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Volusia, Flagler Teen Court programs seek adult, youth volunteers

Daytona Beach – Teen Court programs in Volusia and Flagler counties are looking for adult and youth volunteers to assist in Daytona Beach, DeLand and Bunnell.

Adult volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. While volunteers who practice law are preferred, all volunteers are welcome.

Youth in grades 8 to 12 are eligible to participate. 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, Tuesday nights in Daytona Beach at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island and Tuesday nights in Bunnell at the Flagler County Courthouse. To volunteer or for more information, contact Joy Keyes, Daytona Beach Teen Court coordinator, at (386) 239-7812; Shirley Santillana, DeLand Teen Court coordinator, at (386) 822-5703; or Marian Irvin, Flagler Teen Court coordinator, at (386) 437-7407.

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