

Teen Center Mission

Carver Center's Teen Center is a safe and positive space where teens can participate in after-school activities, build new skills, find support for life issues, and prepare for the future. Carver seeks to keep teens engaged in healthy activities that deter them from becoming involved in high-risk activities that have negative consequences – i.e. activities involving alcohol, drugs, and unsafe sex. All activities offered in the Teen Center have a common objective – promoting the positive academic, social, emotional, and physical development of teens. The intention is that each teen's experience at Carver will influence their behaviors and choices outside of Carver, and lead them to make positive, constructive choices. The programming options are diverse and include art, sports and fitness, academics and college prep, leadership and life skills, and volunteer and community service – all designed to foster physical, mental, and emotional well-being for teens.

Teen Center at a Glance

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Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 2pm-8pm
Saturday: 12-6pm
Sunday: Closed

Who Can Join

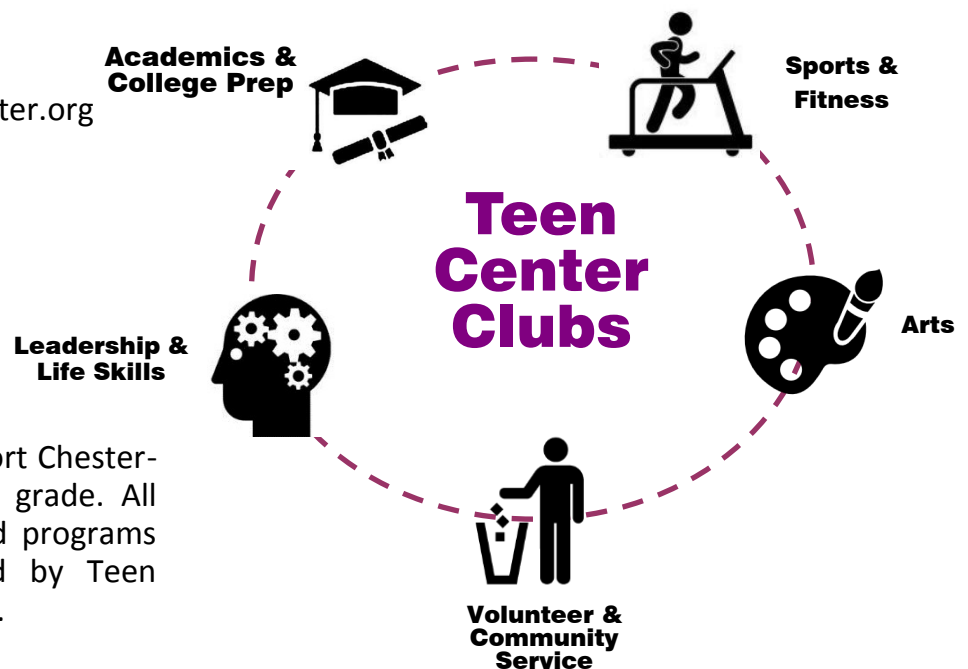
The Teen Center is available to Port Chester-Rye Brook residents in 8th-12th grade. All Teen Center areas, activities, and programs are monitored and/or attended by Teen Center staff or qualified instructor.

Annual Registration Fee

\$20 for returning Teen Center members; \$25 for new members. All members must register (or re-register) at the beginning of every school year.

General Membership Includes

Access to the Teen Center lounge, snack and dinner daily, tutoring services, recreation activities/programs, volunteer opportunities, college and career readiness workshops, free or discounted enrichment activities, free or discounted field trips.



Teen Center Clubs

The Teen Center clubs are designed to help members customize our services to fit their personal needs and interests. **All members must sign up for at least one club at the time of registration**, but **you may join all five if that fits your needs as well**. Each club has activities, outings, and leadership opportunities unique to the focus of the club.

Participating in club activities keeps your Teen Center membership active—giving you access to the Teen Center lounge, making you eligible for trips (such as the annual college tour), and more! Learn more about the Teen Center clubs below and find which one (or ones) is right for you!

Academics & College Prep

It is no secret that education and preparation are two key ingredients for success. The Academics & College Prep Club is designed to help our members get the support and experiences that will help them improve performance in the classroom and prepare for life after graduation. Club activities include tutoring, skills workshops, Q&A sessions with current college students and professionals, college visits and the annual college tour.

The Arts

This club is perfect for the creative teen. With a broad title like “The Arts” this club includes a variety of clubs to allow teens to express their inner artist. From music production to studio art, this club is designed to have something for every creative spirit. Club activities include classes like Fashion 101, “Pinterest Projects”, Music Production, and hip hop.

Leadership & Life Skills

At the Teen Center, we know that there are important skills and lessons that are not always taught in a traditional classroom setting. With this in mind, the Leadership & Life Skills club is designed to provide teens with opportunities to develop skills for the “real world”. This club includes workshops on typing and computer literacy, finance education, resume writing, public speaking, and more!

***NOTE:** The leadership & Life Skills club is home to our Nia/Jr. Big Sister Little Sister group, Unity Young Men’s Leadership Group, and the Advisory Council, which helps plan events for the Teen Center and the community.

Sports & Fitness

The name of this club speaks for itself—the Sports & Fitness club is for the teen who likes to stay active. Club members have access to the fitness center and have the opportunity to sign up for personal training sessions with our own certified personal trainer. This club will provide teens with a variety of ways to stay fit and healthy, from participating in a dodge ball tournament to rock climbing and hiking.

Volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to gain experience and skills before entering the workplace or heading off to college. Not only does volunteering look good on a resume or college application, but it also just feels good. Serving others is a guiding principle of the Carver Center mission and it is a habit that we would like our teens to develop. The volunteer club works to provide teens with a variety of opportunities to volunteer and contribute to their community.

Teen Expectations

The Teen Center is a safe and positive place where teens come to relax and have fun, build new skills, find support for life issues and prepare for the future. Our policies are designed to ensure the safety and physical, mental, and emotional well-being for all our participants.

In the event that you feel threatened please let a staff member know immediately.

If you do not comply with the rules and expectations of the Carver Center Teen Center, you may face suspension and/or termination from program activities. **Please remember that participation at the Carver Center is a privilege.**

We Expect Our Teens To

1. **Bring your ID every day, front desk staff will not allow you in without it** (Teen Center staff will not bail you out so do not have receptionist call upstairs).
2. Come ready to be active and involved! The more you participate, the more you will gain from your time here.
3. BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS—demonstrate appropriate language and behavior at all times!
4. Remain in designated Teen Center areas during the designated times—no hanging out in or roaming the halls.
5. Respect and appreciate the Teen Center (and Carver) facility and staff.
6. Keep the Teen Center (and Carver) clean and/or clean up after yourself.
7. Be careful not to break or damage property belonging to Carver, staff, or other members.
8. Be honest and helpful when an incident occurs—it's not snitching—we're all here to help you!
9. Dress appropriately—No offensive or revealing clothing (student will be asked to change or leave for the day).
10. Refrain from demonstration of any sexual behavior (i.e. kissing, sitting on laps, etc.)

There is Zero Tolerance for the Following Behaviors and Will Result in Removal from the Teen Center:

1. Possession or use of illegal substances / Being under the influence of any of these substances.
2. Fighting.
3. Harassment or intimidation through words, gestures, or body language.
4. Gambling, stealing, and smoking of any kind.
5. Carrying or concealing any weapons, devices, or objects that may be used as or appear as a weapon.

Membership Application

Student Name: _____ School Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Address: _____

Student Cell: _____ Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Health Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch? Yes No

Allergies or Medial Conditions? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Pick Your Club

Select at least one club –join as many as you like!

Academics & College Prep

Leadership & Life Skills

Volunteer

The Arts

Sports & Fitness

My child and I have read and understand the Carver Center's Rules and Expectations and will pay the \$20 (renewal)/\$25 (new) membership fee to join the Teen Center. I understand that some Carver Center activities have inherent risks and I hereby assume all risks and hazards incident to participation in all Carver activities. I further waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless Carver, the organizers, volunteers, supervisors, officers, directors, participants, coaches, referees, as well as, persons providing services through the Teen Center.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teen Center Consents

Teen Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s): _____

Print Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Please read the following statements carefully. For each statement, check “yes” or “no” and initial (or sign) under each statement to grant (or deny) permission for your child to participate in stated activity, receive the stated Teen Center service, and/or to indicate that you have read and understand teen center rules and guidelines.

Rules & Expectations:

I have read and understand the rules and regulations as outlined in the teen center application. I understand that membership can be suspended or terminated for violation of teen center rules and there are no refunds.

Yes No Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Teen Initials: _____

Transportation Waiver:

I/we the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named person give permission for our child to be transported in the Carver van to and from Carver events. In the event of injury, we release the Port Chester Carver Center from any liability. In the event of a medical emergency, I/we authorize the Port Chester Carver Center staff to seek medical attention and treatment for the above named child.

Yes No Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Medical Authorization:

I/we the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named person give the Port Chester Carver Center staff/designated chaperone permission to seek medical attention, if needed by my child as the result of participating in this program or other related events, workshops, and/or field trips. I hereby authorize emergency medical treatment for my child, and I agree to assume the cost of any treatments.

Yes No Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Media/Photo Authorization:

I authorize the use of any photographic images taken of my child while participating in Carver Center events to be used for Carver Center promotional or marketing materials.

Yes No Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Health & Wellness:

I give my child permission to participate in a health and wellness group, (i.e. Girl’s Circle or Council for Boys and Young Men) if invited. These groups address personal challenges, healthy boundaries, interpersonal communication, and conflict resolution.

Yes No Parent/Guardian Signature: _____