

# I KNOW I CAN

# TIPS FOR SITE COORDINATORS

If you have any questions

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Here are some helpful tips for site coordinators to make the program run smoothly.

### Right Away We Will Need:

- Agreement with the schools on the date and time for your 60-90 minute visit (although flexible, ideal dates are early-mid November).
- Completed School Applications from each school wishing to participate.
- Estimated <u>number of volunteers</u>. (Let us know if you need assistance recruiting volunteers and/or if you would like assistance from ACPE with the event or volunteer training.)

## Before the Event You Will Need to:

- Recruit volunteers and provide a brief overview and volunteer tips so they feel comfortable and prepared. A 5-minute Volunteer Training video is available under Volunteer Tips & Tools: <a href="https://acpe.alaska.gov/IKnowlCan">https://acpe.alaska.gov/IKnowlCan</a>. (It is often helpful to share volunteer and teacher contact information with one another to provide familiarity during the event.)
- Pre-address student postcards. Please pre-label postcards, so that student addresses are completed prior to the event. (You can often get address labels or lists from the school office or teacher; alternately, address forms can be completed by parents and collected for accurate addresses template located under Teacher Tips & Tools: <a href="https://acpe.alaska.gov/IKnowlCan.">https://acpe.alaska.gov/IKnowlCan.</a>)
  - Send press release to local media. A press release template can be found under Coordinator Tips & Tools: <a href="https://acpe.alaska.gov/IKnowlCan">https://acpe.alaska.gov/IKnowlCan</a>. We encourage you to modify as appropriate and send to local media contacts.

#### At the Event Please:

- Bring supplies: books, postcards and tips for your volunteers and teachers.
- Meet with volunteers briefly prior to the event, to ensure they have enough books & postcards.
- Send link for online evaluations to volunteers and teachers; complete coordinator evaluation.
- Collect completed postcards and return to ACPE. (Please ensure each card has a return address prior to mailing them to ACPE.)

#### After the Event:

Thank you notes are a nice way to appreciate volunteers and teachers, while also reminding them to complete evaluations.

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