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What is Teen Court

Teen Court is a dynamic nationally acclaimed diversion program for first time juvenile offenders. It is designed to divert less serious cases away from the more formal juvenile Courts. Teen Court is an Alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system.

What are the Goals of Teen Court

- To interrupt patterns of criminal behavior by promoting positive feelings of self-esteem, motivation, self improvement, and developing a healthy attitude towards authority.
- To use **Positive Peer Pressure** to encourage at risk youths to make informed and positive choices that affect their lives now and in the future.



How Do I Fit In???

Teen Court utilizes high school students to serve as attorneys, bailiffs clerks and jury members. Student attorneys interview juvenile offenders and their families and prepare their cases. They present their cases before a jury of students who decide the punishment. **Teen Court is a Real Court run by teens for teens.**

Requirements

- You must be in Grades 9-12
- Agree to Sign the Confidentiality Agreement
- Respect Oath of Confidentiality
- Be in Good Standing
- Demonstrate Maturity and Sensitivity
- Must abide by the Dress Code
- Meet the requirements of the Teen Court Agreement

Did You Know??????

There are now Teen Courts that are either existing or in the planning stages in: Japan, Canada, England, South Korea, and Australia.

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Reasons to Join:

1. Do you like to argue? (Teen Court will teach you how to really argue and win!)
2. Are you interested in the law?
3. Do you think you can carefully listen and then deliberate based on the evidence?
4. Do you want to improve your public speaking skills?
5. Could your resume or college application use a boost?
6. Do you need to complete community service hours for school or scholarship opportunities?
7. Would you like to make career contacts with Judges or local attorneys?
8. Would you like to help your peers make a difference?
9. Would you like to earn awards for participation in Teen Court?
10. Would you like to make great friends?
11. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE FUN?????

Did you know???????

Teen Court is not a new program, it has been in existence for over 50 YEARS! Teen Court Programs as they exist today started in the 1980's. Today there are over 1500 Teen Courts throughout the United States in all states except Connecticut!!!



Upcoming Events

All Events take place at the Collier County Courthouse- 3315 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112

ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
6pm-8pm
Courtroom 1-B

TRAINING

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
5pm-8pm
Courtroom 4-A

For Session Dates

Please go to:

<http://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/collier/collteenct.asp> and click on Calendar

If You Are Interested....

For Application go to: <https://www.ca.cjis20.org/home/collier/collteenct.asp>

Click on Collier County then Click on Collier County Teen Court Volunteer Information-Agreement-Release. Complete and email or send to address listed below.

For further information please attend our ORIENTATION.

Questions???? Please contact: Carol Fritsch, Teen Court Coordinator, Collier County Courthouse, Bldg. L, Naples, FL. 34112. Phone: 239-252-2756

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