



To participate in Teen Court, you must:

- Be referred by Intake or the Court
- Be between 10 & 17 years of age
- Committed an ordinance violation or misdemeanor crime such as:
  - Petty theft or shop-Lifting
  - Disorderly conduct
  - Under-age drinking or Smoking up to age 17
  - Receiving or concealing Stolen property
  - Trespassing
  - Criminal damage to Property
  - Possession of marijuana
- Admit to committing the offense
- Follow the Teen Court rules and be accompanied by a parent/guardian

### Forest County Teen Court Mission Statement

The mission of Forest 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.

## 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 with the Teen Court coordinator.



Support Forest County Teen Court with your financial gifts.

If you can lend a helping hand or for further information call  
Terri Burl  
Teen Court Coordinator  
715/478-2752

## FOREST COUNTY TEEN COURT



Forest County Courthouse  
200 E. Madison Street  
Crandon, WI 54520

# 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 respondents 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.

If you would like to participate in Teen Court, you must fill out and return the attached form to Terri Burl, Teen Court Coordinator within 48 hours of your initial appearance.

**Forest County Teen Court  
c/o Terri Burl  
UW Extension, 200 East Madison, Crandon WI  
715/478-2752**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Offense: \_\_\_\_\_

Citation #: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Juvenile: \_\_\_\_\_

For Parent/Guardian: I have read this form and understand and agree to its terms. I consent to the juvenile's appearance before the Forest County Teen Court and his/her compliance with the Teen Court sanctions.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Signature: \_\_\_\_\_