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Vilas County Teen Court Mission Statement

The mission of Vilas County Teen Court is to benefit youth and the community by providing an alternative method of adjudicating first time juvenile offenses giving youth the opportunity to become accountable for their actions.



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VILAS COUNTY TEEN COURT



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Teen Court Q & A's



What is Teen Court?

Teen Court offers eligible youth an alternative to Juvenile Court—youth receive sanctions from their peers, which allows them to take responsibility to be held accountable and make restitution for violating the law.

Who is Eligible?



Teen Court serves youth ages 10 to 16 who commit a first-time misdemeanor crime or an ordinance violation, in addition 17 & 18 for status offences.

Why a Teen Court?



Teen Court offers eligible youth an opportunity to take responsibility for their actions. It provides positive peer pressure with community based consequences.



Who Benefits from Teen Court?

When **juvenile offenders** (respondents) successfully complete their Teen

Court

disposition, they will have the charge dismissed from their record.



Parents share accountability as the respondent becomes responsible for his/her actions.



Victims have their needs met through the restorative justice goals, the harm is repaired, and they can feel safe in the community.



The **community** is able to see teens being held accountable for their actions. It profits from the community service hours invested by re-

spondents

and trained volunteers.



Youth volunteers gain a sense of responsibility as they encourage peers to adopt appropriate behaviors and decrease negative attitudes toward teens. They are empowered to participate in the decision-making process for dealing with juvenile delinquency.



Adult volunteers are given a chance to make a difference for the youth in our community.

What Can I Do?



Volunteer to work with our students who serve on the panel.



Volunteer to work with our respondents as they complete their community service requirements.



Commit time to becoming a mentor for one of our respondents.



Volunteer to work in the Teen Court office.



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