

To be a start strong peer leader, you have to be willing to be patient and open minded. Start strong is full of teens who think about society and occurring issues with passion, so you must be patient to understand them, but also be patient and letting them register what you say or believe. As a start strong peer leader, you must also be comfortable to speak in front of crowds and presenting to people you know or don't know. Additionally, you have to be courteous and respectful to adults and children alike, and not minimize them when they have misconceptions. You have to be open to teaching and speaking but also listening and learning from people. To be a Start Strong leader you must also be willing to establish connections with people and get them into a safe space, but also be willing to create it yourself. You must respect everyone in such said space, and be discrete. Also, you must represent start strong and it's encouraged that you practice what you preach, or at least don't go against it. You must also be willing to help others and share your knowledge. Most importantly you need to be accountable and have time management. You must show up to sites or events on time and if you do something wrong or something different own up to it to get things moving. You must also respect any rules set by staff as it pertains to your safety and health as well. In the summer, you must also follow policy like dress code. You must also speak and build with coworkers, because, in the end, we see each other year round and build a family. Be ready to change as you learn and hear stories from others.

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