

DIRECTIONS

From Yellow Springs: Take 68 South into Xenia, turn right onto 35 West; turn Right onto Progress Drive (Wal-Mart intersection); turn Left onto Greene Way Boulevard.

From Fairborn: Take 235 South to 68 South; follow directions from Yellow Springs.

From Beavercreek: Take 35 East to Progress Drive (Wal-Mart intersection); turn Left; turn Left onto Greene Way Boulevard.

From Cedarville: Take 42 West to 35 West; turn Right onto Progress Drive (Wal-Mart intersection); turn left onto Greene Way Boulevard.

From Jamestown: Take 35 By-Pass; take 35 Business Exit (W. Main Street); turn left onto Progress Drive (Wal-Mart intersection); turn Left onto Greene Way Boulevard.

For further information, please call:

(937) 562-4000 or (937) 427-2883, ext. 4000.

Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.



**THE GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
2100 GREENEWAY BOULEVARD
XENIA, OHIO 45385**

TEEN COURT GREENE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

JUDGE ROBERT W. HUTCHESON



MISSION STATEMENT

Teen Court is an effort to promote values of justice, fairness, and safety into the lives of adolescents. Through education and early intervention, Teen Court helps young adults accept responsibility for their actions and holds them accountable for their behavior. Teen Court seeks to provide youth with better decision making skills such that they will change their illegal behavior and avoid further court interaction.

WHAT IS TEEN COURT?

Teen Court is an innovative alternative to traditional court proceedings for first time non-violent juvenile offenders. Simply, Teen Court is made up of teenagers who serve as either an attorney or juror in a court proceeding. The teenagers are required by the Juvenile Court to serve in Teen Court for four (4) weeks. Teen Court is designed to provide positive peer role models for delinquent children.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR TEEN COURT?

Youth are referred to Teen Court by Juvenile Court. All incoming juvenile cases are reviewed by the Juvenile Court Intake Department, which then recommends appropriate cases to Teen Court.

The juvenile offender must:

- Have a charge filed against him/her and be a first-time non-violent offender;
- Be between the ages of 11 and 17 at the time of the offense;
- **MUST ADMIT INVOLVEMENT IN THE OFFENSE;**
- Have consent from parent/guardian.

ROLES IN TEEN COURT

- *Defense Attorney:* Presents the Defendant in the most positive way.
- *Prosecuting Attorney:* Presents the State's version of events.
- *Jury:* Responsible to decide an appropriate disposition based on the information heard from all parties.
- *Jury Foreperson:* Completes Jury Disposition form and presents disposition to Defendant.
- *Bailiff:* Escorts Defendant in and out of Court. Will assist parties in seating arrangements.

HOW TEEN COURT WORKS

Each delinquent child appears in court with a parent/guardian and admits to their involvement with the presenting offense. The delinquent child and the offense are introduced to a jury of teens. The prosecutor and defense attorney are also teens and each makes a presentation to the jury. Each delinquent child and parent is given the opportunity to speak. The jury may also ask questions of the delinquent child and then gives a recommendation of an appropriate sentence.

WHEN AND WHERE IS TEEN

Teen Court is held every Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. at the Greene County Juvenile Court located at 2100 Greene Way Boulevard, Second Floor, Xenia, Ohio.



“Greene County Juvenile Court endeavors to impact on a child’s life in such a way that recidivism is reduced. Teen Court uses the elements of early intervention, peer influence, accountability and active participation of the child to teach juveniles about responsible behavior.

_ Judge Robert W. Hutcheson