

## Mentors foster the following leadership skills in Jr. ZBLA participants:

### The Community

- History of Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion
- An overview of community organizations and agency opportunities

### Personal Skills

- Time management
- Setting goals and priorities
- Putting your best foot forward

### Ethical Skills

- Decision making
- Conflict resolution
- Perseverance

### Leadership Skills

- Building relationships
- Identifying the right people in your circle
- Aligning desire and interest with opportunity

### Managerial Skills

- Budgeting and finance
- Meeting dynamics
- Policy, procedure and planning

# Get in touch!

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## JR. ZION-BENTON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

*Developing the next generation of leaders in the Zion-Benton community for a lifetime of service and success.*





*Be the change you want to see in the world ~ Gandhi*

## About Us

The Jr. Zion-Benton Leadership Academy was developed to nurture our youth for future leadership positions in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion. Our mission is simple: To identify and empower young people to give back to their community.

The five-session curriculum features nontraditional, hands-on training and experiences.

### The courses include:

Teamwork, Building Self-Confidence, Effective Communication, Cultural Diversity, Servant Leadership, and College Readiness.



## What does it take to be a Jr. Zion-Benton Leadership Academy participant?

Jr. ZBLA is seeking candidates who are engaged in their community, compassionate, imaginative, honest and motivated to make their community better. As a Jr. ZBLA participant, students will learn what it takes to be a leader who will help shape the future of the Zion-Benton community. Leaders will be carefully matched with a mentor who shares similar interests and backgrounds.

**Learn today.  
Change tomorrow.**

### How do I apply?

Apply online at [www.zbla.info](http://www.zbla.info) or [zbleadershipacademy@gmail.com](mailto:zbleadershipacademy@gmail.com) to request an application.

Applicants must be 13 - 18 and live in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor or Zion.



**Refer potential participants.** Consider employees, neighbors and relatives as emerging leaders.

**Serve as a mentor.** Share your expertise and skills and provide guidance to your matched participant during the program.

**Provide placement for ZBLA graduates.** Invite a graduate to serve on a committee for a local agency, church or other group or intern for your organization.

### What is the commitment?

- In-person interview
- Weekly Jr. ZBLA group sessions, from February through March
- Meet regularly with mentor, typically weekly
- Complete a group project
- Attend the Jr. ZBLA graduation
- 2nd year peer-to-peer leadership position