

Dare County Youth Council

Who We Are

The Dare County Youth Council is a community-based youth volunteer organization comprised of middle and high school-aged students.

Mission

The mission of the Dare County Youth Council is to provide programs/activities, civic projects, and special events for fellow middle and high school aged youth throughout Dare County, and to serve as the “voice” of youth by acting in an advocacy/advisory role to local governments on issues of interest to Dare County youth.

Our Start

The Dare County Youth Council was created in 2001 under the auspices of the Dare County Youth Center Advisory Board and the Dare County Public Services Director and currently has over twenty alumni with an average of 15-20 active members each year.

What We Do

Through partnerships/sponsorships with local businesses and organizations, the Dare County Youth Council has coordinated various activities including:

Youth Services Assessment Survey (2001-2002) – Our first project, we developed and then conducted this survey throughout all County middle and high schools. Results of the survey were delivered to the Public Services Director and used in the development of programs at the Dare County Youth Center in Kill Devil Hills and at the Lion’s Club/Wescott Park in Manteo (including Pick-up Games, Self-Defense Classes, Art Classes such as mural painting, weaving, etc.).

Jammin’ Friday Nights – Deejaed dances at the Youth Center, either middle school only or high school only, with refreshments served.

Spring Fling, Hangin’ with the Youth Council - After-school drop-in activities for middle school students at Westcott Park and the Youth Center.

Coffee House Express – These are “open-mike” events to showcase local youth talent, which have included musicians, thespians, comedians and even a magician. Coffee, hot teas, and hot chocolate are served and comfy sofas and soft lighting provide a cozy ambiance for the gathering. Next one is scheduled for Tuesday November 14th from 7-9pm at the Youth Center.

Kids Camp – Activities for children of the parents attending the Substance Abuse Forum at First Flight Middle School were provided at the Youth Center.

Battle of the Bands fundraiser – Live musical performance competition at the Youth Center with local middle and high school bands performing to benefit a local family in need. Hope to hold this event at Festival Park in the future.

March Mayhem – As part of the “How are the Children? 2006” Conference, we hosted an afternoon of free drop-in activities for middle school students featuring balloon-popping and limbo contests, pick up basketball games, dodgeball, a variety of non-sports games, relay races, and more. Prizes were given out and there was food and drinks galore.

3v3 Co-Ed Basketball Tournament – Held at the Lion’s Club/Wescott Park and open to middle and high school ages, players come as a team or pick-up with others that day and champions are crowned in both age brackets. Friends are also welcome to come by and hang out and there is a Pizza Party for everyone that evening.

Bonfire on the Beach – Although relocated to Rec Park due to high winds, this October 2006 event was an opportunity for 8th through 12th graders to hang out with friends and play pick-up games of beach volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, sand soccer, bocce, and paddle ball. Evening was complete with guitar playing under a circle of Tiki torches and S’mores made by the fire (charcoal).

Games Booth at OBX Marathon Expo - Putt-putt golf, football toss, basketball throw, guessing game, etc. for young and old alike. Coming up this Friday and Saturday.