

Teen Center

It's Your Y

January 5, 2009

Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in the 92nd Street Y's Teen Center Community Service Program. Over the past few years, community service has become a staple in our NYC's public and private schools. Each school year, over 1000 students volunteer their time and energy towards one or more of our many different programs at the 92nd Street Y.

Many students like yourself are required to fulfill a community service requirement in your school. Others simply want to volunteer sometime so that they can interact with children and adults of all needs. The 92nd Street Y's Teen Center offers community service projects that require a commitment as little as two hours a week for only eight weeks. It's very simple and takes little to no effort to sign-up. Please look over the information in our winter packet and see if any of our projects interest you.

In addition, over the remainder of the school year, different opportunities to do service will come up; so if you do not get around to doing service this time around, please look out for mailings from the Teen Center.

General Community Service Dates Winter 2009

Sign-ups are on January 21 & 22 from 4-5:30pm.

Orientation is on January 26 to 30 from 4-5:30pm. Actual date & time will be given at registration.

Winter service dates are Monday, February 2 to Saturday, March 28.

On behalf of the entire Y family, I thank you again for your interest and look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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The Teen Center @ the 92nd Street Y

Welcome to The 92nd Street Y's Teen Community Service Program!

Thank you for inquiring about the Teen Community Service Program. Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." What follows will give you all of the information you need to learn, register, and get started in doing service in your community. Please read carefully.

What Do I Need to Know in Order to Sign Up?

**YOU MUST SIGN UP IN PERSON ON THE DATES LISTED BELOW IN THE TABLE!
REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE, THROUGH EMAIL, OR BY FAX.**

- Read over the information on the sheet that says "Community Service Projects". Here, you will learn all about the different types of projects you can volunteer for.
- Once you have decided on the type of project(s) and the day(s) of the week that you want to volunteer on, fill out the "Registration Form" and have a parent sign the consents.
- Next, pick a date to come in to sign-up with the Director of the Teen Center, Jose Ortiz, and other Teen Center staff. **Appointments CANNOT be made in advance; walk-ins on days listed below ONLY!**
- After you've been placed into a project, you will have to attend a mandatory orientation for your program(s). Orientation date and fall calendar will be given out during your sign-up.

Note: All students must come in to sign up for a project in person. Sign-ups cannot be done over the phone, by e-mail, or by simply faxing in the form. All sign-ups are on "first come, first served" basis. Registration dates and times are the following:

<p>Wednesday, January 21 4:00-5:30pm</p>	<p>Thursday, January 22 4:00-5:30pm</p>
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Thanks for your interest in the Community Service Program at the 92nd Street Y. Can't wait to see you!

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Teen Center Community Service Projects

Art N Stuff

Monday 3:45-5:15pm, Tuesdays 3:30-6pm, Thursdays 4-6pm (only 1 day required)

Glue, feathers, beads, and so much more! This project will bring out the artist in you as you sit down with elementary school-aged children to create works of art using different mediums. *For high school students only.*

Big SIBS @ an After School Program

Mondays-Thursdays 4-6pm, Fridays 3:30-5:30pm (1-day or 2-day commitments required)

Did you ever have an older brother or sister that you looked up to? This is your chance to be that cool older person to another child! Spend the day playing games, doing art projects, helping them with their homework, or just listening to their stories. The extra attention will mean the world to them and will be rewarding for you.

Checkmate

Wednesdays 3:45-5:30pm

Calling all chess fanatics! Take part in teaching elementary school children the tricks to get across the board. You will be assisting a chess instructor with three classes of varying levels. *For high school students only.*

Cook N Give

CANCELLED. THIS PROGRAM WILL RETURN IN FALL 2009.

Green Apple Mini-Corps

1 day per weekend (day and time to be announced weekly)

Do you love being outside? Do you have an interest in the environment and our cities open spaces? Do you like getting dirty? Join the GreenApple Mini-Corps and help beautify New York City by working on projects in parks like Central Park, Riverside Park and St Nicholas Park. Help with the Million Trees NYC Street Tree initiative. In addition to the field work this program is also meant to give you an understanding of the urban environment and the challenges it faces. Once again you will be led by members of the GreenApple Corps, an AmeriCorps program within New York City's Parks Department.

Homework Help @ an After School Program

Mondays-Thursdays 4-6pm (only 1 day required)

Spread the knowledge that you have gained over the years by passing it onto elementary school-aged children in a relaxed atmosphere. Tutors assist children with math, spelling, reading, and science. This project will create friendships that the kids will remember for a long time to come. *Must be a junior or senior in high school.*

Hospital Volunteer

PLEASE CONTACT ME DIRECTLY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED I THIS PROGRAM.

Little Chefs

Monday, Fridays 4:45-6:15pm (only 1 day required)

Love to teach kids but looking for something with a little more flavor? Take part in a cooking class for children, where work and play mean the same thing! Volunteers will be assisting the instructor with ingredient preparation, clean-up, and of course, helping the little tykes feel their way around the kitchen! *For high school students only.*

Teen Center Community Service Projects (continued...)

Not So Board With Games w/ the 92Y 60+ Program

Wednesday, 3:30-4:30pm

Once a week, stop by and play board games with anyone interested in making a new, young friend at The 92nd Street Y's 60+ program for Seniors. Spend an afternoon once a week playing chess, Mahjong, or just chatting with one of the 92Y's seniors members. Warning: 60+ members are known to squeeze the cheeks of teens.

Reading Circles

Tuesdays, Thursdays 4:45-5:45pm (only 1 day required)

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." (Dr. Seuss) Help children unfold the magic within books by reading aloud with them. Not only will they use their imagination, you'll unlock yours too! *For middle school students only.*

Serve It Up!

Mondays and/or Wednesdays 4-7pm (only 1 day required)

Over 300 hundred homeless individuals and families stop by the Yorkville Common Pantry for its dinner program. Throw in some elbow grease and help Pantry staff serve dinner and dessert, pour beverages, pack take-out, as well as make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for emergency situations. *For high school students only.*

Shop Keeping for the Housing Works Thrift Shop

Wednesdays 4-6pm

Last year, Housing Works Thrift shops rose over \$10 million for homeless New Yorkers affected by AIDS/HIV. Be a part of this amazing organization by lending a hand at their shop on 90th Street and 2nd Avenue! You and your peers will be accepting in-store donations, organizing them into different categories, and assisting donors with donation inventory list completion. Special projects include designing the store front.

Special SIBS @ an After School Program

Mondays-Fridays 3:30-5pm (only 1 day required)

The 92nd Street Y has an outstanding after school program for young people with special needs. In this project, you will learn about different types of disabilities while working with young people to help them focus their abilities in a recreational setting. *For middle school students only.*

Shabbat Shalom, HEY!

Saturdays 10am-1pm

Join our Director of Jewish Arts and Culture, Karina Zilberman, in intergenerational, meaningful, and dynamic Saturday morning Shabbat services. Help Karina and staff spread the joys of Shabbat in assisting with services. You'll have great time!

Tutors for ESL Students

Tuesdays 4-6pm

In this program, you will be sitting one-on-one with a student in an East Harlem church to help improve their reading and writing abilities. Many students in New York City are below the average reading levels for their age group. You will assist them with reading out loud. After he/she has completed a book, you will teach them how to write a book report using a computer. They won't be the only ones who are happy to see improvements! *Must be a junior or senior in high school.*

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Registration Form on the following page...



DO NOT WRITE HERE! FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY!

Project 1: _____ Day(s) _____

Project 2: _____ Day(s) _____

Project 3: _____ Day(s) _____

General Community Service Program Registration, WINTER 2009 (PLEASE BLOCK PRINT CLEARLY!)

NOTE: SPACE IN THIS PROGRAM WILL NOT BE RESERVED WITHOUT PARENTAL PERMISSIONS ASKED FOR ON THIS REGISTRATION FORM. YOU MUST HAVE THIS WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME IN FOR YOUR INTERVIEW.

Student Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Apt. # City State Zip Code

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Birthday: __/__/____

Gender: _____ Email Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

This Section MUST Be Filled Out By a Parent/Guardian

Parent 1/Guardian's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____ (C): _____

Parent 2/Guardian's Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____ (C): _____

If parent/guardian cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Day Phone: _____

My child has permission to leave an **off-site assignment** (NOT on-site at the Y) alone. Yes ___ No ___

If NOT, my child has permission to leave from the 92nd Street Y alone. Yes ___ No ___

I give permission to take pictures of my child for promotional purposes. Yes ___ No ___

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment

I hereby give authority to the 92nd Street Y Goldman Center program directors to obtain necessary emergency medical treatment for my child with the understanding that the family will be notified as soon as possible.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____