

# Thompson Teen Center

## RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT

The City of Colton Community Services Department Staff members are committed to providing a positive, safe, supportive environment for every participant. We need commitment, cooperation, support, and open communication between staff, participant and parents to be successful.

**Teen Center Programs** are specifically designed for teens residing in Colton or those who attend a Colton School. We provide a fun, safe, and drug-free environment for 12-17 year old youth and that attend Middle School or High School. The program is drop-in, non-custodial which allows the participants to stop in whenever they can.

**The Teen Center Code of Conduct are the behavioral guidelines for ALL teens at the Teen Center as well as ALL trips and any other activities.**

All teens are expected to follow and obey all program rules. Infractions of program rules such as the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, possession of weapons, obscene acts, vulgarity or profanity, assault and battery, fighting, vandalism, graffiti or defacement of equipment and/or property, defiance of staff authority will not be tolerated.

Corrective disciplinary measures according to the severity of the infraction will be taken with any teen that violates any of the above program rules. Parents will be contacted. The Colton Police Department will also be contacted depending on the severity of the infraction.

**Please read and discuss with your child the Code of Conduct requirements. When you have done so, please sign attached form; indicating understanding of teen's responsibility and agreeing to uphold the standards set forth by the staff of the City of Colton Community Services. The attached parent permission form must also be signed prior to participating at the Teen Center.**

### CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please be aware of holidays and other dates of closure.

### ID CARDS

All teens are required to have a current pictured School ID and a completed Waiver Form to receive a Colton Teen Center ID Card. Once a Teen Center ID is issued, participants are required to present ID cards when signing in at the Teen Center each time they visit. Lending or giving ID cards to others is prohibited. The replacement for a lost Teen Center ID card is \$5.

### SIGN-IN AND OUT PROCEDURES

All participants of the Teen Center are required to sign-in and out at the Front Desk each day they visit. Failing to follow procedures will result in a parent/guardian being contacted and could result in a suspension from the Center and programs.

### DRESS GUIDELINES

Shoes must be worn at all times. Clothing that advertises and/or promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and sexual activity or suggests obscenity or anti-social behavior is not allowed. Derogatory messages or messages that disparage any individual or group of individuals are not allowed. Any jewelry, or clothing that could be a safety hazard to one's self or others are not allowed.

### QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Our goal is to provide a quality program where participants can grow and thrive in a safe and fun environment. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any program or activity, we encourage you to talk to us directly. We can be reached at 909.514.4255.

## **MOVIES & GAMES**

Movies and games rated up to PG 13 may be shown and played at the Teen Center. Staff will review all activities prior to introducing them to the teens. Staff has approved playing Call of Duty, rated M (Mature 17+), in multi-player mode only. If you have an objection to your teen watching PG 13 rated movies or playing NC 13 rated electronic games, please advise staff.

## **COMPUTERS AND INTERNET ACCESS**

A teen that inappropriately interferes with or disrupts other users, services or equipment will be suspended from the Teen Center. Disruptions included, but are not limited to, distribution of unsolicited advertising, harassment, propagation of computer viruses, or use of the network to make unauthorized entry to any machine.

Teens using the Internet for any illegal activity, or place any text, data, graphic images, messages, communications, files or material related to any illegal activity on the Internet will result in expulsion from the program the Teen Center. The Colton Police Department will be contacted.

## **ALCOHOL/DRUGS/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

A teen may not possess, sell, use or furnish or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, intoxicant or controlled substance. Consequences will include suspension and/or expulsion from the Teen Center. The Colton Police Department will be contacted.

## **WEAPONS**

A teen may not possess, sell, use or furnish any firearm, knife, explosive or dangerous object. A violation will result in expulsion from the Teen Center. The Colton Police Department will be contacted.

## **SEXUAL HARRASSEMENT**

A teen engaging in sexual harassment will be suspended and could be expelled from the Teen Center. Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

## **LANGUAGE**

The use of profanity or offensive language, obscene gestures, or disorderly conduct will result in a suspension.

## **FIGHTING**

A participant may not cause, or threaten to cause physical harm to another person. A participant involved in any form of intimidation, threats, incitement, hazing, or harassment, as well as, fighting will be suspended from Teen Center. An assault could result in expulsion from Teen Center.

## **VANDALISM**

Teens will be suspended from the Teen Center for causing damage to city personal property. This included defacing or destroying such property. Teens and parents will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement of any city or personal property damages by vandalism. The Colton Police Department will be contacted.

## **GRAFFITI**

Any teen involved in any form of graffiti will be suspended and could result in expulsion from Teen Center. Possession of spray cans, marking pens or markers, and paint pellets by teens is prohibited and may result in suspension. The use of these items to vandalize, or tag the Teen Center in any location, or personal property will result in expulsion. The Colton Police Department will be contacted. Teens and parents will be responsible for the cost of repair to any City or personal property caused by graffiti.

## **STEALING**

Any teens caught stealing City or personal property, or knowingly accepts stolen property may be expelled from Teen Center. Teen and parent may be responsible to make full restitution. Extortion will result in the same consequences. The Colton Police Department will be contacted.

## **DEFIANCE**

A teen will be suspended for willfully defying the authority of any staff. Consequences of infractions will result in suspension of Teen Center.