

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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Youth group meetings will be held twice each month, on Friday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Generally, meetings will be held in the cafeteria at Bear Creek Community Charter School unless otherwise announced.

A mandatory informational session for all youth interested in participating, along with their parents, will be held on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Bear Creek Community Charter School. Refreshments will be served. It is important that all completed paperwork be returned either the evening of the parent orientation or the afternoon of the first youth group meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

New youth members are welcome to join the group at any time. A youth group advisor must meet with a parent or guardian following the first youth group meeting to obtain the appropriate paperwork.

A tentative schedule for the first half of 2009 is as follows:

Friday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>

All youth gatherings will be supervised by adult advisors and volunteers. Youth participants will not be released at the end of a meeting or program until they are "signed out" by a parent or other authorized adult.

Each month will focus on one of the following "cornerstones" of the program:

**Responsibility**

**Environment**

**Service**

**Pride**

**Education**

**Character**

**Tolerance**

The first meeting of each month will consist of dinner (pizza, hoagies, etc.), a period of appropriate social activities, and a discussion or group activity associated with the “cornerstone” of that particular month.

The second meeting of each month will consist of dinner (pizza, hoagies, etc.), a period of appropriate social activities, and either a movie or guest speaker associated with the same theme.

The group will also undertake various service projects throughout the year, which will be discussed and chosen by the members of the group.

## **YOUTH COUNCIL**

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Youth members of the group will be actively involved in determining activities and “charting the course” to further instill responsibility and leadership skills. Youth members will elect officers to serve on the Youth Council, which will form the governance structure of the group. The group’s advisors will be actively involved in providing support to the Youth Council. Positions will be filled through an electoral process that will occur during the month of February of each year. The Youth Council will consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. A position description will be created for each, outlining the responsibilities of each elected position.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

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Youth participants, along with their parents, must complete a Youth & Parent Participation Agreement, which will outline expectations, appropriate behaviors, release of liability, etc. Parents will also be required to submit a completed Health Information & Emergency Contact Information Form, including emergency contact information, instructions, information on allergies, etc.

Students attending Bear Creek Community Charter School will be permitted to stay after school to participate in youth group activities. These students must have a Youth & Parent Participation Agreement signed by a parent/guardian before they will be allowed to stay after school.

Youth group meetings and other activities are considered “lock in” activities. Youth are expected to participate in the entire activity and will not be permitted to leave until the end of the activity and shall be released to a responsible adult.

Regular meetings end at 7:30 p.m. All youth are expected to be picked by 7:40 p.m. Youth will not be released at the end of a meeting or program until they are “signed out” by a parent, guardian or other pre-authorized adult. Youth pick-up information must be on file with the youth group advisor in advance. Under no circumstances will a youth be released unattended or without being “signed out” by an adult.