

Ten Tips For Working With Youth

- ☐ Share the responsibility for leadership. Provide guidance but avoid total control.
- ☐ Listen carefully to youth and try to understand their perspective.
- ☐ Provide meaningful roles and assignments for youth.
- ☐ Share all work activities, even tedious ones.
- ☐ Treat young people as equals and develop a partner relationship.
- ☐ Keep youth informed about activities, even when problems occur.
- ☐ Be energetic and excited about activities. Have a positive, open attitude.
- ☐ Make activities fun and challenging.
- ☐ Be clear about levels of authority for youth and back their decisions when they fall within the agreed upon guidelines.
- ☐ Serve as role models for the youth, and be consistent and fair in your actions.