



Apache Junction Parks & Recreation

Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

Application Packet



Purpose of council:

Act as teen advisors to the AJPR Commission, AJ City Council, and AJPR recreation staff on matters directly related to teen programming and open space development. Members will serve as facilitators in identifying programming opportunities for Apache Junction youth, while promoting wellness, school and neighborhood pride, character development and civic leadership. They will play a key role in planning and implementing new and existing teen programs in the City of Apache Junction.

Composition:

Applicants must be 8th – 12th graders residing in and/or attending school within Apache Junction. The council will include up to a max of 25 teens.

Member expectations:

Members must be willing to commit to at least a full school year of service and be able to attend up to two meetings a month. Regular meetings will take place every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month with additional meetings added if needed. The Teen Council will be in charge of planning & running two teen events a year. Each member will be expected to help out at various events to help promote and grow the Teen Council.

Application Process: (the following should be submitted with your app)

- Volunteer Application
- Short Answers (filled out on a separate sheet of paper)
- Letter of Recommendation
- Statement of Professionalism

Application will be accepted year round till we hit max members.

The City of Apache Junction welcomes participation by people with disabilities in all programs, sites, and facilities. For more information about accessibility contact us at 480-983-2181 or ajpr@ajcity.net or visit www.ajcity.net/ada.

Short Answers

Please answer the following **on a separate sheet of paper (preferably typed)** regarding the AJ Teen Council:

1. Briefly tell us why you would like to become a member of the AJ Youth Advisory Board.
2. Individuals that like to serve their community and take initiative on projects are ideal for the AJ Youth Advisory Board. Please provide some examples of how you would be a good fit for the AJYAC.

Letter of Recommendation

Please provide a letter of recommendation from an individual who is familiar with your background and who has served as an advisor, teacher, coach or leader in your community.

This letter should demonstrate your dedication to serving the community, as well as how you will be an asset while serving as a member of the AJ Youth Advisory Board

If interested, please complete and submit to:

Apache Junction Parks & Recreation

300 E. Superstition

Apache Junction, AZ 85119

Attn: JJ Underwood

For questions, contact JJ Underwood at: 480-474-5207 or junderwood@ajcity.net



STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM

As an Apache Junction Youth Advisory Council Member, you not only represent yourself, but you represent your school, your family, and the City of Apache Junction. As such, you must conduct yourself professionally. Please read the following statements, then sign and date this sheet. Ask your parents to read and sign this form as well. Your signature is your promise to uphold these standards of professionalism.

A Professional...

1. Treats all respectfully.
2. Serves as a positive role model, both in and out of school.
3. Will not eat or drink, nor chew or snap gum in a professional environment
4. Maintains professional relationships with ALL.
5. Turns off cell phones and does not carry any electronic equipment with them in the professional environment
6. Dresses appropriately:
 - neat, clean, and well groomed
 - no bare midriffs
 - no shorts, jeans, or jagged pants when representing the city
 - no open toe shoes
7. Notifies staff, team members, and all other appropriate personal the same day of an absence.
8. Provides proper courtesy notification when running late
9. Will be on-time, and whenever possible 10 minutes early for every meeting, engagement, or event.
10. Greets all professionals, and all that I meet with a hand shake and makes eye contact when introducing myself and carrying a conversation
11. Displays a genuine interests through the art of listening, as a good listener you display a higher capability to communicate effectively and be a leader

I solemnly swear to commit myself to the highest level of professional standards, understanding whom and what I represent as an Apache Junction Youth Advisory Council Member, with the full understanding that failure to do so may mean my elimination from the Council.

(Signature) _____ Date _____

(Parent's Signature) _____ Date _____