

B U C K E Y E

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YOUTH COUNCIL

Buckeye Youth Council

Leadership Development

Civic Engagement

Team Building

Building Leaders, Making a Difference

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: *The 3 C'S*

The mission of the City of Buckeye Youth Council is to empower young leaders and help develop and cultivate effective leadership skills. To do so the City of Buckeye Youth Council will focus on 3 critical areas, or the 3 "C's", of leadership development: Character, Community, and Communication.

CHARACTER

It's often said great leaders are born, not made. When great leadership exists we recognize it through the character of that leader. These character traits exist in all of us, yet life sometimes does not afford the opportunity for many of us to train and execute these leadership qualities. The City of Buckeye Youth Council will offer an opportunity to bring out those leadership traits that exist in our youth. These character traits are values that constitute great leadership and will comprise the foundation of our leadership training. They include honesty, integrity, vision, caring, confidence, responsibility, equity, and loyalty. Development of these characteristics will carry over life skills that will benefit our youth as successful leaders and team builders, in all their future endeavors.

COMMUNITY

Whether it's the creation of a new technology, running a business, or working in public service, community engagement and civic engagement are critical to the identity and continuity of a region. The City of Buckeye Youth Council will offer the opportunity for youth to take on meaningful roles in addressing relevant community issues through the application of community initiatives and projects. These opportunities will help cultivate the understanding and importance of active community participation. This will also promote the importance of regionalism, and an understanding that "community" is not limited to the confines of our own street, neighborhood, or school, but in fact it is how we choose to define "community" that determines its boundaries. Through these initiatives students will learn we are all connected in many ways, with many common interests. As a region we can accomplish more, together we can make a difference, and together the possibilities of prosperity are limitless.

COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is what brings everything together. Ineffective leadership exists on teams that fail, and are often the result of poor communication. Through leadership training, team building, project development and management, conflict management, and networking opportunities, the City of Buckeye Youth Council will develop effective communication skills. Whether it is in a debate format, one-on-one, small groups, or a public speaking engagement to a large audience, those whom can effectively communicate their position and articulate their goals and viewpoints in a clear and concise manner, will gain the respect and support of their team, their community, and will effectively move an initiative forward.

STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

MEMBERSHIP

The City of Buckeye Youth Council will consist of up to nineteen members from high schools, junior high schools, charter schools, home school students across the City of Buckeye, as well as schools outside our community that serve Buckeye youth. Applications for the Buckeye Youth Council are included in this informational packet. Applications must be sent directly to the Council Office for consideration.

MEETINGS

Once all application packets are received, each Buckeye Youth Council candidate that is selected will be contacted and invited, along with their family to a Buckeye Youth Council Meeting.

The Buckeye Youth Council will meet monthly beginning in September thru May for no more than a 2-hour block. Meetings will be held on Thursday evening, at Buckeye City Hall, 530 E. Monroe Ave., Buckeye, AZ.

The format for formal meetings will include leadership training by local leaders; and planning and discussion of local community initiatives and projects.

Attendance and punctuality are critical. Part of developing character is showing you care and are committed. The expectation is that Buckeye Youth Council members will not miss more than two meetings, or they will risk removal from the Buckeye Youth Council. With that expectation in mind the Buckeye Youth Council will discuss and craft more specific guidelines in terms of attendance, and other policies and procedures to ensure professional standards are met.

The Buckeye Youth Council will be provided initial guidance and assistance from community leaders and the Buckeye Youth Council Liaison. However, the purpose and intent of this organization is for it to be youth lead, youth initiated, therefore much of the structure and strategy will be formed and determined by the Buckeye Youth Council members.

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Application Packet

PURPOSE: Cultivate young leaders and increase civic engagement.

The Buckeye Youth Council is an outstanding opportunity to involve young leaders in a shared leadership role within the City of Buckeye governing process.

COMPOSITION: Membership shall include youth from different high schools, junior high schools, home schooling, charter schools, and parochial schools drawn from neighborhoods and communities across the City as well as schools outside of our community that serve Buckeye youth.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: Members shall be appointed to a (1) one year term. Members can be reappointed with restrictions based on high school eligibility. No term limits. All appointed members must complete application packet

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Buckeye Youth Council will meet monthly, for up to a 2-hour block
- Format for monthly meetings
- Buckeye Youth Council members will be expected to meet outside of regular monthly meetings to discuss community projects
- Council members will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair
- Chair and Vice Chair will meet with Buckeye Youth Council leaders monthly to discuss group initiatives and establish an agenda
- Chair and Vice Chair shall run the formal portion of the meetings

2. What volunteer activities have you been involved in or are you currently participating in?

3. Have you served in a leadership capacity and if so, what were your duties and how long was the commitment?

4. What does being an advocate mean to you? What teen interests do you wish to advocate for?

5. What would you like to see as a project initiative as part of the City of Buckeye Youth Council and why?

6. What topic would you like to see as a component of the City of Buckeye Youth Council Leadership training and why

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STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM

As a member of the City of Buckeye Youth Council, you not only represent yourself, but you represent your school, your family, your city, and the entire region. As such, you must conduct yourself professionally. Please read the following statements, then sign and date this sheet. Ask your parents to read and sign this form as well. Your signature is your promise to uphold these standards of professionalism.

As a Professional I will...

1. Treat all respectfully.
2. Understand there is a 2-hour a month commitment and pledge to attend all regular meetings
3. Understand that I will engage my local community on a specific initiative and will make every effort to ensure the effectiveness of the planning and implementation of this initiative
4. Commit to engaging in a positive manner at all regular meetings, on all task and assignments
5. Serves as a positive role model, both in and out of school.
6. Will not eat or drink in a professional environment
7. Maintain professional relationships with ALL.
8. Turn off cell phones and any electronic equipment in the professional environment
9. Dress appropriately:
 - a. neat, clean, and well groomed
 - b. no bare midriffs
 - c. no shorts, jeans, or jagged pants when representing the council
 - d. no hats
10. Notify staff, team members, and all other appropriate personal the same day of an absence.
11. Provides proper courtesy notification when running late
12. Will be on-time, and whenever possible 10 minutes early for every meeting, engagement, or event.
13. Greet all professionals, and all that I meet with a hand shake and makes eye contact when introducing myself and carrying a conversation
14. Display a genuine interest through the art of listening, as a good listener you display a higher capability to communicate effectively and be a leader

I solemnly swear to commit myself to the highest level of professional standards, understanding whom and what I represent as a **City of Buckeye Youth Council** Member with the full understanding that failure to do so may mean my elimination from the Commission.

(Signature) Date _____

(Student Name) Date _____

(Parent Signature) Date _____

(Parent Name) Date _____

**City of Buckeye Youth Council
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM**

Permission Form: *To be filled out by applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian.*

I grant permission for my child, named above, to participate in the City of Buckeye Youth Council and related activities. I/we hereby release and forever discharge the Mayor and Council of Buckeye, Arizona, a municipal corporation, and any and all other person, firms, or corporations who are or might be liable, from any and all claims of any kind or character, which I/we have or may have against it or them, including transportation to or from any portion of this program, and in that regard, I/we covenant to indemnify and hold harmless the foregoing from any loss or damages, including reasonable attorney's fees which may be incurred in the event of any such claims asserted against them or any of them. I/we additionally permit the free use of my child's name and picture in broadcasts, newspapers, etc.

Please Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this application, provide a letter of recommendation and parent/guardian permission form and return to:

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