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TEEN LEADERS CLUB APPLICATION

Dear Parents and Prospective Members of YMCA Teen Leaders Club,

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about the YMCA Teen Leaders Club and to ask for your assistance and support. **Please take some time with your teen to read through the attached Teen Leaders Club Application and information.** It is important that you help to provide complete and accurate information on this form. Parents are also required to sign in several locations on the application and health form.

The Stevens Point Area YMCA Teen Leaders Club is open to any Portage County teen in grades 7-12. Support from the United Way enables the YMCA Teen Leaders Club to be a FREE program. As with all YMCA teen programs YMCA membership is not required.

The Clubs purpose is to enhance the lives of teenage youth through volunteer service, service projects, fundraising, leadership training, and recreational activities. Personal objectives of club members must be consistent with the total program and purpose of the YMCA. Club members must indicate a desire to be of service to the YMCA and the community. **Please see the attached sheet for the detailed Purpose & Goals of the Teen Leaders Club.**

Three goals of the Teen Leaders Club are to do community volunteer service and fundraise money so that members can go to state wide rally's, go on special trips/outings and do recreational activities. "Good Standing" Teen Leaders will receive discounted or free fees to participate in such events and activities. Good Standing members also receive a free YMCA youth membership. **Please see the attached sheet for the details of the Service and Good Standing System.** New Club members are required to participate an orientation meeting.

The YMCA Teen Leaders Club meets weekly on Thursday nights in the Teen Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Each meeting lasts about one hour and then we either have a group activity or free time until 8:30 p.m. During meetings we welcome new members, discuss any upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and discuss many other issues that concern the Club. We also have occasional speakers come to our meetings to discuss or present various topics. Meeting information is also provided to members through a written agenda outline. **It is our hope that parents will take a few minutes to sit down with your teen to discuss and calendar the information on the Teen Leaders Club Agenda.** We do keep attendance at meetings, so if someone misses a meeting an agenda will be mailed to them the following week.

We encourage parents to keep us informed on how your teen is doing, both positively and/or negatively, at home and at school. We like to hear from parents! Please feel free to contact Tiffany or Rob at 715-342-2980 ext. 326. Tiffany can also be emailed at tpraeger@spymca.org. Thank you for your time and support! "Kids are 27% of our population, but 100% of our future!"

Sincerely,

Tiffany Praeger
Youth Recreation and Teen Director

Rob Simon
Teen Advisor

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Stevens Point Area YMCA

TEEN LEADERS CLUB - Application

Fully complete the following application & health form materials and return to:
Stevens Point Area YMCA, 1000 Division Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 (715) 342-2980 ext. 326

Date of Application: _____

Participant Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ M or F

Street Address _____

City _____ Township _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____ Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Workplace & Ph. # _____ Workplace & Ph. # _____

Day/Cell Ph. _____ Home Ph. _____ Day/Cell Ph. _____ Home Ph. _____

Email _____ Email _____

Please Indicate any Custody Issues _____

Membership Questions:

Why do you want to join the Teen Leaders Club?

What skills or abilities make you suitable as a member of the Teen Leaders Club?

What are two qualities a good leader should have, explain?

What is one thing you really like about yourself, and one thing you would like to improve about yourself?

How do you spend your leisure time? What hobbies do you have?

Please respond to the following "I" phrases with one of the following words: ALWAYS, USUALLY, SOMETIMES, NEVER

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| Am responsible _____ | Outgoing/Friendly _____ | Like School _____ |
| Get along with family _____ | Like to be the leader _____ | Like changes _____ |
| Am a perfectionist _____ | Worry too much _____ | Am helpful _____ |
| Tend to forget to do things _____ | Make friends easily _____ | Easy going _____ |
| Like to try new things _____ | Give 100% on all tasks _____ | Stay with an activity _____ |
| Like to meet new people _____ | Like to be the follower _____ | Like younger kids _____ |
| Tolerate school _____ | Have fights with family _____ | Get bored _____ |
| Am on time for things _____ | Am hardly serious _____ | Join groups _____ |
| Shy around new people _____ | Like to go new places _____ | Like to be busy _____ |

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The following information is necessary for our records and the funding our organization receives. The answers you provide are completely confidential and anonymous. Your cooperation in providing this information is both appreciated and necessary.

Participant Ethnicity: (Circle One)

Caucasian (White) Hispanic Native American African American Multi-Racial Asian-Hmong Middle Eastern Pacific Islander Other: _____

Participants Family Annual Household Income: (Circle One)

\$.00 - \$11,999 \$12,000 - \$14,999 \$15,000 - \$24,999 \$25,000 - 49,999 \$50,000 - 74,999 \$75,000 and over Household Size: _____ # of Siblings _____

Teen Leaders Club – Purpose & Goals

- To encourage and strengthen positive values like Caring, Honesty, Responsibility and Respect in our everyday lives
- To develop lasting friendships
- To learn and develop leadership skills for the future
- To provide volunteer services to the YMCA and community
- To fundraise for and participate in recreational activities
- To develop and maintain a healthy mind, body and spirit
- To encourage a healthy lifestyle, learning and good grades
- To appreciate diversity and develop a sense of world-mindedness
- To Have FUN!!!

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Teen Leaders Club – Code of Conduct

The Stevens Point Area YMCA recognizes the right of all YMCA members and visitors to enjoy participation in our programs and facilities without fear for their personal safety or abuse. The YMCA staff reserves the right to suspend or revoke use privileges of anyone who does not adhere to the below conditions or the YMCA Four Values of Respect, Responsibility, Caring, and Honesty. TEEN LEADERS WILL:

- RESPECT themselves, fellow teens, staff, volunteers, and property
- Be RESPONSIBLE for themselves, their property and the YMCA
- Be HONEST
- CARE about themselves, others, the Club and the YMCA
- Use appropriate language and behavior
- Be free from use and possession, nor be present during the use by others: of alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, weapons and any items which are considered inappropriate or contribute to vandalism/graffiti
- Abstain from intimate displays of affection or sexual activity
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Be committed to having safe FUN and give 100% to the group/team effort
- Provide encouragement to individuals and the group
- Speak for themselves...not for anybody else
- Listen to and Communicate with Club members and staff
- Follow directions of YMCA staff and volunteers, and act in a safe and responsible manner

Teen Leaders Club – Service & Good Standing System

Throughout the year the Teen Leaders Club will have the opportunity to participate in many activities and outings. Club members may also receive a free youth membership to the YMCA. To attend these activities and outings for Teen Leader rates and receive a YMCA membership club members must be in GOOD STANDING by meeting the following guidelines set by the Youth Recreation/Teen Director:

To Be in Good Standing Teen Leaders must:

- Attend meetings regularly at least once a month or have an excused absence (meetings are every other Thursday)
- Have a minimum of 8 volunteer/service hours per month (All volunteer positions are to be taken seriously - volunteers are treated and expected to take on responsibilities like YMCA employees.)
- Members should have a minimum quarterly GPA of 2.0 or show proof of working toward improvement and must turn in their report cards on a quarterly basis
- Adhere to the Teen Leaders Club Objectives and Code of Conduct

If certain activities or outings require Teen Leader Members to contribute to the cost of a trip then amount needed from individual members will be based on the above basic expectation plus additional volunteer/service hours and the amount of participation in fundraisers. Volunteer/service/fundraiser hours may not accumulate past certain activities/outings.

I have read, fully understand and agree to adhere to the above the Teen Leaders Club Purpose & Goals, Code of Conduct and Service & Good Standing System. I also agree to abide by all other Stevens Point Area YMCA polices and guidelines. I understand if I break any of the above Code of Conduct, the YMCA will notify my parents, and send me home immediately. I also understand that my parents will be expected to pick me up, or to pay for my transportation home, and that no fee refunds will be issued.

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____