



Club Description:

Warrior Guides is a Henderson High School mentoring club that is open to every Henderson High School student in grades 9-12 who understands the **Mission** and **Aims** of the club and is willing and able to meet its **Expectations**, and follows the **Rules** of the club. The club works with 5th and 6th grade students, called **Braves**, from several elementary schools in Chester, PA.

These **Braves** also understand the **Mission** and **Aims** of the club and are willing and able to meet the **Expectations** set for every mentee and will follow the **Rules** of the club.

Mission:

The **Mission** of the Warrior Guides club is to form one-on-one relationships between Henderson High School students (Guides) and Chester children (Braves) in need of role models, and to create events that will give opportunities for the mentors/Guides and mentees/Braves to have experiences together which can grow their relationships and foster mutual respect, appreciation, integrity and trust.

Aims:

The **Aim** of the club is for each **Brave** to: better understand his/her personal worth and potential; make thoughtful and moral choices for themselves, as demonstrated by his/her mentor; and learn to trust that his/her Guide will reliably encourage and challenge him/her to greater achievements.

The club also **Aims** for each **Guide** to: develop a sense of value and responsibility as a mentor, and his/her capacity to enrich the life of their Brave; and to cultivate his/her social awareness, encouraging the high school students to engage as social entrepreneurs.

RULES for PARTICIPATION

All Warrior Guides (mentors) must adhere to the following rules:

1. All Guides who will be turning 18 years old prior to 6/1/17 must complete the following at the time of their 18th birthday:
 - a. Criminal Background Check
 - b. Child Abuse Clearance
 - c. Name check against the National Sexual Offenders Registry
2. Absolutely no social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.) relationships with any of the Chester children in the Warrior Guides program.
3. Absolutely no personal visits with any Chester children in the Warrior Guides program.
4. No alcohol, tobacco, weapon, or firearms can be brought to any Warrior Guides event.
5. No harsh or foul language will be used at any Warrior Guides event.
6. The ALHjr Foundation is not responsible for any personal items brought to events, that may be lost or damaged.
7. If a Guide is concerned for the health and/or safety of his/her Brave, please report it to Nicole Goodson immediately for assistance.

All Braves (mentees) must adhere to the following rules:

1. Absolutely no social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.) relationships with any of the Henderson High School students in the Warrior Guides program.
2. Absolutely no personal visits with any Henderson High School student in the Warrior Guides program.
3. No alcohol, tobacco, weapon, or firearms can be brought to any Warrior Guides event.
4. No harsh or foul language will be used at any Warrior Guides event.
5. The ALHjr Foundation is not responsible for any personal items brought to events, that may be lost or damaged.

EXPECTATIONS FOR GUIDES

Conduct:

1. Every Guide will display role-model behavior and treat others with respect at every event.
2. Every Guide will bring a positive, encouraging attitude and patience to every event.
3. Every Guide will follow the policy and procedures of the Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation regarding contact with children.
4. Every Guide agrees to never bring/use money at Warrior Guides events.
5. Every Guide will make an effort to get to know his/her Brave on a personal level, establishing themselves as a "mentor" rather than a "buddy."

Registration & Participation:

1. Every Guide will register themselves and their Brave for each event, by the Registration Date on the invite. Guides will get two additional reminders to register.

*The Guide will receive a verbal warning for missing a Registration Date, and an email will be sent to his/her parent. The third warning is also a dismissal from the program. (Inviting the Brave immediately after an invite is sent, and registering on time, establishes trust and communicates commitment from the Guide.)
2. Every Guide will attend at least 6 club-organized and scheduled events with their Brave/mentee during the course of the school year, even if the Brave is unable to attend.
3. Every Guide must formally decline an event invitation, by the Registration Date, if they cannot attend.
4. If a Guide cannot attend he/she must still invite his/her Brave, and assign them to a friend.

*Include a note in the message area, when declining, naming the Guide responsible for the Brave at the event, and an excuse for our records.
6. The Community Service Day in April, is a mandatory event for all Guides and Braves as giving back to the Chester community is of primary importance to the Warrior Guides program

Cost:

1. Every Guide will be expected to contribute \$20 to the club (checks payable to: Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation), due with the Application and Waiver forms by 9/30/2017. This fee helps to defer the event cost of monthly events.

*Financial assistance is available if necessary.
2. This contribution is non-refundable if the Guide leaves or is dismissed from the program.

EXPECTATIONS FOR BRAVES: (for your information)

Conduct:

1. School rules apply at every event.
2. Every Brave will show respect to all Braves, Guides and Chaperones at the event.
3. Every Brave will show respect to all Braves and Chaperones on the bus, to and from events.
3. Every Guide will follow the policy and procedures of the Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation regarding contact with Guides.
4. Every Guide agrees to never bring/use money at Warrior Guides events.

Registration & Participation:

1. Every Brave will attend at least 6 club-organized and scheduled events with their Guide/mentor during the course of the 2016-2017 school year, and will be paired with a different Guide if his or her own Guide is unable to attend that event.
2. Every Brave must formally decline an event invitation, by the Registration Date, if he/she cannot attend. Inform the Guide of the reason for not attending, for our records.
3. The Community Service Day in April is a mandatory event for all Guides and Braves as giving back to the Chester community is of primary importance to the Warrior Guides program
4. Braves must be picked up from an event on time. The Brave's parent/guardian will receive a phone call warning for late pick-up (later than 20 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time). Two late pick-ups may result in dismissal from the program.

*We must consider the safety of our staff, while they wait for late pick-ups in an empty parking lot at night.

Cost:

1. Every Brave will be expected to contribute \$20 to the program (Cash, Check, or Money Order made out to: Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation). *Financial assistance is available.
2. The fee is due with the Application and Waivers postmarked by 9/22/2017. If you register on our website, the fee is also due by 9/22/17.
3. This contribution is non-refundable if the Brave leaves or is dismissed from the program.
4. Mail printed applications to: ALHJR, P.O. Box 177, Downingtown, PA 19335.

TRIAL PERIOD

All participants, Guides and Braves, begin the program as a 60 day Trial Period.

Complete commitment to the program and your Warrior Guide “partner”, in the first 60 days, is absolutely critical to the success of your relationship for the rest of the year.

Guides:

1. It is essential that the Guide confirms his/her Brave is coming to each event.
2. Calling to confirm, communicates interest and caring to the Brave.
3. Consistent communication with the Brave, and attention to him/her at events, is also the key to earning his/her trust.
4. Any Guide who does not contact his/her Brave in the first 30 days, can be dismissed from the program.
5. The remaining Brave will be assigned a new Guide as soon as possible, allowing enough time to develop a new healthy match. (New matches made later than December tend to struggle.)

Braves:

1. It is essential that the Brave replies to the Guide immediately, when contacted.
2. Replying quickly, shows respect for the Guide’s time and effort in reaching out.
3. Consistent communication with, and attention to, the Guide is also the key to earning his/her trust.
4. Any Brave who does not reply to his/her Guide in the first 60 days, can be dismissed from the program.
5. The remaining Guide will be assigned a new Brave as soon as possible, allowing enough time to develop a new healthy match. (New matches made later than December tend to struggle.)

Who Can Apply?

Returning Braves: If you were a part of Warrior Guides last year, you are certainly welcome to apply again! Applying does not guarantee you a spot, however. If your attendance last year fell below the expected six events, you will have to talk to Nicole Goodson, the Program Director, before your application can be considered.

5th – 6th Graders: If you were not a part of Warrior Guides last year, we would love to have you apply! You must either live in Chester, or go to school in Chester, to be part of Warrior Guides.

Good Behavior: The Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation consults with school administration, teachers, guidance counselors and social workers when determining who should join Warrior Guides. The Foundation also pulls recommendations from adult chaperones, volunteers, and camp counselors from past Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. events including but not limited to Camp Lionheart, last year's Warrior Guides program and other Open Events.

Wait List: We do have a Wait List for potential Braves who register after the deadline, or for anyone who turns in an incomplete application.

Please register on our website (ALHJR.org) or send your application by Sept. 22.

Registration is not complete without a payment.

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you in October!

Event Schedule

***Thursday, September 28, 7:00PM - Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting- CCCS West- B Cafeteria.**

This mandatory meeting is for all accepted Braves. Both students and parents must commit to coming to this short meeting about the Foundation and the importance of your role as a Brave.

***Sunday, October 8, 4:00PM- Guide & Brave Introductions @ TalenStadium- Chester**

Braves are dropped off at Talen Stadium Main Entrance. Meet your Guide for an early dinner, behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium, fun team building games, and a soccer clinic. **Parents pick up at 6:30, joining their child(ren)'s Guide for a snack.**

***Sunday, October 15, 12:00PM - Army-Navy Soccer Game @ Talen Stadium- Chester**

Braves are dropped off at the Union Corporate Office (2501 Seaport Drive). We will have dinner and enjoy pre-game activities outside the stadium, before game time. Transportation will be provided for Guides, from Henderson High.

***Sunday, November 5 - Urban Air Trampoline Park- Downingtown**

Buses Pick Up and Drop off at Chester High School. We provide adult chaperones. Come and bounce on wall-to-wall trampolines, play in the Foam Pit, or on the Slam Dunk Track! ***Additional waivers will be required for this event.****

***Sunday, December 10- Ice Skating Party @ Ice Line- West Chester**

Buses Pick Up and Drop off at Chester High School. This event will be a fun way for Guides and Braves to work together and help each other on the ice. This event will also be our Christmas Party.

***Saturday, January 6 - Field Day @ Henderson High School- Downingtown**

Buses Pick Up and Drop off at Chester High School. This is a great way to continue to grow your friendship with your Brave as you share lunch, play and encourage each other in fun and silly games.

***Sunday, February 11 - Arnold's Fun Center- Oaks**

Buses Pick Up and Drop off at Chester High School. This event will begin with dinner and then you'll each have unlimited access to the go karts, laser tag, carousel, bounce, frog hopper, bumper cars and Krazy Kars PLUS 1,000 Play Pass points to use in the arcade.

***Saturday, March 17 – The Palace Bowling - Downingtown**

Buses Pick Up and Drop off at Chester High School. We will spend the afternoon bowling with your Brave, enjoy pizza and cake, and of course-there will be dancing.

***Saturday, April 28- Community Collaboration Day- Chester**

This is a mandatory event for all Guides and Braves as giving back to the Chester community is of primary importance to the Warrior Guides program. Everyone will be assigned a service project at one of many locations around the city. We will enjoy lunch and a fun surprise to end our Warrior Guide program for the year. Transportation will be provided for Guides from Henderson High.