



Sealy Youth Advisory Commission 2011-2012



"Working together to make a difference"

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WHAT IS YAC?



Through the passage of a City Council resolution, the City of Sealy created the Sealy Youth Advisory Commission known as YAC. The organization comprised of youth grades 7 through 12, act as a liaison between the youth of our community and City Council. Through service, projects, recreational and social events, YAC promotes civic responsibility and safety among Sealy youth.

Since the creation of YAC in August 2005, we have hosted numerous junior high dances, participated in two mock trials in recognition of municipal courts week, and participated in sand volleyball tournaments at the Levine Family Park. We have also hosted numerous successful "Movies in the Park".

YAC, also, participated in the Community Wide Clean-up over the past few years and won the 2006 contest by picking up 50 bags of trash and 42 tires in Sealy. The long term goals of YAC are to build a skate park. We are very close to seeing this goal achieved, as it is included in the plans for the new Jackie Cryan Park on Rexville and Miller Road. On August 9, 2011, YAC presented the City Council with a check for \$60,000.00 to make the Skate Park a success.

If anyone is interested in joining YAC, just complete the application and turn it in at City Hall. There are no membership fees. Members are asked to volunteer to work YAC-hosted events. Members who volunteer 10 hours during the school year will be treated to a field trip at the end of the school year. Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and be run like a City Council meeting.

Many meetings have educational topics as part of the agenda. One summer the Fire Marshal came out and demonstrated uses of Fire Extinguishers and members were able to put out a real fire. Members make and distribute Christmas cards for the residents at the local nursing home and retirement center during the Holiday Season. In past meetings, we have had a live reptile and spider exhibit. Officer Eric Gum has also brought the new K-9 Officer "Scout" to a meeting and answered questions from YAC members. YAC hosted a Dunking Booth at the July 2009 Sealybration and YAC members had a great time working the booth.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact a sponsor listed below. Thank you.

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Qualifications for Membership

Eligibility Requirements:

- Sealy Resident
- Sealy I.S.D. Student Grades 7-12

Additional Application Requirements:

- Submittal of Completed Application Form
- Submittal of Member Participation Commitment
- Submittal of Parental Acknowledgment

Application Instructions

1. Complete the entire YAC Application, including the Member Participation Commitment and Parental Acknowledgment forms. Be sure to fill out completely and legibly, so we may contact you when necessary.
2. Submit the completed application anytime throughout the 2011-2012 school year by any of the following methods:

Mail:
City of Sealy
Attn: YAC
P.O. Box 517
Sealy, TX 77474

Drop-Off:
City Hall-Municipal Court
415 Main Street
Sealy, TX 77474

Facsimile:
Attn: YAC
979.885.4784



Member Application

(Please print in ink and write legibly.)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Circle T-Shirt Size: **Small** **Medium** **Large** **X-Large** **2XL**

May we give your phone number/E-mail address out to other YAC members in the form of a membership list?

Yes _____ No _____ Signature: _____

Describe your ideas and goals for this organization and how they may benefit the community.

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

E-Mail of Parent or Guardian: _____

FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK AT - Sealy Yac

If you have any questions, please contact Fawn Mackey at 979.885.6733 X 109 or fmackey@ci.sealy.tx.us



Officer Positions

At the beginning of the first meeting held on September 7, 2011 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m., we will hold an election and select Sealy YAC Officers. The positions and duties include the following:

- **President**: Serve as administrator and spokesperson for the membership.
- **Vice President**: Assist with administrative duties and recruiting of membership.
- **Secretary**: Responsible for taking minutes which are a written account of business discussed during the meeting and presenting them for approval at next meeting.
- **Historian**: Responsible for documenting meetings through pictures and scrapbook entries.

If you are interested in pursuing an officer position, please list which one(s) and why you think you are the best candidate. We will have ballots available for the election.



Member Participation Commitment

Meeting Information

Members are expected to commit to attending the monthly YAC meetings and participate in many of the additional service opportunities provided. Service point accumulation will result in the member participating in the end of year YAC summer field trip.

Members will be asked to RSVP via Facebook meeting notifications, e-mail or by informing a sponsor if they will be attending each meeting. Notice of each meeting will be e-mailed and posted on Facebook at least one (1) week prior to each meeting, making it essential that members are checking and responding to all YAC e-mails. If you do not have access to electronic communication, please inform the sponsor and notices will be mailed directly to your home.

Importance of Attendance

Attendance at monthly YAC meetings is critical to the success of the program. You are the membership that represents the youth of this city. Without attendance, we cannot reflect proper representation for Sealy. Due to the importance of attendance, members are asked to sign an acknowledgment of commitment to the following:

- *T-Shirts will only be awarded to active members with no unexcused absences at time of issuance. Otherwise, member will incur a fee of \$10.00 per shirt.*
- *School activities are acceptable absence excuses. Members are required to call Sponsor and inform of activity. Failure to notify will result in an unexcused absence.*
- *Family emergencies are acceptable absence excuses but verification by a parent may be requested.*

Please note, upon request, only members with no more than two unexcused absences will be eligible to receive a letter of recommendation from YAC sponsor for future college applications.



Member Participation and Attendance Commitment

Participation is essential for the Sealy Youth Advisory Commission to meet its goals. By signing, I agree to commit to attending all meetings and various events or programs, in addition to providing input through regular e-mails. As such, I understand that e-mail is a vital form of communication for YAC, and I am acknowledging responsibility for regularly checking and responding to YAC related e-mails.

I am aware of meeting dates and times for the Sealy Youth Advisory Commission, and I am aware of the attendance requirements. Should I need to miss a meeting, I will notify the YAC sponsor in advance.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____



Parental Acknowledgment

I understand that my child is pursuing involvement in the Sealy Youth Advisory Commission and has my full permission and consent to participate in all related activities.

I am aware of meeting dates and time of the Sealy Youth Advisory Commission, and I am aware of the attendance requirements for my child. Accordingly, I also understand that it is vital that my son/daughter check and respond to YAC e-mails in order to be aware of all YAC meetings and news.

I understand that if my child is not allowed access to e-mail or Facebook, I must request all notices to be mailed to my home prior to meetings.

I acknowledge that this program is based on voluntary sponsors and will respect and adhere to the drop off and pick up times given for each meeting or event. *(Meetings begin at 5:30 pm sharp and end by 6:30 pm unless otherwise informed).*

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

Date: _____

By signing this application you agree to allow the use of your child's photograph and release of the above information for promotional purposes of the program (as required by the Public Information Act).



YAC 2011-2012 Calendar

Date	Event
September 7 at 5:30 pm	First Meeting and Officer Elections
October 5 at 5:30 pm	Meeting
October 28 at 5:30 pm	Fall Movie in the Park Set Up
November 2 at 5:30 pm	Meeting – Make Christmas Cards for Retirement Home
November 9 at 6-7 pm	Municipal Courts Week Open House (Possible Skit)
November 18 at 7-12 pm	Fall Dance 8-11 pm at Liedertafel Hall
December 7 at 5:30 pm	Meeting – Deliver Christmas Cards/Sing Carols
January 4 at 5:30 pm	Meeting
February 1 at 5:30 pm	Meeting
March 7 at 5:30 pm	Meeting
March TBD	Community Wide Clean Up
April 4 at 5:30 pm	Meeting – Scrapbook Entries
April TBD	Spring Movie in the Park Set Up
May 2 at 5:30 pm	Meeting – End of Year Party at the Levine Park

All Dates Are Subject to Change

Please note, members of YAC are eligible to receive letters of recommendation from the sponsor, pending successful completion of the YAC program with no more than two unexcused absence.