

Parker Teen Court Volunteers

Find out how you can become involved in this exciting new program!



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Mission: *Reducing juvenile crime by expanding the quality of youth and juvenile justice through positive peer influence and striving to achieve results that exceed the expectations of our community*

The Parker Teen Court is recruiting volunteers. Through this program, teen offenders are sentenced by a jury of their peers for misdemeanor offenses.

- Do you like to argue?
- Are you interested in the law?
- Do you think you can carefully listen and then deliberate based on evidence?
- Do you want to improve your public speaking skills?
- Could your resume or college application use a boost?
- Do you need to complete community service through school or court?

If you answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, this program is for you!

Eligibility

In order to serve as a teen attorney for the program, you must be at least 14 years old. All other positions are open to youth 12-17 years old.

Teen Court Sessions

Teen Court sessions are held on select Tuesday evenings. The time commitment is as little as one Tuesday evening per month.

Volunteer Positions

Juror: As a juror, you would be expected to listen carefully to the testimony and other evidence of each case. You will need to work with other youth jurors to render a fair and constructive sentence. (12- 17 years old.)

Defense Attorney: As a Defense Attorney, you would be responsible for developing a defense with your client, including an opening statement, a line of questioning, and a closing statement, with recommendations for sentencing.

Prosecuting Attorney: As a Prosecuting Attorney, you would be responsible for developing a case against the defendant, including an opening statement, a line of questioning, and a closing statement, with recommendations for sentencing.

Bailiff: As a bailiff, you announce the judge, call the jury, escort the jury to deliberate, and assist the Coordinator with any other necessary duties.

Judge

Training

Training sessions for teen attorneys are held periodically throughout the year. Basic techniques for Defense and Prosecution are taught, and mock trials are conducted for practice.

Each trainee will be paired up with an experienced teen attorney for additional, “on the job” training. Advanced training and practice sessions are also held throughout the year to help improve performance.

After each session, there is feedback among the teen attorneys, the adult volunteer judge, and the Coordinator to review what the teen attorneys prepared well, and what they need to improve. These are some of the real charges you may hear cases on in Teen Court:

- Assault
- Destruction of Property
- Disorderly Conduct
- Fireworkds
- Littering
- Petty Theft
- Possession of Alcohol
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of Marijuana
- Shoplifting
- Thowing Missiles

For more information or to request an application, please contact the Teen Court Coordinator:

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