



Application for Youth Court Volunteer

Southwest Valley Youth Court has been developed as a part of the Murrieta, Temecula and surrounding unincorporated areas of the Southwest Riverside County Juvenile Justice System. *These are real cases* in which juveniles have admitted an offense but have chosen to be judged by their peers in determining the consequences.

Youth Court is open to all youth, ages 13-18. Youth Court participants will learn about a respondent's offense and will select a suitable disposition that is designed to hold the youth accountable for his/her actions and to encourage future compliance with the law.

As a youth court volunteer, **you will be committing to participate in the program for an approximate six month period.** Youth Court is held on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Volunteers will receive 3 hours of community service credit for each youth court session they attend.

The Southwest Valley Youth Court depends on volunteers who care enough to make a positive difference in the lives of others. You can participate as a juror, bailiff, court clerk or attorney. If you would like to be involved in this exciting program, please submit your application to the Southwest Valley Youth Court Coordinator. We are certain you will find Youth Court an interesting and satisfying experience.

Sean Hadden, Chief of Police

Volunteer

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Email _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____

School _____ Grade _____

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

Parents

Father _____ Cell # _____

email _____

Mother _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

By signature, I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate as a Southwest Valley Youth Court (SWVYC) volunteer. I also agree to allow my son/daughter to be interviewed and have his/her face shown in print, internet, and broadcast media or any other electronic recording for the educational/promotional value the production will portray for the benefit of SWVYC.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



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NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

As a volunteer for Southwest Youth Court, you cannot discuss specifics of any case outside Youth Court proceedings. All proceedings are confidential. If you feel you cannot honor this confidentiality you cannot participate in Southwest Youth Court. In addition, you are to advise Youth Court staff if you know or have any type of association with a respondent. In these instances, you will be assigned to another case.

I, _____, solemnly swear that I will not divulge, either by words or actions, any information which comes to my knowledge in the course of a Youth Court case, and I will keep secret all said proceedings of which I may have knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

YC Coordinator Initials: _____