community members?
- **Schedule:** Do they have the time to help? People may want to work with your venture, but say no because they have a busy schedule.
- **Control:** Will they “take over” your Venture? Your Ally’s role is to support the Venture, not to lead it.

Our Venture’s Ally is...