



TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES/MONO COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department and the Mono County Health Department are seeking applications from youth in Mammoth Lakes/Mono County to serve on the newly-established Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

Committee members will be actively involved in recreation and health related program development and evaluation, event planning, policy recommendations, and promoting the benefits of parks and recreation, including county-wide health and wellness initiatives and programs.

The YAC works to educate and empower committee members to be leaders and to advocate for positive change for youth in our community. Committee members will learn how to engage with, and influence decision makers by participating in municipal government, and by working with Town and County staff to plan, implement and evaluate community-centric programs and services.

If you're looking for an opportunity to get involved in your community, stay informed, and to create unique youth/teen programs with your ideas and interests in mind, then complete the short application form online: www.monohealth.com/YAC or submit the complete packet to the MHS Office.

The Town and County encourage all youth who are interested in an enriched quality of life and a healthy and vibrant community to apply for YAC membership.

It will change your life!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Stuart Brown
Town of Mammoth Lakes
Recreation Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Pearce". The signature is cursive and elegant, with the first name being the most distinct part.

Sandra Pearce
Mono County Health Department
Health Program Manager

OVERVIEW

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Purpose

The Recreation Department and County Health Department are looking to enhance their programs, amenities and services by soliciting ideas, interests, and opinions from the youth they serve.

The YAC provides the platform for young people to acquire the skills necessary to become confident and effective community leaders, by participating in the decision-making process that affects their lives.

YAC Members will be interacting with community decision makers, working closely with both Town and County staff, and government appointed advisory bodies, such as the Recreation Commission, Mammoth Lakes Town Council and the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

YAC Composition

Grade level:	Grades 9-12 (high school students only)
Number:	7-9 students
Term:	12 months (Fall/winter semester)
Commitment:	Minimum one meeting per month (approx. 8-9/year)
Application:	Application form, including letter(s) of recommendation and parental consent form
Selection/Steering Committee:	Comprised of Town staff (1), County staff (1), Recreation Commission Chair, and 3 MUSD representatives – total 6.
Facilitation:	Provided by Town/County staff

YAC Goals and Objectives

- i. Elect Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary
- ii. Review Robert's Rules of Order/Brown Act (Town Clerk)
- iii. Create Code of Conduct
- iv. Review roles and responsibilities of local government (Town Manager)
- v. Establish meeting dates and times
- vi. Establish discussion topics and action items
 - a. Youth/Teen programming
 - b. Communication/ marketing
 - c. Volunteer initiatives
 - d. Facility programming and enhancements
 - e. Parks and facility policy recommendations
 - f. County-wide health and wellness initiatives
 - g. Other...
- vii. Create meeting agendas / meeting calendar
- viii. Post and distribute meeting agendas
- ix. Produce Committee reports
- x. Presentations

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC) APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of School: _____

Year in School (please circle): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

References: Please provide the details of a school teacher, sporting coach or employer, who can provide a reference for you.

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Organization: _____

Ph/Email: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Parental Consent: YES / NO

QUESTIONS:

i. Please list any current or previous extracurricular, volunteer experiences or leadership roles you have had in your school or community.

ii. Briefly explain why you would like to participate in the Youth Advisory Committee.

