SPIN CLUB



SPIN VOLUNTEER QUICK GUIDE TO BELONGING

Young people want to belong and feel like they are members of a group. As a SPIN volunteer, you can help your SPIN club members feel accepted, connected, and included. Because SPIN clubs only meet for a short time, you must be intentional about creating a place of belonging.

Best Practices for Belonging	Ways Volunteers Can Promote Belonging
Young people need a positive relationship with a caring adult.	 Provide guidance and coaching as members work on their projects. Give positive encouragement and feedback. Include young people in decision-making about club activities. Encourage members to experiment and try their own ideas.
Young people need a welcoming and inclusive environment that allows them to feel connected to others and appreciated for who they are.	 Provide opportunities for the members to get to know each other through Ice-breaker activities, Team-building challenges, Cooperative games, Working in pairs or small groups.
Young people should feel safe at all times – physically and emotionally.	 Safety is your #1 priority as a SPIN volunteer. Plan ahead and consider the possible risks involved in activities or the environment and eliminate or manage the risks. Before beginning an activity, clearly explain behavior expectations that keep everyone safe. Teach club members safety practices for the project they are working on. Stop any put-downs or ridicule. Don't tolerate bullying or cliques.

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