

Denton Teen Council General Information

Mission Statement:

The mission of Denton Teen Council is to develop youth leaders committed to learning about local government and the roles they can have in it, making a difference in our community and the lives of youth, recognizing their voice, and representing other youth in the City of Denton.

Goal:

Denton Teen Council aims to empower, enlighten, and inspire all young people within the Denton Community.

Purpose:

Through research, peer discussion, and community interaction, provide a youth perspective to the Parks and Recreation Department on a wide variety of community and youth-related issues.

Qualifications:

- Be between the ages of 13-17
- Must be a City of Denton Resident
- Must be in the 8th thru 11th during the 2016-17 school year.
- Attend a state-recognized school or home school.
- Applicants may be required to interview

Commitment:

- Must be able to attend all meetings for a full school year (school year is defined as starting September 1 and ending May 31)
- DTC meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5pm.
- Assist in community service opportunities throughout the year
- Attend various special events and fundraisers throughout the year
- Be able to attend at least one (1) summer event/project
- Accept mentoring from peers
- Create, organize, and administer events/activities
- Make presentations to peers and civic clubs
- Attend the Youth Advisory Summit if selected, may require travel.
- Help to promote the DTC
- Keep parents/guardians informed of scheduled activities

Appointment:

- Each member of the Denton City Council may appoint up to three members each year.
- All other members will be selected by City staff.
- Teen Council will have up to 25 members
- An Executive Team will be elected by their peers that will include a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, and Marketing
- Recruitment of members will only take place once a year

Focus of Teen Council (but not limited to):

- Provide feedback on PARD- related issues such as homelessness, litter, curfews, opinions on new park development (i.e., water park, skate park), bike lanes, etc.
- Creation and implementation of Teen program (i.e., Battle of the Bands)
- City Beautification projects (i.e., Graffiti Removal, Clean-ups)
- Provide Summer Lunches and activities to children in need
- Community Service Projects (i.e., graffiti removal, fundraising)
- Attend and/or host a Teen Leadership conference
- Be involved in the creation of the Denton Teen Center
- Mentorship program for middle school age youth
- Address issues the teens deem important for the future of the City of Denton
- Promote DTC through social media sources