

Town of Horseheads Youth Court Training



What is Youth Court?

The Town of Horseheads Youth Court, which began in 1976, is a delinquency prevention program patterned after the Family Court process. The Town of Horseheads Youth Court has middle school and high school students serve as Judges, Law Guardians, Facts Attorneys and Clerks in court cases of their peers.

2014 Youth Court Training Schedule

All Youth Court Trainings will be held at the Horseheads Village Hall located at 202 South Main St.

- Tuesday, October 14 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, October 16 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, October 21 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, October 23- 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, October 28- 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, October 30- 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Thursday November 6, 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.**

Make sure you pick up your application and return it to your school's Main Office or the Horseheads Youth Bureau!

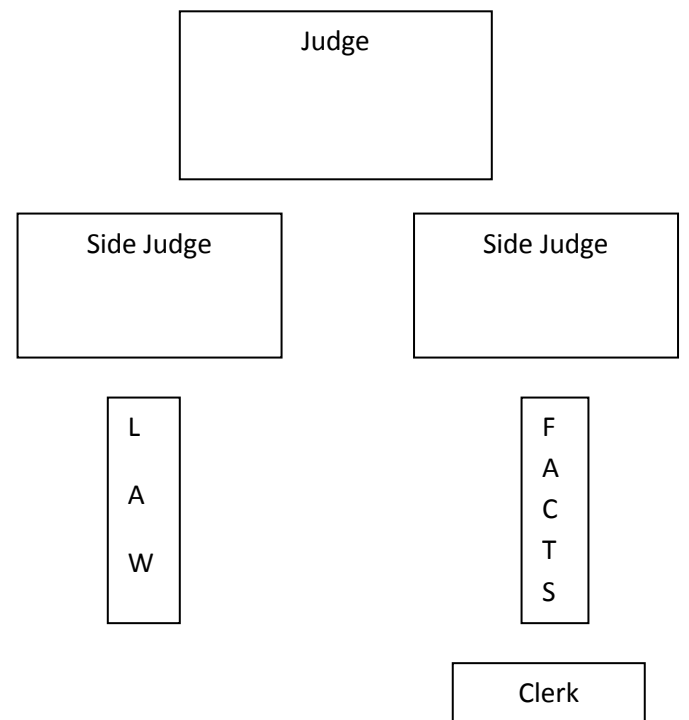
What Kind of Training is given to Members?

Each prospective Youth Court member is required to attend 7 training sessions. Training is designed to give trainees a basic understanding of penal law, probation, Family Court, roles of judges, attorneys and law clerks.

The course covers such topics as the jurisdiction of the Youth Court, advantages and disadvantages, the ethics of the court process, courtroom procedure, the rules of evidence and interviewing offenders. An extensive part of the training also involves participation in simulated hearings and role play of mock cases.

At the end of the course, an examination is given followed by a personal interview for all new potential Youth Court members. At that point, selection will be made and candidates will be notified as soon as possible.

Youth Court Structure



Head Judge-Oversees operation of the court throughout all proceedings; determines sentencing.

Side Judge-Assists the Head Judge

Facts Attorney-Determines the facts and circumstances of each case through questioning. Similar to a Prosecuting Attorney.

Law Guardian- Represents the rights of the offender and protects their rights. Similar to a Defense Attorney