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Volusia County Teen Court program seeks youth volunteers, offers trainings in October

Daytona Beach – The Volusia County Teen Court is looking for youth volunteers to be prosecutors, defense attorneys and trial clerks in its programs in Daytona Beach and DeLand.

An orientation for parents and teens will be Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. Youth volunteer training will be Monday, Oct. 20, and Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The orientation and training will take place in Courtroom 1 at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island, 125 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach.

Youth in grades 8 to 12 are eligible to participate in Teen Court. Teen volunteers must be in satisfactory academic standing and are required to serve at least six months. During the program, teens learn to be prosecutors, defense attorneys, trial clerks and jurors while also earning community service hours.

Teen Court is a diversion program for juveniles charged with less serious crimes that can be handled outside of formal juvenile delinquency proceedings. Offenders are sentenced by their peers, who determine an appropriate sentence based on testimony given during a Teen Court “trial.”

Teen Court convenes on Monday nights in DeLand at the Volusia County Courthouse and Tuesday nights in Daytona Beach at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island. To volunteer or for more information, contact Joy Keyes, Teen Court coordinator, at (386) 239-7812.

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