



## Parks & Recreation Department

### Youth Advisory Committee

2021-2022

**Application Deadline: November 7, 2021 by 5:00PM**

Are you a Denison high school or middle school age student interested in:

- Learning more about the Denison community?
- Making an impact on youth in Denison?
- Meeting and getting to know more students?
- Have your voice heard in city government?
- Developing leadership skills?

**You are invited to apply to the Parks & Recreation Youth Advisory Committee!**

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) acts in an advisory capacity, providing the Parks & Recreation Department with valuable insight regarding youth programs and services in our community. YAC is made up of 7 high school/middle school students (grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) who commit to helping their community by participating in community leadership and giving input for Denison youth. The Youth Board is coordinated by the City of Denison Parks & Recreation Department. Youth Board members:

- Create, plan, attend, and execute YAC events and programs scheduled throughout the year.
- Solicit feedback from peers in order to advise City staff on the changing needs and interests of teens as it relates to current and potential programming.
- Participate in the development and promotion of YAC events.

### **Requirements of Parks & Recreation Youth Board (PRYB):**

High school/middle school age (grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

\*Serve 2 year term (September 1-August 31), unless joining as a senior then will serve a 1 year term  
(modified for 2021/22 due to the start date of this committee)

Previous leadership experience is not required

The expectation is to maintain an excellent attendance record of all YAC meetings, events, and activities, and actively contribute in group projects and outings.

Monthly meetings, 1st & 3rd Thursday, 5:30pm-7:00pm (time & day are tentative and subject to change if needed)

**Applications are due by 5:00p.m., Sunday, November 7**

No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

## **Professional & Peer Recommendations (2)**

Please ask; (1) a professional within your school, preferably someone who works with the students such as a teacher, coach, etc., or an employer **AND**; (2) a fellow school student who knows you well to complete the attached recommendations. You can turn the recommendation letters in with your application or have the recommender send separately.

## **Application process to be a part of Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Committee:**

- Submit the application including letters of recommendations to:

Email: [denisonrec@gmail.com](mailto:denisonrec@gmail.com)

Mail:

Denison Parks & Rec  
710 N 16th St  
Denison, IA 51442

Drop off at the Aquatic Center

- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Denison Parks & Rec staff and Parks & Rec Board
- Selected applicants will be invited to an in-person interview
- Members will be selected based on their potential to positively contribute to Youth Advisory Committee's work and their capacity to represent the City of Denison's teenage community.

### **For any questions about YAC please contact:**

Brian Kempfert, Parks & Recreation Director

710 N 16th St Denison, IA 51442

Phone: 712-263-8130

Email: [denisonrec@gmail.com](mailto:denisonrec@gmail.com)

**PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Parks & Recreation Department  
710 N 16<sup>th</sup> St, Denison, IA 51442  
Tel 712-263-8130



**Program information**

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The YAC meets one to two times per month, usually from 5:30–7:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month (times are tentative). The expectation is to maintain an excellent attendance record of all meetings, events, and activities, and actively contribute in group projects and outings. .

To apply for the YAC, send completed application packet and Letters of Recommendation (one professional & one peer) Via Mail: Denison Parks & Rec 710 N 16th St Denison, IA 51442 Via email: denisonrec@gmail.com or drop off at the Denison Aquatic Center.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Sunday, November 7. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Those chosen to move forward in the interview process will be notified.

**Applicant information**

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

City:

Zip:

School attending:

Current Grade:

Age:

**Parent/guardian information**

Parent/guardian name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Primary contact number:

Email:

Emergency contact name:

Emergency contact number:

I/We, the parents of the above named applicant for the City of Denison's Parks & Rec program, hereby give my/our approval to his/her participation in any and all activities. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from the activities; and I/We, do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the City of Denison, and its officers, agents, the Organizers, Supervisors, Participants, Sponsors, Coaches, Managers, Volunteers, and Person transporting my/our child to and from activities, for a claim arising of an injury to my/our child, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance. I/We, agree to return upon request, the uniform and other equipment issued to our son/daughter in as good a condition when received except for normal wear and tear. I further agree to permit the use of event/activity photography and/or video media production, which may include images of myself or individuals above.

Signature

Date

**Parks & Recreation Youth Advisory Committee**

**Professional Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to participate in the Parks & Recreation Youth

YAC Applicant Name

Advisory Committee (YAC). YAC is looking for students who have the motivation, maturity, and interest in being the voice of Denison's' youth, and availability to commit to bi-monthly meetings. This program is not a reward for the best student and previous leadership experience is not required.

Please help us learn more about this student by answering the following questions. We would appreciate any additional insights not covered by these questions. Please use additional paper if needed.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How has the applicant positively impacted your life and / or your community?

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3. What makes the applicant unique?

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4. What makes the applicant a good person to represent Denison youth on a city-wide board?

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**Information about Professional Recommender:**

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

School/Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thanks for your interest in YAC!*

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**Peer Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to participate in the Parks & Recreation Youth

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**Information about Peer Recommender:**

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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