

Youth Commission: 2024 Annual Update

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***3 Youth Vacancies**



About Youth Commission

- Youth Commission has adult members and student members between 13-19 years old
- Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center in the Teen Room at 6:30 p.m.
- Subcommittees meet virtually the 3rd Thursday of the month
- Youth Commission Duties & Actions:
 - ✓ Advise the City Council on Youth Matters
 - ✓ Community Service Projects
 - ✓ Volunteer
 - ✓ Advise PRG on future programming and activities
 - ✓ Professional Development & Team Bonding Activities
 - ✓ Learn Roberts Rules of Order



2023-2024 Goals

Goal #1: By June 2024, the Youth Commission will volunteer six times for different events or organizations, as well as complete two service learning projects.

Volunteer Event	# of Volunteers	Total Hours
Fall Fest (up to 2.5 Hours)	7	17.5
Project Present Wrapping Event (up to 4 Hours)	6	24
Cereal with Santa (4 hours)	1	4
Tree Lighting (2 Hours)	1	2
Daddy Daughter Dance (3.5 Hours)	3	10.5
Earth Day Event (4 Hours)	6	24
<i>Total 2023-2024 Volunteer Hours</i>		82

Goal #1 Continued

2023-2024 Service Projects:

- Teddy bear drive collecting 150+ from the community to donate to CCPD to give to children in traumatic experiences.
- Hosted craft table for attendees at the Earth Day Event for second year in a row to make reusable grocery bags.



Commissioner Saia volunteering at the Earth Day Event.



The color-your-own reusable bags that Youth Commission sponsored for the Earth Day Event.

2023-2024 Goal #2

Goal #2: By June 2024, the Youth Commission will hear from a guest speaker each month to learn more about résumés, college applications, public speaking and different careers, as well as attend a cultural arts event.

Guest Speakers:

- Sep – CCPD – Explorer Program
- Oct – Medical Physics – CU Anschutz Medical Campus
- Nov – Commerce City Community Relations
- Jan – Sandcreek Greenway
- Feb – Colorado Fish & Wildlife
- Mar – Professional Hacker
- Apr – Adams County Clerk & Recorder

Goal #2 Continued

2023-2024 Cultural Arts Event:

On May 2, 2024, the Youth Commission will vote to attend one of the following Culture Arts Events this summer:

- The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical at Aurora Cultural Arts District
- The Lehman Trilogy at Kilstrom Theater
- Virgil Ortiz Revolt 1680/2180: Runners + Gliders at the Denver History Museum

2023-2024 Goal #3

Goal #3: By June 2024, the Youth Commission will have planned and started marketing the 2024 Youth Conference with the hopes of having 100 attendees.

- The *Kickstart to Adulthood* (KSA) Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at the Bison Ridge Recreation Center from 8 A.M to 2 P.M.

Other Accomplishments

- Filled seven vacancies since May 2023
- Updated the Youth Commission By-Laws
- Created SMARTIE goals for the 2023-2024 school year
- Approved the 2024 budget
- Transitioned the Youth Commission over to the Youth Services division under PRG
- Planned their first youth conference

Questions?

