

## **Mill Creek Youth Advisory Board**

The Mill Creek Youth Advisory Board is a group of middle and high school students from various backgrounds living in the Mill Creek who are committed to making a difference in their community. The board meets bi-monthly and is overseen by a member of the City of Mill Creek Parks and Recreation department. During meetings, members are expected to participate in discussions and share ideas.

Now in its tenth year, the mission of the board is still strong—to strengthen relations between youth and their community by creating new programs and offering opportunities for youth to give back to their communities. Members have created new programs for teens, organized civic activities, and planned and participated in community-service projects. Past projects include: assisting with the Mill Creek Summer Concert series, the Teen Egg Hunt, Easter Eggstravaganza, and the Mill Creek Festival; stenciling sewer drains with cautionary reminders; and participating in the Adopt-a-Stream program. The board has also planned and implemented programs such as a videogame tournament, a dodge ball tournament, and Parent’s-Night-Out, and has been involved in fundraising for Special Olympics.

The Youth Advisory Board has a voice in city government and was a strong supporter of the skate park at the Mill Creek Sports Park.

Each spring the board selects new members to fill vacated positions for the next year. Students who are reliable, enthusiastic, have strong leadership skills, and a desire to serve their community are encouraged to apply.

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