

How can I volunteer?

Eligible volunteers:

- ◆ Be in the 8th-12th grades
- ◆ Have a desire to help other youth
- ◆ Complete a **group training** with Teen Court, which happen in the fall and spring
- ◆ Or visit our website to get started through an **orientation video**
- ◆ If you come to Teen Court as a participant, you can continue volunteering as soon as your restorative plan is complete

Leadership

Teen Court also offers a **leadership** program for those who want to volunteer on a weekly basis. Leaders work on court improvements, recruiting and training new volunteers, receive advanced training, make presentations in the community and go on field trips.

Adult Mentors

We need caring adults who like working with youth to volunteer as mentors. Please contact us if you are interested.



When and Where are Teen Court Hearings?

EUREKA

- ◆ 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 4:15-6:00 p.m. (sometimes ends at 5:45)
- ◆ Humboldt County Courthouse (825 5th Street, Eureka), Second Floor
- ◆ Jury Councils are held at the Teen Center Conference Room

FORTUNA

- ◆ Wednesdays, 4:15-6:00 p,m,
- ◆ Gene Lucas Community Center*, 3000 Newburg Road, Fortuna

**NOTE: Fortuna hearings are held at the Gene Lucas Community Center, but our office is located at 922 N St (enter office back behind the church on 10th St)*



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TEEN COURT

Two locations:

FORTUNA

922 N St
(enter office back behind the church on 10th)
707-617-8160
fortunate@bgcrewoods.org
www.bgcredwoods.org/fortuna-teen-court

EUREKA

939 Harris Street, Eureka, 95503
707-444-0153
hctteencourt@bgcredwoods.org

What is Teen Court?

Teen Court is an innovative diversion program for first-time juvenile offenses. It is a real court that is run entirely by teen volunteers. We organize around youth empowerment and restorative justice. Justice for youth by youth!

The teen jury focuses on coming up with a restorative plan that will help the participant to repair harms and learn from their mistake. These courts are designed to empower youth, promote accountability, provide access to youth resources, and model peer leadership. Teen Courts have succeeded in hundreds of communities across the country because they offer an important educational opportunity for young people to learn about how the justice system works and put civics into practice.

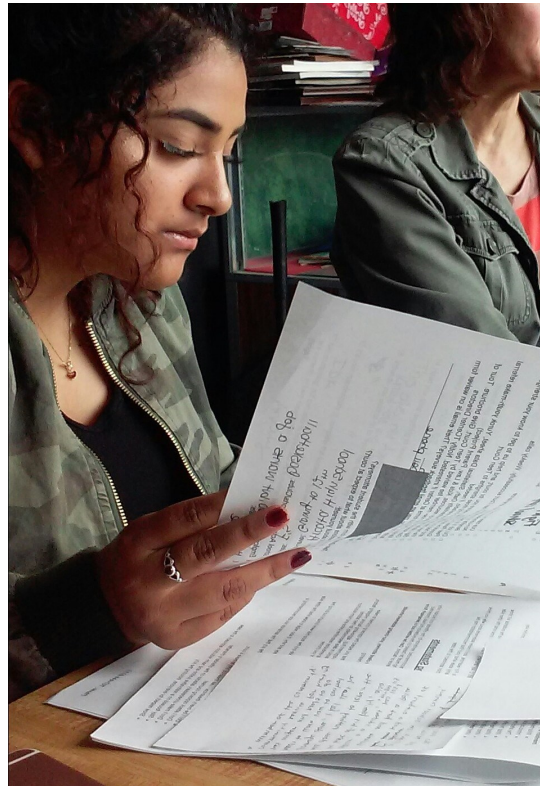
Teen Court is a collaborative program involving the Humboldt County Probation Department, the Humboldt County Superior Court, local police departments and schools, and other community service entities.

What do participants say?

“I like that Teen Court gives you assignments you can benefit from.”

“I was ashamed to say to everyone that I was wrong, but it made a difference.”

“I think things through before I do them, I have a better relationship with my parents, my choice of friends- it has made a huge impact on everything. I understand ‘respect’ and how important it is every day!”



What are Teen Court assignments like?

- ◆ You have two months to finish
- ◆ You will be required to do between 1-4 assignments
- ◆ The minimum restorative assignment for everyone is to serve three times on other Teen Court juries
- ◆ Other parts of your restorative plan might be about drug and alcohol awareness, personal growth, job or education goals, restitution, family relationships, or a creative assignment

What happens when I finish?

If you have been referred from law enforcement, your charges are dismissed. If you have been referred from probation, your requirements have been fulfilled. If referred from school, you have avoided suspension, expulsion or law enforcement citation.