



September 12, 2025

Hello and welcome back to our veteran A-Teens, and a warm welcome to our new A-Teens!

Our first meeting of the 2025-2026 year started with pizza and lemonade and moved on to introductions of our Governing Body (GB) with Reid Shanas as our Chair. All of our new officers introduced themselves and told us a little about their responsibilities.

All teams, with GB members as table leaders, had time to meet each other, share contact information, set up group chats, and talk about their favorite things and why they chose to be an A-Teen. These group chats will keep you all in the loop and remind you of your staffing responsibilities at the Bargain Box (BB). **If you were unable to attend our first meeting, please be sure that your team leader has your contact information at our next meeting on September 29th.** We want to all be connected physically and virtually - both new A-Teens and veteran A-Teens!

The teams also got an opportunity to tour the Bargain Box and learn about the roles that they'll have while volunteering at the BB on select Saturdays. Shift sign-up sheets for Saturday, September 13 and Saturday, October 11 were made available and thanks to you – all shifts are now full! **Please remember to contact your team leader and both ALF Teens Coordinators if you're unable to attend any Bargain Box shift, so that a shift replacement can be arranged.**

For A-Teens scheduled to work at the Bargain Box from 9:45 AM to 1:00 PM tomorrow, we look forward to getting to work with you! Also, a gentle reminder to please be on time for your shifts.

So many of you mentioned the reason you volunteered was to give back to the community. This is FANTASTIC and as such, you should get credit for the hours you donate to our community. Volgistics is a system used by Action League of the Foothills (ALF) to keep track of volunteer hours. Those of you who were with us last year are already registered in the system and have an ID number. At this first meeting, you had a chance to meet with Eleanor Chapman, one of the ALF philanthropic administrators, and gave her your preferred email address.

This information has now been inputted, and you will receive an email very shortly to set up a password for your account. This email will be titled, "ALF Volunteer Volgistics Account Set-Up." PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE REGISTRATION LINK IS ONLY OPEN FOR 24 HOURS. If you do not receive an email to set up your password, please let us know ASAP. We want you to be able to accurately track your hours!

During our meeting, we also practiced ALF's emergency drill procedure. We all safely and efficiently exited the Common Meeting Room (CMR) and convened in the parking lot in front of the ALF House. If a real emergency were to arise, we would convene in the parking lot of TJ Maxx, which is directly across the street on Oakwood Avenue.

Our meeting wrapped up with celebrating May, June, July, and August Birthdays with a delicious cake – a thousand thanks to Nicole Salehpour and her family for this contribution!

We certainly packed a lot into our first meeting and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with special guests, exciting projects, and innovative ideas. **Our next meeting will be on September 29th, and will include a special guest speaker.** Happy first month of school and warm wishes for a great year ahead!

Your ALF Teens Coordinators,
Nancy and Rhonda