



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Be part of a team. Be a voice for teens. Life experience. Put on college applications. Community Service. Leadership skills.

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Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is your chance to impact your community and make change. We are seeking dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated teens in our community to join the Youth Advisory Committee. Committee members have an important duty of advising the Parks & Recreation Commission and Recreation Programming staff as to the interests and concerns of youth and teens in Jefferson County, as well as lending a helping hand in their community. This may include raising funds for local non-profits, providing feedback for programs relating to recreation, special interests, sports, community involvement, safety and environmental concerns. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Youth Advisory Committee, please contact Heather Burgos, Recreation Coordinator of Jefferson County Parks & Recreation at 304-728-3207 or hburgos@jcprc.org for more information.

LEADERSHIP & LIFE EXPERIENCE

YAC is an excellent way to learn and develop leadership skills. Members will have the opportunity to take leadership roles on many levels throughout their term. Members can volunteer as chairs and co-chairs for events or special projects during the school year. As a member of YAC you will have an opportunity to meet people from all walks of life while helping at community events.

YAC SPECIAL EVENTS

- YAC Fundraiser
- Community Service Projects
- JCPRC Special Events (TBD)

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a Jefferson County public, private or home school student in 6th-8th grades starting in the Fall.
- Submit a complete YAC application form, supplemental questionnaire, and at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or advisor.
- All applicants will be interviewed, and if accepted, will sign a year-long agreement committing to a full 1-year term in accordance with the JCPS school year.

REQUIREMENTS

All YAC members must be able to commit to a minimum of the following:

- Attend at least 6 YAC meetings (September-May) on the 1st Friday of the month from 5:00-6:30pm at the Jefferson County Community Center. Additional meetings may be required depending on event schedules.
- Attend 1 Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting (September-May) which are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.
- Help plan, attend and volunteer at least 1-2 YAC Fundraisers, 1-2 Community Service Projects and 1-2 JCPRC events.
- YAC must be represented by at least 2 members at all JCCC Teen Nights (September-May)



Please mail or hand deliver to Jefferson County Parks & Recreation
ATTN: Youth Advisory Committee
235 Sam Michael's Lane
Shenandoah Junction, WV 25442
Or email to Heather Burgos, hburgos@jcprc.org
For more information please call 304-728-3207

APPLICATION FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone (if you have one):	Email:	
School You Will Attend In Fall:		Grade In School:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:	Parent/Guardian Email:	

If you are selected as a YAC member, what qualities will you bring to our committee?

Briefly describe what you hope to gain from YAC participation?

Why do you want to be a member of the JCPRC Youth Advisory Committee?

Write a statement describing your feelings on current opportunities for youth voice or youth involvement on important decisions in Jefferson County.

If you are selected you will be expected to reach out to your peers. Please describe some ways you plan to engage your peers.

Considering all of your commitments, including family gatherings, school work, team sports, volunteer work, religious/spiritual activities, jobs and other extra-curricular activities, how many hours per week can you realistically commit to YAC?

How did you learn about the Youth Advisory Committee?