

Teens:

L.B.C. - Lego Builders Club

Lego Builders Club is brand new to the YMCA and is offered to all 5th and 6th grade YMCA teen members. Teens will explore their imagination and creativity while designing and building small and large themed objects. Starting October 28th, Lego Club meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30pm in the Teen Center. The cost is \$5 and covers all building materials. Program runs 8 weeks.

Creative Writing

If you have a passion for writing or want to learn more about creative writing, the YMCA offers a supportive environment where teens engage in writing stories, poetry, essays, and simply writing for pleasure. The workshop will help teens who want to improve their writing skills in fiction and nonfiction. Starting October 26th, Creative Writing will be held every Monday evening from 6-7:00pm in the Teen Center computer lab. The cost is \$5 and covers all materials. Program runs 8 weeks.

Teen Support Group

Led by licensed social worker Nicole Lewoc, teens share and discuss difficult issues they are dealing with while being supported by their peers. Starting November 3rd, Teen Support Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-7:00pm in the Teen Center computer lab. Teens can join the meetings as needed. All middle school and high school teens are welcome. There is no charge for joining meetings.

Junior Leaders

This club is for every middle school student. Weekly meetings focus on teambuilding games, planning and participating in YMCA events, fundraising and socializing with their friends. Junior Leaders volunteer on a monthly basis with YMCA family events, Mulberry Gardens Senior Center, community cleanups and much more. This club meets every Thursday from 6:00-7:30 beginning September 10th.

Senior Leaders

This club is for every high school student. Weekly meetings focus on teambuilding games, community service, fundraising skills, public speaking, leadership skills and socializing with their friends. Every year this club designs and implements a large scale community service project so that they can leave a positive legacy behind. Currently they are working developing a big buddies mentoring program where teens can mentor elementary school age children at the YMCA. This program is scheduled to begin in the fall. Join us every Tuesday night from 7:00-8:30pm beginning September 1st and leave your legacy at the YMCA.

Youth and Government:

This club is for every high school student and looks great on a college application. Monthly meetings focus on learning about state government, changing state laws, public speaking, leadership skills and socializing with their friends. This year a delegate from the Southington Community YMCA holds the prestigious position of Youth Governor and five of our delegates attended the Conference on National Affairs this summer in North Carolina. This is a great program if you are interested in trying something new and would like an experience of a lifetime.

This club meets on Wednesday nights beginning in October. The cost of this program covers the pre-state and state conference fees. For more information contact Steve Silva 860-628-5597 ext. 323.