

TeamMates seeks business mentors

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Local group looking for 20 recruits

Gothenburg's Chapter of TeamMates is issuing a friendly challenge to the businesses of Gothenburg by kicking off the third annual Business Challenge to sign up 20 new TeamMates mentors.

Nebraska Football Coach Bo Pelini and football coaches from Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State have also issued a friendly competition to see which state can recruit the most new mentors. In Nebraska, the goal is 1,600 new mentors for TeamMates.

To join the local challenge:

Businesses must allow its employees an hour a week to mentor a student at the school.

Any new mentor application that is received between now and Nov. 30 will count toward the score of a business.

A percentage based on the total number of employees will determine the winner.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce or TeamMates office at the high school. Applications can also be found by visiting www.teammates.org.

A traveling TeamMates trophy is up for grabs locally. Display it for all to see that your business supports Gothenburg youth, said local TeamMates coordinator Lindsey Tederman. Steve and Joan Windrum were the 2011-2012 winners by both becoming mentors.

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The winners of the Coaches Challenge and Business Challenge will be announced the week of Dec. 7.

For more information, contact Lindsey Tederman at 537-3651, ext. 407 or by emailing gothenburgteammates@gmail.com.

Tederman is also available to give a presentation about TeamMates to businesses.