Thank you for your interest in the "YOUTH COUNCIL" program. This information packet will introduce you to the "YOUTH COUNCIL" program, a successful positive youth development program that has had dramatic results in communities of all sizes.

The "YOUTH COUNCIL" program started in the early 1970s' through a cooperative effort between the Utah State University Extension Service and the Mayor of Hyrum, Utah, a small northern Utah community. The Mayor and the staff at USU were looking for a way to involve community young people in constructive and beneficial activities and give them experience in working within the political system.

The YOUTH COUNCIL goals are to:

1. Provide leadership training at the community level.
2. Provide an opportunity for the youth to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for political systems through active participation.
3. Educate the youth that they can participate within the current governmental system and make a positive change in their community.
4. Help the elected officials solve problems and accomplish the goals of their community by working directly with the representatives of the youth.
5. Serve the youth of the community by informing elected officials of the needs and wishes of the youth by planning and implementing social, educational, cultural, community service and recreational activities for the youth.
6. Teach Youth Council members to work with public officials, School Administrators, Chambers of Commerce, Civic Clubs and Service Organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities.
7. Instill a feeling of positive self worth and esteem, to teach teamwork and respect for the rights and property of others, to promote community pride and to eliminate potential negative influences among our future community leaders.

From the programs initial development in the early 1970's until March of 1992, program leadership was provided by staff at Utah State University. At that time, the program had grown larger than the staff or budget at USU could support. In March, 1992, at the annual Youth Council Leadership Institute, held at Utah State University, the youth council advisors voted to organize an association to continue the support and growth of the program. The Youth Council program is supported and promoted by the Association of Youth Councils.

If you need any further information concerning organizing an new Youth Council or providing
support to an established Youth Council, please call or write to:

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MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Association of Youth Councils is to provide opportunity for youth to develop mature citizenship, leadership, a sense of personal achievement, and an understanding of government"
YOUTH COUNCILS

The first Youth Council was established as a cooperative project between locally elected officials in Hyrum, Utah and Utah State University in the early 1970's. Youth Councils are locally sponsored youth education and development programs that use community volunteers who become mentors to teach adolescents how to work within their local political system. The "Youth Council Program" focuses on the four areas of:

1. Leadership education & development
2. Providing practical local government knowledge and experience
3. Increasing communication between youth and adults
4. Providing service opportunities for young people to contribute to and benefit from their communities.

The "Youth Council" program educates young people to be responsible, contributing citizens when they reach adulthood. The Association of Youth Councils was organized in March of 1992, with the support and encouragement of the Utah State University administration because the success of the program had outgrown the resources of USU.

Over the years, many elected officials and concerned citizens have felt the need to offer a proven community service and leadership training program to their young people. The Youth Council program is meeting this need in communities of all sizes. The program is providing both service and educational opportunities for young people. Participation in a local Youth Council group will teach adolescents the skills they'll need to become a better prepared work force, better educated citizenry and a better trained corps of future business and civic leaders.

For example, the Youth Council of Pleasant Grove, Utah, chose a project designed to close the generation gap between community young people and senior citizens. With the approval, support and encouragement of the Mayor and City Council, the students organized fund raising projects to provide a senior citizen banquet and entertainment. An essay writing contest, where hundreds of younger students wrote essays about grandparents, was organized at local elementary schools. Several hundred senior citizens personally received handwritten invitations to the banquet. Older Youth Council students and other volunteers provided transportation. On a warm Saturday afternoon, over four hundred senior citizens shared dinner and a program of pre World War II music with the winners of the essay contest. Each winning young author read their essay. The students presented many awards to senior citizens for their long years of community service. Tears were shed, memories were revisited, friendships were established and a mutual respect was kindled between elementary school students the Youth Council and their 400 newly adopted grandparents. After the banquet, the students found that they had a substantial amount of food left over. Instead of dividing it among themselves, they agreed to drive to Salt Lake City on the following day and join with other volunteer groups. On a cold, rainy Sunday morning, they helped feed breakfast to over 500 homeless men, women and children under a freeway overpass.
In Delta, Utah, an activity that the Youth Council promotes is to have each Youth Council member select a student who might be classified as a "Youth At Risk" whom they 'adopt'. The Youth Council student becomes a friend with the "At Risk" student and draws them into a new circle of friends who are doing positive things in their school and community. The goal is to replace inappropriate behavior with community service and eliminate social barriers while improving the quality of the growing up years with as many students as possible. The following year, the "adopted" student is encouraged to join the Youth Council and adopt another 'At Risk' friend thereby causing the circle of influence to grow larger each year.

These two examples represent only a small portion of the community services and activities that adolescents are doing through Youth Council groups. These students learn leadership and teamwork skills while causing positive change in peoples lives and within their communities. These next two examples show how the Youth Council program educates young people and prepares them to be the future leaders of our communities.

Jennifer Siebach joined the South Salt Lake City Youth Council in 1989. She has always been a good worker and was content to support and help others, but Jennifer would never assert herself nor would she organize or take charge of group projects. After receiving encouragement from her parents and her advisor, Jennifer submitted her name for consideration to become the 1992 Youth Mayor. She was successful in achieving her goal and has since successfully taken responsibility for organizing and carrying out the first South Salt Lake City Easter egg hunt. This project involved organizing and leading 30 Council members to complete the activity that involved over 200 community children and parents. Jennifer also organized and conducted a ninety minute leadership training session at the 1992 Youth Council Leadership Institute at Utah State University that involved over 400 participants. Jennifer would not have gained the courage and self confidence nor learned the leadership and personal skills she has developed without being in the South Salt Lake Youth Council.

In Nibley, Utah, Melissa Dabney had served on the Nibley Youth Council for three years before being elected the 1990-91 Youth Mayor. This was the first organization, school or community, that Melissa chose to join. "I wasn't a joiner, she admits. "I didn't want to put forth the effort." Then she saw what people can accomplish when they combine their ideas and efforts. She learned leadership skills by attending the Youth Council Leadership Institute at Utah State University and became a powerful organizer and motivator. "I found out that I really could handle situations. Now I'm more willing to join, to get involved. It's because I see that I can make a difference," Melissa states. We will work with community leaders and concerned citizens anywhere and provide them with an opportunity to learn that they can make a difference in their communities and how to do it while working within the established political system that governs our communities. We are promoting a tried and proven effective youth education and development program. The Youth Council program has made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of adolescents and their families. The Youth Council program prepares teenagers to be better citizens for a better future.
YOUTH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Posters advertising YCC activities
Radio & Television interviews
Sponsor and carry out service projects
Community Special Olympics
Community Senior Olympics
Neighborhood Olympics
Baby Olympics
Paint a widow's house
Patriotic Essay Contest
Local History Short Story Contest
Christmas Decorations Contest
Free Babysitting in Hospitals
Free Nanny Service for Christmas shoppers
Christmas Stockings for needy
Trauma Teddy Bears for local emergency personnel
Community Bar B Que Contest
Dutch Oven Cooking Contest
Donation to Ronald McDonald House
Gifts to Half Way Houses
Staff a Crisis-Line telephone service
Sponsor a "Super Saturday" Drug Free program
Organize a Baby Pageant
    " a Junior Miss pageant
Organize a paint out Graffiti program
Organize and support a Teen Pregnancy and Single Parent awareness program
Clean up a local cemetery
Daddy-Daughter Day activities
Mother-Son Day activities
Anti Vandalism program
Raise $$ for grave marker replacement or repair
Paint picnic tables in Parks
Clean up a softball diamond
Sponsor a kids day for Water Safety at a local lake or pool
Paint a city owned building
Candy Striper volunteers at local hospital
Combine Y C activities with other Y C groups
Birthday party for homeless kids
Pie Eating/Baking and Coloring contests & water fight at community celebrations
Local business donations to support activities
Sponsor a Recycling Contest or program
Participate in local and neighboring community parades
Wear Y C T-Shirts or Buttons to community activities
Give out "I Love Y C" pins and pencils
Skate boarding contest
Attend Council Meetings as a group
Participate in discussing community concerns
Meet with elected officials and offer to help solve a certain problem
Sponsor a sports event challenging other YCC groups "Mud Volley Ball"?
Thanksgiving dinner for Homeless Volunteer at Homeless Shelter
Yard Beautification Contest
Write letters or make telephone calls to elected officials members about youth concerns and problems
Write invitations to elected officials members and other youth to attend your activities and meetings and attend the conference with the YC C
Make Presentations in Civic meetings
Report on the YCC conference to the elected officials
Have a Bath Tub race
Sponsor a Cow Pie tossing contest
YCC sponsored Swimming Party
White Elephant Auction
Youth Street Dance
Combined Y C Dance
Bake Sales
Free Car Wash for a community service activity
Chile Cook Off
Lip Sync Contest
Battle of the bands night
Sing Christmas carols to shut-ins and Senior Citizens
Community Beautification
Shade Tree Planting
Spook Alley/Haunted House
Easter Egg Hunt for kids
Easter Egg Roll
Community Newspaper articles
School Newspaper articles
Sell Valentine cookies
Kite flying contest
Snowman Ice Sculpture contest
Potato Bash
Advertise Y C activities
4th of July Booths
Sub for Santa
Shadow your adult counterpart
Sponsor a voter awareness and voter registration program
Paint fire hydrants
Red Ribbon (Drug Free) activities
Food, Coat or Blanket drive for the homeless people
Adopt A street (Litter Clean Up)
Bike Safety Rodeo at an elementary school
Participate in a Walk-A-Thon
Safety program in schools
Sponsor a Neighborhood Watch Program
72 Hour Kit program
King & Queen Contest
Sponsor a Community Family Nite
Pumpkin Carving Contest
Paint benches or bleachers
Childrens parade with bike decorating class
Rest Home service project
Adopt A Grand Parent
Literacy Volunteer Program
Trim Trees around traffic control signs
Repair books at the library
Help write community history
Organize a Seat Belt safety program
Child Abuse Prevention program
"Youth Fest" day or week to promote community youth
Career Day
Prison Outreach
Conduct a community "Needs Assessment Survey"
"Earth Day" projects
Tutor young kids
Conduct a school assembly
Trip to Capitol
Attend the Legislature when in session
Fund Raising Carwash
Fix dinner for the elected officials
Mud Volley Ball and Water Fight
Shovel Snow and Shopping for elderly neighbors
T-Shirt Design Contest
Hugs not Drugs Day
Conduct a Blood Drive
YCC Sponsored Youth Court
Take young kids trick or treating
Community Spirit Week
Read to nursing home patients
Senior Citizen Banquet
"Fun In The Sun Day"
Adopt A Highway program
Sponsor a Teen Center
D I Drive
Elected Officials "Appreciation Nite"
Home Work Hotline
Flower Planters
Garage Sale
Senior Citizens Day/Prom
Community Art Fair
Sister City Party
Community-Wide Compost
Sponsor a CPR Class
Y C Newsletter
Youth Neighborhood Watch
Support Peer Leadership Teams
FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

These are ideas already being used successfully
Dances (street-parking lot)
  admission fees
  sell refreshments
  business sponsors
  dance-a-thon sponsors
Bake Sale
Food booth at celebrations
Neighborhood carnivals
Business sponsorships
Trinket sale
Rummage sale
Candy sale
Garage sale
Beauty Contest
Benefit Concert
Art Show
Haunted House
Swim Day
Donation boxes at banks
Telethon
Christmas tree sale
Marathon
Movie night
Kid's Day
T-shirt sales
Tournaments:
  Volley Ball
  Basket Ball
  Flag Football
  Jello Wrestling
  Mud Volleyball
  Mud Football
  Soccer
  Swimming
Raffle
Relay Races
Make and sell Quilts
Community Play
  charge admission fee
  and for refreshments
Singing Telegrams
Sell balloons at events
Cater a banquet or picnic
Santa Claus pictures
Slave for a day
Rent a friend
Haircuts/manicures/pedicures
Send donation request to letters to local businesses
Sponsor a teen night club
Sell portraits
SISTER CITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the youth of _______________ will ultimately become the leaders of our nation and its communities; and

WHEREAS, the youth of _______________ have expressed a desire to learn about the democratic process and desire to participate in promoting a more positive living and working environment; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of _______________ have chosen to organize and support a Youth Council to involve the young men and women of the community; and

WHEREAS, the youth of _______________ have learned a great deal and benefited tremendously by participating with the locally elected officials in community activities and projects; and

WHEREAS, the _______________ Youth Council would like to encourage all other community administrations to organize and support a Youth Council within their respective governmental jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Youth Council and Youth Mayor of _______________, to commend the elected officials of _______________ for having committed their resources in promoting a Youth Council for the youth of their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _______________ Youth Council officially extends a hand of friendship by joining together with the _______________ Youth Council as a "Sister City" Youth Council and invites said Youth Council to participate in future joint activities.

DATED this ______ day of _______________, 19___  BY ORDER OF THE YOUTH MAYOR OF _______________

YOUTH
MAYOR
ATTEST:

_____________________
YOUTH CITY RECORDER
THE "YOUTH COUNCIL" PROGRAM

According to the 1990 Census, there are 21 million adolescents in the United States of America. It has been reported that 50% of the young people in the 14 to 19 year old age group are "Youth At Risk", with 25% qualifying as "High" risk. Can teenagers be a positive resource in their communities? Can young people be prepared to be responsible, participating citizens? Is there a successful program that helps "At Risk" adolescents work with achieving students to solve community problems? YES, YES, & YES!

Every community can benefit by actively involving youth in local government. By structuring this involvement, youth not only are guided into worthwhile endeavors, but they also discover that citizen involvement is possible. Young people have a lot of energy. If left alone, that energy may go unused, or it may even become destructive.

YOUTH COUNCILS

The Association of Youth Councils offers an established and successful program that helps structure youthful energy, promotes service learning, provides an opportunity for a hands-on leadership education, and permits a wide range of activities of interest to young people and community leaders. The Youth Council program, which was developed by at Utah State University in the 1970's, encourages youth leaders to assume responsible roles in developing communication among community groups and with other young people. Young people learn to identify community needs, to organize activities and services to address the needs, and to participate with adult counterparts. Some communities have seen their Youth Councils take the lead in providing hundreds of hours of community service, senior citizen recognition programs, providing supplies and clothing to schools and orphanages in Mexico, youth street dances, planting trees in community parks, initiating successful drug abuse prevention programs, conducting anti-vandalism campaigns, voter awareness activities and many more.

All this is achieved through a cooperative effort between locally elected officials, support from the Association of Youth Councils, and the young energetic citizens. In addition, Youth Council Leadership Institutes are held each year to train Youth Council members and their advisors. Training in leadership is given and ideas are shared with young future community leaders.

"Could many of our ills today have resulted from our failure to train a strong citizenry from the only source we have... the boys and girls of each community?

Ezra Taft Benson
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has"

Margaret Mead
YOUTH COUNCIL CHARTER

PURPOSES:

1. To provide an opportunity for the youth of __________ city/county to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the political system through active participation in the system.
2. To help the Mayor and City Council to solve the problems and accomplish the goals of this community by working directly with the representatives of the youth.
3. To serve the youth of ________________ by:
   A. Informing the ___________ municipal government of the needs and wishes of the youth.
   B. Planning and implementing social, educational, cultural and recreational activities for the youth.
   C. Working with the Mayor, City Council, City Department Heads, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs and Service Organizations to provide service and leadership opportunities for the youth of the City.
   D. To instill a feeling of positive self worth and esteem.
   E. To teach respect for the rights and property of others.
   F. To promote community pride and to eliminate potential negative influences among our future community leaders.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (YCC)

Shall consist of a Youth Mayor, five Youth City Council (YCC) members who are elected by the youth of the community at a Youth General Election or appointed by the _______________ government. Additional youth to serve as department heads and committee chairmen or committee members.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

1. To meet twice monthly to conduct business.
2. To develop and adopt, by majority vote, a Youth City Council Charter.
3. To modify this charter as needed by a majority vote.
4. To present to the Mayor and City Council this Charter and all amendments for their approval.
5. To select one of its members to act as temporary Youth Council Mayor (Mayor Pro Tem) when the Youth Mayor is absent.
6. To pass motions and resolutions as necessary by a majority vote. A majority vote is one vote more than one half the voting members who are present.
7. To carry out the Purposes of the Youth City Council as outlined in this Charter.
8. To plan activities for the youth of the community, coordinating all such activities with the Mayor and the Youth City Council Advisor.

LIMITATIONS OF THE YOUTH CITY COUNCIL AUTHORITY
1. The Youth City Council must have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is one more than half.
2. The Charter and all amendments to the Charter are to be approved by the Mayor and City Council.
3. The agendas of all Youth City Council meetings are to be posted publicly at least two (2) days in advance of each meeting.
4. All activities are to be coordinated with the Youth City Council Advisor and the Mayor.

RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE YOUTH CITY COUNCIL MAYOR

1. To plan and conduct all Youth City Council meetings.
2. To carry out the decisions of the Youth City Council.
3. To meet periodically with the ______________ City Mayor to provide for proper planning and coordination between the City Council and the Youth City Council.
4. To propose to the Youth City Council plans and projects designed to assist in the fulfillment of the purposes of the Youth City Council.
5. To vote only in a tie.
6. To assign each Youth City Council member areas of responsibility.

RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBER #1

a. To have responsibility over the areas of Public Safety & Courts Committee.
b. To attend Youth City Council meetings.
c. To carry out assignments of the Youth City Council.
d. To provide leadership to the council in the areas of Police, Fire, Courts.
e. To meet by appointment with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and the Judge in an effort to help accomplish the purposes of the Youth City Council.
f. To plan, with the help of a committee, such activities as bicycle clinics, drug abuse seminars, teen-age driver safety workshops and crime prevention campaigns.

COUNCIL MEMBER #2

a. To have responsibility over the areas of Water, Sewer, Irrigation, Streets and Roads.
b. To carry out assignments of the Youth City Council.
c. To provide leadership to the Youth City Council in the area of Public Works, namely, engineering, streets, sanitation, water, parks and recreation.
d. To meet periodically with the Department Heads who are responsible for these areas in an effort to understand the goals and needs of the community and to help accomplish the purposes of the Youth City Council.
e. To recommend to the Youth City Council and to the City Mayor ways in which the youth of the community could assist in such areas as traffic flow studies, establishment of
bicycle paths and ways in which parks could be created, expanded, improved or more efficiently utilized.

COUNCIL MEMBER #3

a. To have responsibility over the areas of Parks, Recreation and Planning and Zoning.
b. To attend Youth City Council meetings.
c. To carry out assignments of the Youth City Council.
d. To provide leadership to the Youth City Council in the areas of Planning and Zoning concerns.
e. To meet periodically with the Mayor and the Dept. Head(s) over Planning and Zoning to provide input, offer assistance and propose projects in those areas.
f. To carry out, with the help of a committee, the Community Needs Assessment Survey.

COUNCIL MEMBER #4

a. To have responsibility over the Community Beautification, Clean-up Drives and Youth Involvement.
b. To attend Youth City Council meetings.
c. To carry out assignments of the Youth City Council.
d. To provide leadership to the Youth City Council in the areas of city beautification, clean-up activities and community wide youth environmental programs.
e. To meet periodically with the Mayor and Dept. Heads over the areas of beautification in order to determine ways in which the youth may become more involved and may assist the community in its beautification and clean-up campaigns such as possible Shade Tree or Recycling programs.
f. To plan, with the help of a committee, community beautification, environmental activities and youth involvement activities.

COUNCIL MEMBER #5

a. To have responsibility over the areas of Community Events, Publicity and Chamber Of Commerce relations.
b. To attend Youth City Council meetings.
c. To carry out assignments of the Youth City Council.
d. To provide leadership to the Youth City Council in the areas of publicity of community activities, youth participation in community events and developing a positive working relationship with the local Chamber of Commerce organization.
e. To meet periodically with the Mayor and the community events leaders in order to provide coordination and cooperation between the Youth City Council and those leaders.
f. To offer youth assistance in carrying out the goals of all groups involved.
g. To plan and publicize, with the help of a committee, community wide youth activities and socials and work with the local Chamber Of Commerce staff.

COMMITTEES
The Youth City Council shall create the following permanent committees to assist the council in carrying out their plans, goals and projects. Each committee shall consist of five (5) or fewer members and shall be advised by a member of the Youth City Council as described above. The members of the committees are to be appointed by the Youth City Council with the approval of Mayor and City Council. Committee membership shall be for a one (1) year period. The Committees shall be named as follows:

1. Committee on Public Safety and Courts
2. Committee on Public Works & Engineering
3. Committee on Parks and Recreation, Planning & Zoning
4. Committee on Community Beautification, Youth Involvement & the Environment
5. Committee on Community Events & Publicity and The Chamber of Commerce

YOUTH CITY RECORDER

Shall be appointed by the Youth City Council Mayor with the approval of the Youth City Council. The responsibility and authority of the Youth City Recorder shall include the following:

1. Attend all Youth City Council meetings and take and maintain minutes of said meetings.
2. To carry out assignments of the Youth City Council.
3. To assist maintaining the City Historical Scrapbook
4. To have all Youth City Council records reviewed by the City Recorder every July and January.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL ADVISOR

The Youth City Council shall have least one advisor. The advisor will attend Youth City Council meetings and become involved, in the advisory role only, in all Youth City Council activities. The advisor may be appointed from the full time career employees of the city staff or may be an community volunteer.

Requirements to Serve on the Youth City Council

1. Must be a resident of the sponsoring City for at least one (1) year.
2. Must be at least in the ninth (9th) grade and not yet a graduate of high school.
3. Must be at least in the eleventh (11th) grade to serve as Mayor of the Youth City Council.
4. Must be a registered voter for youth elections.

Requirements to Remain on the Youth City Council

1. Remain a resident of the sponsoring city.
2. Attend at least 75 percent of all Youth City Council meetings.
3. Fulfill the responsibilities of the office held.
4. Set a proper example for the youth of the community.

A member of the Youth City Council can be removed from office upon violation of one or more of the above criteria and by a majority vote of the Youth City Council with the final approval of the Mayor and City Council.

VACANCIES

Any vacancy on the Youth City Council, either by removal or by resignation, shall be filled by nomination of the Youth City Council with final approval by the Mayor and City Council.

If You Choose Youth "Elections!"

VOTER REGISTRATION

All students of the School District attending local High School and Junior High (ninth grade only), or who live within the boundaries of City are deemed to be registered to vote for Youth City Council candidates. Voter's names must appear on the official list that is provided by the local school district.

PRE-ELECTION MEETING

A pre-election meeting (to be announced at the schools) will be held for the purpose of reviewing the functions, goals and purpose of the Youth City Council. Students wanting to be considered on the ballot may file a Statement of Candidacy at that time. Every student who runs for office will have their names on a single ballot. The student receiving the most votes will serve as Youth Mayor. The next highest seven candidates will serve as members of the Youth City Council. All remaining candidates will have an opportunity to serve either as Youth Department Heads of Committee Members.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The election campaign shall be under the direction of the out-going Youth City Council, the Committee on Elections and the council advisor.

All radio, television or newspaper coverage shall cover all candidates. No newspaper or radio ads may be purchased for an individual election campaign. No candidate may spend over $20.00 on their campaign, including that money spent by supporters. No campaigning shall occur within 100 feet of the polls on Election Day.

THE GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election shall occur on the second Tuesday of November each election year. Polling places will be open during school hours only. Voters must be students at the school where they vote. Voters’ names must appear on the student list provided by the School District.
Qualified voters may have only one ballot and may vote only one time. Votes will be counted immediately following the close of the polls and the results will be announced by the Mayor or his designated representative that same evening at the city hall.

All ballots shall be the "Office Block" type since all candidates will be running on their own merits instead of by party affiliation. All names listed on the ballot shall be listed in alphabetical order of their surnames. Any request for a recount shall be made in writing to the City Recorder within 48 hours of the election.

In the event of a tie vote during an election, the winner will be determined by a "toss of a coin" to be conducted by the City Recorder.

If You Choose To "Appoint" Youth Leaders

One process that has proven effective in "Appointing" youth leaders is as follows:

1. Gather all youth together and provide training in how to interview for a job. Contact someone who interviews people for jobs and ask them to teach a class to train your students on how they should dress, act, and prepare themselves for a job interview.
2. Have all of your students who are interested in participating in the YCC program fill out an "Information Sheet" similar to the one that accompanies these pages. The information on this page can help you in several ways. Distribute them through the High School and Junior High Schools.
3. Separate the "Information Sheets" into groups of "Youth Mayor" candidates, and "Youth City Council" candidates.
4. Invite a few community citizens to sit as a panel who will individually interview each student for the position they are interested in.
5. Prepare a few sample questions for the volunteer panel so they can help determine the quality of each candidate. Remember to ask the same questions to each candidate so a fair interview will take place.
6. Make appointments with the student candidates to meet with the adult panel. A word of caution, a fifteen minute interview will seem like an eternity to the student. Keep the interview brief and pleasant.
7. As the panel interviews each individual student, ask them to give a score of 1 to 10 for each candidate, (1) as the lowest score and (10) being the highest available individual score.
8. Average the scores for each student.
9. The student with the highest score for each position is the successful student.
10. After the results are tabulated, notify each candidate of the results and arrange for the new youth leadership to take the same "Oath of Office" that their adult counterparts use.
11. Have the new youth leaders review the balance of the "Information Sheets" and have them select the remaining YCC organization.
THE SWEARING IN

Whether you choose elections or the appointment process, the youth leaders should be sworn in at the first City Council meeting following the selection of the leaders. The youth leaders shall be given the same "Oath of Office" that their adult counterparts.
YOUTH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Full Name _______________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
Telephone # _____________   Social Security # ___________________
Birthdate _________________    Age __________     Grade ________
Parents Name ____________________________________________________
Parents Address (if different) ______________________________________
_______________________________________________________
Telephone #'s (Home)____________________  (Work)_________________
In Case of Emergency, notify ______________________________________
Telephone # _____________
Relationship ________________
Hobbies/Interests ______________________________________________
Special Skills __________________________________________________
Previous Youth City Council positions____________________________
_________________________________________________________________
YCC positions I am interested in holding  (see the attached list)
_________________________________________________________________
Suggestions to improve the Youth City Council _____________________
_________________________________________________________________
Other community involvement ________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
Names and telephone #s of friends interested in joining the YCC
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________