

Who Benefits from Teen Court?

Juvenile Offenders: Youth who successfully complete the Teen Court sentence will have a chance to have the charge dismissed from his/her record. Youth are also given the opportunity for a *real* second chance to prove that mistakes can be turned into positive choices.

Parents of Offenders: Parents are no longer held totally accountable, the juvenile becomes responsible for his/her actions. Through the Teen Court process, peers will be delivering the message that the behavior of the offender is not acceptable.

Community: The community receives the benefits from projects and community service work. Citizens are able to see teens being held accountable for their actions.

Youth Volunteers: Youth gain a sense of responsibility as they encourage peers to stop behaviors that reflect on all teens. Volunteers also get a chance to participate in the juvenile justice system and examine possible career opportunities.

Adult Volunteers: Adults who choose to become involved with the Teen Court process as court volunteers are given a chance to help make a difference in the lives of young people.



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AN ALTERNATIVE IN THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM

OFFENDER INFORMATION



WHAT IS TEEN COURT?

Teen Court is a program for youth ages 12 to 16 who commit a first-time misdemeanor or ordinance offense. Teen Court offers an offender an opportunity to receive a meaningful sentence from a jury of their peers. This experience provides youth with an alternative to appearing in court and paying a fine. Youth offenders must admit their guilt in order to participate in Teen Court.

As part of their sentence, offenders will be required to return to Teen Court to serve on the jury for other youth who have violated the law, write an essay or letter of apology, and do community service.

The Teen Court experience will provide a more lasting impression for the youth involved.

Once the sentence is complete, an additional background check is done. If the offender has not had any further law violations, the charge will be dismissed and they will be sent a completion packet in the mail.



Who Qualifies for Teen Court?

Youth who are eligible for Teen Court must be between the ages of 12 and 16. They must admit to the offense they have been charged with. They also must have a parent or adult who will accompany the youth to Teen Court proceedings.

What Type of Charges are Handled in Teen Court?

Teen Court handles various misdemeanor charges or ordinance violations such as:

- *Shoplifting, Retail Theft
- *Disorderly Conduct
- *Receiving Stolen Property
- *Trespassing
- *Criminal Damage to Property
- *Obstructing
- *Possession of Marijuana
- *Other Offenses as Appropriate

Where is Teen Court?

Teen Court is held in two locations:

OSHKOSH-Public Safety Building

NEENAH-City Hall

When is Teen Court?

Teen Court is on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Is there a Fee to Participate?

There is a mandatory fee of \$10.00.

How Can I Sign Up?

Complete the following form or call the Teen Court Coordinator at (920)236-1120.

I have received a copy of the Teen Court brochure and have read it completely. I admit that I have committed the violation charged on citation # _____

Issued by _____

Offense _____

Date _____

My parents and I give permission to the Neenah/Menasha/Oshkosh or _____ Police Dept. to forward a copy of my police report for the above mentioned case to the Winnebago County Teen Court program. This information will be held confidential and only used by the program coordinator.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Age _____ Birthday _____

Printed name/signature of Juvenile _____

Printed name/signature of Parent _____

Dated: _____