



CLASS PARKS TEEN CLUBS

MISSION

CLASS Parks Teen Clubs provide space and opportunity for teens to:

- Feel safe and respected
- Access vocational and educational resources
- Cultivate leadership traits
- Participate in a positive peer culture

OVERVIEW

CLASS Parks Teen Clubs are designed to be attractive to youth with music, recreational activities, board games, sports equipment, TV and VCR, reading and writing materials, and a homework study area available each day. Particular emphasis is placed on academic achievement with computers available at selected sites for job searches, homework reference, and much more. Club members are encouraged to take part in altruistic activities such as community service projects, Park Advisory Board meetings, and health fairs. Exciting field trips to sporting events, museums, and theatrical performances draw teens to participate and reward them for attendance during the week. By providing field trips, teens are introduced to cultural diversity they might never have had the opportunity to experience, thus broadening their knowledge of the world around them. Additionally, each CLASS Parks Teen Center maintains a Teen Council complete with elected officers who, under the supervision of recreation staff, address:

- Participant recruitment
- Teen Center activities, programs and field trip rules, regulations and codes of conduct
- Special event development
- Program evaluation
- Fundraising

It is important to realize that one of the greatest reasons for Teen Center success is the involvement of teens in the operation of the center. CLASS Parks staff maintains a necessary balance of teen self governance and staff supervision. Teen Centers also provide opportunities to get involved in other CLASS Parks Programs such as Eco-X, Quest, APEX, YEIP, and the Collegiate Mentorship Program. Teen Clubs serve as an introduction and gateway to exciting teen experiences and opportunities available to CLASS Parks members and participants.

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