



PARKER COUNTY TEEN COURT



***NEED
Consistent Monthly
Service Hours?***



Parker County Teen Court (PCTC) is a program designed to allow responsible teens to participate in judicial sessions to help their peers engage in a voluntary alternative to being sentenced by the formal court system. This program is available for student volunteers (enrolled in high school grades 9th through 12th). Cases that are heard and deliberated consist only of "Class C" misdemeanor offenses. The following are just a few of the benefits of participating as a volunteer in PCTC:

- Teen Court trains young persons to serve in the following capacities:
 - Volunteers initially serve as Jurors, usually in their first semester, and listen to evidence presented by attorneys in order to determine a sentence for defendants that includes a range of community service hours.
 - As Court Clerk, volunteers assist with check-in of volunteers and assignments, as well as distributing/retrieving confidential case files, as necessary.
 - As Bailiff, volunteers assist the Judge with calling Jurors at time of trials, announcement of trials, as well as insuring the processing of all paperwork during deliberations.
 - As Prosecutor or Defense Attorney, volunteers will review cases to prepare for trials (note: Defense Attorneys will interview defendants), present opening and closing arguments; as well as question defendants during trials to present the jury with facts relevant to the cases in order to assist them with making sentencing decisions.
- Attorney volunteers are mentored by local professional attorneys who assist the volunteers in prosecuting or defending cases.
- Local attorneys or public officials serve as judges for the trials, also mentoring student volunteers.
- Teen volunteers earn consistent monthly service hours needed for school activities, such as NHS or Student Council, etc.
- Teen volunteers can build debate or speech skills, as well as become familiar with the judicial system. (*Note: not all positions are required to utilize speech skills.*)

Where and When does it Meet?

PCTC meets in the courtroom of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 Office located in the Willow Park Place Shopping Center at 5189 East I-20 Service Road North, Suite 109 (located just off I-20, Ranch House Road exit, east side I-20 next door to Century 21 Building). ***Snacks and drinks are provided during the sessions.*** Also see reverse for a list of meeting dates for the 2012-2013 school year.

Additional information about PCTC can be found by visiting www.parkercountyteencourt.webs.com, or for more info on Texas Teen Courts, visit www.texasteencourt.com. Please contact a Volunteer Coordinator to attend PCTC or with any questions: Michelle Hayes or Perri McCranie, Teen Court Volunteer Coordinators at smkahayes@sbcglobal.net or jplmcc@yahoo.com or Teen Court Coordinator, Laura Anderson at laurapanderson@yahoo.com.

