



What is Ag47's mission?

Ag47 knows that girls' creative voices must be heard. We are an artistic mentorship collective dedicated to providing opportunities for bold creative expression. Through collaboration and one-to-one mentorship, women and girls share stories about their lives, take risks, ask questions and use arts to respond. By presenting their work to a public audience, Ag47 provides girls with the chance to be heard and their communities with the chance to listen.

Girls have something to say. Ag47 amplifies their voices.

Who are Ag47 Mentors?

Ag47 mentors are women committed to helping girls explore and change the world through art. Ag47 mentors believe there is value in what young women have to say. Ag47 mentors collaborate with girls and with other women. Ag47 mentors model risk-taking by painting, dancing, drumming, building and performing alongside their mentees. Ag47 mentors challenge girls to be responsive, responsible and bold. Ag47 mentors help girls' voices be heard by others in the community by facilitating a public showcase of the collective's work. Ag47 mentors are excited to spend some free time creating art, sharing their talents, building community and celebrating creative women of all ages and backgrounds.

What is the mentorship commitment?

- Work closely with one 12- to 17-year-old girl for the duration of the year.
- Attend all scheduled workshops and meetings. Workshops take place on alternating Sundays from 4pm to 7pm and are followed by a brief meeting of the collective to reflect, organize projects and communicate with one another.
- Communicate with your girl during your off week through an agreed-upon means of communication. (phone, text, facebook, etc.)
- Help on Ag47 projects such as recruitment, event planning, publicity, fundraising and grant writing.
- Attendance at our annual arts showcase and help in setting up and breaking down the event.
- Payment of \$25 in annual dues to help pay for background checks, mentor training, and other administrative costs.

How is Ag47 structured?

Ag47 was established in 2010 as an all-volunteer mentorship collective. We have a leadership team elected annually by the adult members of the collective. We are an Illinois non-profit corporation in the process of becoming a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Financially, we are supported through the kindness of donations, and through the sale of our artwork and poetry at our annual showcase.

Mentorship with Ag47 is a big commitment, and for many of us, a rewarding one. If you have other questions as you complete your application, please do not hesitate to write Virginia Lund at ag47collective@gmail.com If you wish to support Ag47 but are not able to commit to mentorship at this time, please email Virginia and indicate how you would like to help.