

Elevating YOUTH in Clear Creek County

Mountain Youth Network stayed true to their mission this quarter; prioritizing youth engagement in the community. TREK Teen Council members gave presentations to multiple different audiences including their peers, elected officials, civic leaders, and community members at large. The youth involved in the Community Mapping project went before the City Council of Idaho Springs. The teens practiced hard and delivered an amazing “Public Comment” presentation! They described the Community Mapping Project and asked to be involved in improvement projects highlighted by youth feedback. It has been exciting to see the youth voice being amplified and valued here in Clear Creek!



No Vape November



In accordance with the Governor’s “No Vape November” proclamation, TREK Teen Council formed the TREK No Vape Squad, dedicated to delivering an educational presentation about vaping. The TREK No Vape Squad “went on tour” and gave this presentation to their peers, middle school students, Carlson Elementary School, Georgetown Community School, King Murphy and the Clear Creek School District Board of Education. The presentations were informative and intended to prevent vaping and to provide information and resources to anyone wanting to quit! The students on the Squad gained experience in public speaking and a sense of helping in their community to curb a behavior that has become a true epidemic.

TREK Community Involvement

Collaboration efforts by the Mountain Youth Network continued with local organizations like the Clear Creek County Advocates, Scraps to Soil, and ECO School. These organizations reached out to work with MYN and TREK once again



in 2019. This was the third year that TREK pulled together a group of youth volunteers for the annual Pumpkin Smash event. This annual event focuses on sustainability and composting leftover Halloween pumpkins. TREK volunteers participated for the second year assisting with the local Santa Shop project run by the Clear Creek Advocates. Santa Shop provides local families with toys, baskets, and food over the holiday season. Both high school and middle school TREK members helped by shopping for gifts that suited their age demographic to make Christmas special for peers in need. TREK involvement in collaborative events like these provide opportunities for volunteer hours, skill-building and community connection for our young people!



TREK Breakfast

7:30 AM
CCHS Media Center

February 7th
March 6th
April 3rd

Find your path.

We've been busy!

Oct-Nov-Dec Activities

Community Mapping Strategy Team

- o Presentation Practices with Mapping Youth
- o Recruiting for Community Mapping Strategy Team
- o TREK Mapping Youth give public comment to City Council (Idaho Springs)
- o Annual Strategy Review and Strategic Reflection

Positive Youth Development (PYD)

- o Strategy Team brainstormed Impact Survey questions for youth evaluation
- o Additional PYD Trainer certified in December

Youth Communications Workgroup

- o Trek Communications planning session
- o Work with Youth on website
- o [Website LIVE!](#)
- o Social media positive messaging w/ Rise Above
- o Clear Creek Courant submissions (Oct. & Dec.)

Funding and Strategic Planning Team

- o Discussions with El Pomar Foundation
- o Discussions with Office of Behavioral Health

TREK Outdoors (Youth Leadership Program)

- o Applied research for funding and support
 - Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation
 - SOS Outreach
- o Activity planning for TREK Middle School

Clear Creek School District Collaboration

- o TREK No Vape November initiative
 - TREK No Vape Squad presentations
- o TREK leadership work sessions
- o Homegrown Talent Initiative
- o TREK Breakfast (Oct., Nov., and Dec.)
- o TREK Middle School Activities
- o TREK Volunteers for Community Events

What's Next:

—Designing a “post-activity survey” to incorporate direct feedback from youth in future programming.

—PYD 101 training coming this spring! Another Positive Youth Development trainer in our county was certified.

—El Pomar Funding will begin in January to support TREK middle school activities.

—Developing TREK Outdoors based on youth desire to take advantage of all Clear Creek County has to offer in the outdoors! Coalition members are busy seeking funding to support activities.



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