

Volunteer Position Description

Position Title:

Keep Embracing Youth (K.E.Y.) Seasonal Lock-ins Volunteers

Department/Division: Parks & Recreation / Community Recreation

Purpose:

There will be staff members on-site carrying out the program. This intention of this program is to help at-risk teens make better decisions in life, be more aware of self and be the best persons they can be. Volunteers will help support the program that is in place.

Requirements:

Prefer ages 20 and above. I prefer high energy & engaging people that can work with teens. For the boy lock ins, only males are allowed to work, and for the girl lock ins, only females are allowed to work. Possibly a great opportunity for those majoring in sociology & education that plan to work with the youth in the future.. The ability to take authority of a group or situation is a plus. Background checks will be run before any volunteer is allowed to work since this is direct contact with youth and an overnight program.

Task:

Volunteers will support the program in place. Would assist in games & sports that the teens will play. Guide and instruct the young men or women in the competitions. Possibly compete against the youth in certain competitions. Help by adding mature perspective to the topics of discussions that we'll have with the youth. Topics can include character, respect, smarter decisions, their takes on current events and possible career paths. Will help prep activity areas for next activity. Enforce program rules & policies, hand out food, monitor youth overnight while sleeping.

Dates:

For Lock-In *Participants*, the event starts at 7pm Friday evening and ends Saturday morning at 10am. *Volunteers* have the opportunity to work the entire program (with breaks) or take a shift. Shifts are 8:30pm – 2:30 and 2:30am – 8:30am. We'd do our best to balance out shifts with even numbers of volunteers. Our plan is to have a boys lock-in every 3rd Friday in January, April, July & October and a girls lock-in every 4th Friday. There will not be a girls lock in for January 2012.

Location:

Armory Sports Center – 701 E Ash. Corner of Ash and 7th street downtown behind the Courts Building.

Volunteer will report to:

Camren Cross – Recreation Supervisor. 874-6378 / cdcross@gocolumbiamo.com

Number of volunteers needed: 2-6

What to wear: Comfortable but tasteful. This person is expected to be a positive role model. Jeans are fine. No inappropriate symbols, messages or words on clothing. Would want to bring or wear active gear since participation in games is expected.

Special Note:

This would be a great community service project for a fraternity, sorority or civic group that wants to get in several hours. You may want to bring toothbrush since we will eat. Background checks will be performed.

To learn more:

Please contact Camren Cross – Recreation Supervisor at 874-6378 / cdcross@gocolumbiamo.com for more information regarding the program and opportunity.