



## TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES & MONO COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department and the Mono County Health Department are seeking applications from youth in Mammoth Lakes/Mono County to serve on the 2016/17 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](http://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".

Stuart Brown  
Town of Mammoth Lakes  
Parks and Recreation Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Pearce".

Sandra Pearce  
Mono County Health Department  
Director of Public Health Nursing

## OVERVIEW

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### Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Purpose

The Parks and Recreation Department and Mono 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:	8 months (Fall/winter semester)
Commitment:	Minimum one meeting per month (see below)
First meeting:	Friday, October 28, 2016 in Suite Z, Minaret Village Mall at 12:30pm
Application:	Application form, including letter(s) of recommendation and signed parental consent
Selection/Steering Committee:	Comprised of Town staff, County staff, Recreation Commission Chair, and representatives from the Mammoth Unified School District.
Facilitation:	Provided by Town/County staff

### YAC Goals and Objectives

- i. Review roles and responsibilities of local government
- ii. Review roles, responsibilities and purpose of Youth Advisory Committee
- iii. Confirm meeting dates and times
  - a. October 28, November 18, December 9, January 13, February 17, March 10, April 17 and May 12
- iv. Establish discussion topics and areas of interest.
  - 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...
- v. Select, produce and implement combined YAC Project
- vi. Participate in facilitated focus groups
- vii. Collaborate to advocate for positive change for youth in our community!

# YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC) APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Consent: YES / NO      Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS:

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

