



THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH COURT TIMES



Coordinator's Corner

Welcome to the Riverside Youth Court Program!

Youth Court was first heard in the City of Riverside on September 22, 2004. The program was started with 120 volunteers who served as Jurors, Court Clerks, Defense Attorneys and Prosecution Attorneys. The program has grown with participation from over 380 juvenile volunteers.

Jurors have heard cases involving shoplifting, fighting, vandalism, graffiti, Marijuana and tobacco possession, trespassing and battery .



Youth Court open's its doors!

Juror have given dispositions including Community service, jury duties, letters of apology, essays, educational workshops, jail tours, school attendance monitoring, drug testing, and other creative dispositions to Respondents. By holding the Respondents accountable for their actions, this deters them from committing additional crimes and they learn valuable

lessons from the experience.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and participated in this valuable program. We look forward to continuing to make a positive impact on the youth in our community and make this program grow. Without the support, we could not have been able to make this so successful.

We look forward to expanding the program and providing greater services to our community.

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Special points of interest:

- California Youth Court Summit: August 7-9
- Annual Volunteer Training: September 16.



Volunteer Training

It's that time again! Training will be held for young adults who want to participate as a Juror, Court Clerk, Defense Attorney or Prosecution Attorney.

Training will be on September 16, from 8:00 to 3:00. The training will be held at the Riverside Con-

vention Center located at 3443 Orange St.

Training will cover the Justice System, Crimes, Riverside Youth Court Procedures, Restorative Justice and Deliberation Techniques.

The training is presented by the Riverside Police Depart-

ment, School Teachers, Attorneys and judges. The training will help you be an active participant in the Youth Court process. If you are interested or know someone who is, please visit our website at:

www.riversideyouthcourt.com

Courtroom Etiquette!

As a juror or attorney, you have a responsibility to set a good example for your peers. Remember while in court, there are rules to follow:

- ◆ Turn off all cell phones and pagers
- ◆ Address the judge as "Your Honor" or "Judge"
- ◆ Speak in a loud, clear voice
- ◆ Be polite and respectful
- ◆ Pay attention to the cases. You have a duty to be fair and impartial.
- ◆ Answer verbally, do not just shake your head to indicate "yes" or "no"
- ◆ No chewing gum in the courtroom
- ◆ When taking the oath, stand up straight, pay attention and say "I do" clearly
- ◆ When asking a question, raise your hand and wait for the judge to call on you



- ◆ Ask good, thought out questions pertaining to the case
- ◆ When entering and exiting the courtroom, do not goof around.

Respondents and parents are looking at you to set a positive example. Your behavior before, during and after may reflect how someone views you and the program.



"Diversion and Prevention Through Education and Accountability"

Jury Service

Remember as jurors, you have a great responsibility to render a fair and impartial disposition. By working together and actively participating, you could make a difference in a Respondent's life and keep them from committing additional criminal acts.



Jurors take the Youth Court oath before hearing a criminal case.

Youth Court thanks you for your dedication and commitment to your community. You truly are making a positive impact in the future of your peers. We thank each and every one of you for your time, dedication and service!

2006 YOUTH COURT SUMMIT

Riverside Youth Court was invited to participate in the Youth Court Summit held in beautiful Santa Cruz California. The Summit was held at the University of California Santa Cruz from August 7 to August 9. Youth Courts from all over California were invited to participate in vari-

ous workshops regarding binge drinking, drinking and driving, interviewing techniques, volunteer recruitment and other exciting topics. Members of the Riverside Youth Court also participated in a discussion on building a Driving Under the Influence

(D.U.I.) Curriculum. Riverside Youth Court sent two adult representatives and four youth representatives to the Summit. The Summit was sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Volunteer Highlights

Written by Alexandra Kirchoff, Amanda Vickers, Matthew Richardson and Roxana Shifai

Representing the Youth Court Program in Riverside, California, 4 teens had the opportunity to participate in the "Youth Court Summit" in Santa Cruz, California. During this Summit, we were able to enjoy the city, meet new friends and think outside the box of Youth Court. By looking at courts from a different perspective, we were able to discover the variations of Youth Courts throughout the state. During the 3 day trip, we felt one of the most educational experiences was the

televised Youth Court trial where the jury was formed by a member different counties in California. This event gave



L to R— Judge Leonard, Alexandra Kirchoff, Amanda Vickers, Matthew Richardson and Roxana Shifai

volunteers a chance to work together as a team and reach one disposition by having input from different Youth Court systems. Another activity provided by the Summit were three workshops that focused on interviewing techniques, solving underage D.U.I. issues and spreading Youth Courts nationwide. Overall, we were able to bring home new ideas and suggestions for improving our Youth Court. Our experience was very beneficial to our Coordinator, us and hopefully to the future of the Riverside Youth Court program.



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**"Working together
 we can make a
 difference in our
 community"**

2006



Riverside Youth Court



Schedule of Riverside Youth Court Hearings and Panels

- September 13, 2006 Panel B
- September 16, 2006 Youth Volunteer Training
Riverside Convention Center
3443 Orange St. 8:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- September 27, 2006 Panel A
- October 11, 2006 Panel B
- October 25, 2006 Panel A
- November 8, 2006 Panel B
- November 22, 2006 Panel A
- December 13, 2006 Panel B
- January 10, 2007 Panel A
- January 25, 2007 Panel B
- February 14, 2007 Panel A

February 17, 2007
Youth Volunteer Training
Location to be determined

- February 28, 2007 Panel B
- March 14, 2007 Panel A
- March 28, 2007 Panel B
- April 11, 2007 Panel A
- April 25, 2007 Panel B
- May 9, 2007 Panel A
- May 23, 2007 Panel B
- June 13, 2007 Panel A
- June 27, 2007 Panel B
- July 11, 2007 Panel A
- July 25, 2007 Panel B
- August 8, 2007 Panel A
- September 12, 2007 Panel B

All court hearings are held at
Riverside Municipal Court at
4100 Main, court room #22

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4102 Orange St.
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Crossword Puzzle Answers

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