

*B*E*S*T Mentors Needed*

If you have a few hours per month to help kids

- discover the joy of building things,
- learn something about the way things work
- pick up some valuable life skills

And if you want to have a lot of fun doing it ...

B*E*S*T is looking for volunteer mentors for Electric Car projects.

The B*E*S*T program provides math, science, and life-skills to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders by helping them to design and build their own electric cars. They start in the Fall by building small table-top cars using parts kits that B*E*S*T provides (toy motors, batteries) and in December or January they start designing and building go-cart sized electric cars from batteries and motors that we provide, and the rest from materials that they scrounge. The culminating event is Race Day, in mid-May, when all the teams gather at a local High School track for a day of racing, feasting, and fun. Typically a group of 10 to 20 students meets after school about once per week for an hour or two, but the schedule is up to the teacher and the mentor. The B*E*S*T group provides materials, monthly meetings, support, advice, and event organization.

It's great! So is the fun and satisfaction of working with teachers and students throughout the year.

Each year our program has expanded and we have needed more mentors. We also find that some prefer working in teams of two mentors per school, to share the responsibility and provide better support for the students. Another way to participate without jumping in at the deep end is to come to our meetings, check us out, and maybe go to the classes as an observer rather than a mentor. And yet another is to help out occasionally.

For more information check out our web site at www.BestOutreach.org and/or get in touch with Paul Patton 763-954-4764 paul.patton@honeywell.com

If you're interested please let us know!