



ANCHORAGE YOUTH COURT CLASSES COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU—JOIN NOW

AYC welcomes Anchorage Eagle River or Chugiak middle school and high school students

Would you like to help your fellow teenagers, learn about the law, earn community service hours, and make friends from other schools?

High school students may also earn credit by choice.

Anchorage Youth Court (AYC) makes it possible. Please join us on August 27, 2009, as student members present the what's and why's of AYC for students, parents and supporters.

**Register for class at the
Loussac Library, Wilda Marston Theatre, 3600 Denali Street,
Thursday, August 27th, 2009, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm
Students and staff will also answer questions and do a short presentation.**

**Registration will continue Mondays -Thursdays from noon to 6:00 pm,
August 28th - September 17th, at the AYC office (838 W. 4th Avenue).**

Classes will begin the week of September 21st-evenings at local high schools.





What is Anchorage Youth Court?

Anchorage Youth Court trains youth in grades 7-12, who are between the ages of 12 and 18, to represent and judge their peers in actual criminal cases. Anchorage youth serve as judges, jurors, and prosecuting and defense attorneys.

Juvenile Intake refers offenders charged with misdemeanor crimes to the Youth Court.

Once a case is referred to Youth Court, and the defendant has entered a no contest plea, the defendant is arraigned and, if s/he enters a no contest plea, s/he is sentenced. If a not guilty plea is entered, the defendant is tried in Youth Court by a jury or a panel of three Youth Court judges. However, AYC is not currently doing trial cases.

A sentence in Youth Court differs in that the defendant provides redress to the victims, the community, and reflects upon his/her violation of the law. Upon successful completion of the case, the defendant receives no formal criminal record.

Youth Court Training

Students prepare for the Anchorage Youth Court Bar Exam by attending a training course taught by local attorneys and AYC volunteers. The course covers Youth Court jurisdiction, procedure, evidence, advocacy, and case preparation. After successfully completing the Youth Court Exam, students are sworn in as Anchorage Youth Court members and may serve as clerks, bailiffs, attorneys, or judges. Anchorage Youth Court Bar Association meetings feature speakers, workshops, etc.

Why Join?

- Help other students and the community
- Earn community work service hours
- Gain skills: leadership, teambuilding, team work, public speaking, etc.
- Recommendation letters & scholarship possibilities
- High school students may earn high school elective credit

Registration for Classes

Registration Requirements:

- Attend grades 7-12 in Anchorage, Eagle River, or Chugiak area
- Registration form completely filled out - pick up at office or at www.anchorageyouthcourt.org
- \$25 fee, non-refundable, cash or check, scholarships are available
- Parental consent form signed in ink.

Membership requirements:

- Attend the classes. Class assignments must be prepared to be counted present.
- Pass AYC bar exam with at least 70 out of 105 points.
- Attend swearing-in and reception.
- Once sworn-in, attend 2 of every 3 AYC bar meetings.
- Annually commit 50 hours to AYC.

Limited space. First come, first serve.

Classes are held three times during the year at area high schools. Students from throughout Anchorage may register at the Loussac Library, Wilda Marston Theatre, August 27th from 6:30-8:00 pm or the AYC office from noon—6:00 pm Mondays-Thursdays beginning August 28th. The classes will be held at area high schools. For spring and summer class information, please call AYC (274-5986).

Anchorage Youth Court Appreciates Supporters

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