




Mentor Organizations

A mentor is a caring adult who can help youth prepare for success. Find a mentoring organization near you!

After School Buddies

Adults mentor support teens as Big Buddies to help Little Buddies prepare for the difficult social and academic challenges of middle school.




 **Bend**
 **(541) 390-3046**
 afterschoolbuddies@gmail.com

ASPIRE

A program that matches supportive adult mentors with middle and high school students to help them meet their educational goals beyond high school.



 **Bend, Madras, Prineville, Redmond**
 **(541) 579-9511**
 gary.c.campbell@hecc.oregon.gov

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon

A program that matches youth with a caring adult mentor. Our professionally trained staff provide careful screening and matching of volunteers.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

 **Crook, Deschutes & Jefferson County**
 **(541) 312-6047**
 info@bbbsco.org

Summer Programs for Teens

The 8+9 Project

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Moving from middle school to high school can be hard.

The 8+9 Project is here to help! Use this guide to find fun, future-focused **teen summer programs** and **mentor organizations**.

Contact Us:

bettertogether@hdesd.org
541-693-5678




Summer Programs

Have fun, meet new friends, and learn life skills. There are opportunities all over Central Oregon!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend

Middle school and high school youth participate in engaging activities that help them prepare for their future.






 Bend and East Bend
 (541) 617-2877
 info@bgcbend.org

Camp 9

This three-week summer program for New 9th graders is focused on strengthening the transition to high school.






 Redmond
 (541)923-5437 ext. 1134
 david.burke@redmondschools.org

Camp Fire Central Oregon

Teens can have fun, relax with friends, work with caring adults and stand up for something they believe through service-learning.






 Bend, Prineville and Sisters
 (541) 382-4682
 info@campfireco.org

Community Garden & Orchard

A program where teens design and manage a school and community garden and orchard over the summer and fall.



 Prineville
 (541) 416-6900
 Joel.Hoff@crookcounty.k12.or.us

Juntos

A program designed to bring together families to gain the knowledge and skills needed to bridge the gap from high school to college.






 Crook, Deschutes & Jefferson County
 (541) 550-4100
 Ruth.Jones@oregonstate.edu

Madras Bridge Program

New 9th graders will earn a half of an elective credit and participate in sports programs, plus experience high school music and drama.






 Madras
 (541) 475-7265
 cpiercy@509j.net

REACH Redmond

A program creating opportunities for youth to thrive through meaningful, fun, real-world experiences during daily activities with weekly fieldtrips.






 Redmond
 (541) 504-9060
 jwalker@reachredmond.org

The Zone

Middle schoolers have the opportunity to learn, give back to the community, discover their needs, set goals, and meet new friends.



 Madras
 (541)475-7253
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We are a regional, cross-sector partnership working collectively to improve children and youth success from cradle to career.