

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE Y TEEN CENTER?

## THE TEEN CENTER @ A GLANCE.....

### The Española YMCA Teen Center

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(located behind Española Fire Department, by the Senior Center)

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### Hours of Operation

Monday –Friday  
12:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

Hope you all survived the cold Winter and are now enjoying the first signs of Spring. Our Spring Edition has hatched and is filled with new and exciting adventures.

Our teens are on the eve of their Summer Vacation. There are getting anxious and excited to put another school year behind them. It's been amazing to watch some of our members enter middle school, then high school and into their young adult lives. Regardless of the path they choose, we still feel honored they allowed us to be a part of their lives.

Teens have been busy with various activities. Thanks to a donation of tickets, our teens were able to attend the United Way Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Game. They were honored to meet and receive autographs from the players.

We participated in YMCA Day at the New Mexico State Legislature. Two of our teens along with Teen Center Director, Ben Sandoval attended the day's activities.

Our regular days of operation are Monday to Friday, but due to teens' request for a Saturday at the Teen Center,

we obliged and were open on Saturday, February 11, 2012. The days' activities included our Valentine's Day Party and thanks to the weather they were able to engage in a few Basketball games.

Teens enjoyed their Spring Break hanging out at the Teen Center and our grand finale was non other than a Sleepover. Our teens did a special request to enjoy this event as part of their Spring Break. Thanks to a donation from **Mr. Alfred Herrera** they enjoyed pizza, drinks and snacks. Various activities were enjoyed, but NO sleep.

## JANUARY-MARCH 2012 MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAM INFORMATION



Our membership is available at

### NO COST

Membership is available to individuals between the ages of 12 and 19 years of age. Registration with parent and teen signatures is required.

### January-March 2012

#### Program Delivery:

- 280 youth (111 members & 169 guests) served
- Recorded visits by members and guests totaling 2,288 in 62 open operating days
- Averaged 37 teens per day with peak days of 61 youth attending
- Held classes in 19 program categories
- Our van transported an average of 13 teens daily, from Carlos Vigil Middle School, Española Valley High School, Carriños Charter School and Casa de Corazon.



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Our teens enjoyed a presentation by **Mr. Antonio Fresquez**, one of the members of the 1997 USA Robotics Team. Antonio showed a DVD highlighting the Robotics Field and the possibility of beginning a class here at the Teen Center. He would like to volunteer his time to give the teens an opportunity to build their own robots.

Our Car Modeling Class was a huge hit last year and thanks to **Fabian Valdez** and **Lorenzo Martinez**, they've begun another class. The highlight of the conclusion of this year's class will be the Born 2 Cruise Car, Low-rider Bike and Model Car Show, which will be held here at the Teen Center on

Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. There will be a concession stand and various raffles to benefit our teens as well as the Temple Sion Youth Group. We invite you to come out and support the youth of our community. For more information, please call (505) 747-6569.

**Teen Center Highlight**  
Teens enjoyed attending the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Game.

Teen Center classes and programs

BAKING/COOKING

2012 had a delicious start. We started the year making Bagel Pizzas, with the teens' favorite toppings. Our Valentine's class challenged themselves and made Chocolate Molten Cakes. French Toast and Bacon made the month of March quite delicious.

Baking/Cooking is held one Thursday a month from 4:30 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

Woodworking

Our class was proud to contribute to the auction held for our YMCA Red and Black Ball. We created three Wishing Wells and a Victorian style wooden chest. We will also be making pedestals to display the Model Cars in the upcoming Car and Model Car Show.

Woodworking is held a Thursday a month from 4:30 P.M.- 5:30 P.M.

Spray Painting 101

Our class donation for The Family YMCA Red and Black Ball was two "Love" themed paintings. A huge, outdoor Graffiti piece was done on our storage shed, with YMCA being the center of the art piece. We have assisted the Car Model Class with paint items.

Spray Paint 101 is held one Thursday a month from 4:30 P.M.- 5:30 P.M.

Rec. & Fitness Class

With the time and weather changes we have been able to do more outdoor activities. Basketball continues to be one of the favorites, as well as Volleyball, while others enjoy working out indoors. The various weight machines and stationary bicycle are among the few machines teens can use to strengthen their bodies.

Rec. & Fitness is held on Wednesdays, 4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

INTRO. TO MICROORGANISMS

Our class is excited to view various Bacteria samples, Insect body parts and spontaneous items they want to view up close. Ben has also projected some of the samples on the wall for those who have difficulty focusing the Microscope.

Intro. To Microorganisms is held on Mondays from 4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

Go-Green-Go

Spring Cleaning has been done in the greenhouse. Planters are being prepared for fresh seeds and plants. Ideas have been discussed to decide what the teens want to accomplish this Spring and Summer. Go-Green-Go!!

Go-Green-Go is held on Mondays from 4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

The Impact of Drugs

Various presentations have been done, to include another Drug Prevention lesson from the Phoenix Curriculum series. Teens are always given an opportunity to ask questions, share their own experiences and offer feedback.

The Impact of Drugs is held one Thursday a month from 4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

Car Model Class

Fabian Valdez and Lorenzo Martinez have returned to instruct the class once again. This year they brought an additional project, to build a diorama of Stop and Eat, a local, historical eatery. A Car and Car Model Car Show will mark the completion of the class.

Car Model Class is held Wednesdays from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

## Teen Center Donations

**Wayne Brewster**, Abiquiu, NM

**Healing Through Horses**, *Judy Schneider*, Abiquiu, NM

**Mr. Alfred Herrera**, Española, NM

**Marji Gallery**, Santa Fe, NM

**Romero's Fruit Stand**, Hernandez, NM

We want to sincerely

**THANK YOU,**

for your support and donations to The Española YMCA Teen Center and our efforts to provide educational and recreational opportunities for the teens of the City of Española and surrounding communities. Your support provides opportunities for our teens, which otherwise would not be possible.

***We invite you to visit and see your donation at work.***

## Teen Center and Community Events

- United Way Harlem Ambassador Basketball Game
- DWI Prevention Walk and activities at the New Mexico State Legislature
  - YMCA Day at the New Mexico State Legislature
  - Valentine's Day Saturday at the Teen Center
- Teens attended YMCA Day at the New Mexico State Legislature
  - The Family YMCA Red and Black Ball
    - Spring Break Sleepover
    - Robotics Presentation
- Visit and Concert featuring California Rapper, San Joe
  - Walk Against Drugs

## Upcoming Teen Center and Community Events

- Annual Teen Center Easter Egg Hunt
- Born 2 Cruise Car and Model Car Show
- City of Española Anti-Drug Summit
- Rio Arriba County DWI After-Prom Event
- Str8 Ballin' 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



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## 2012 Española YMCA Teen Center Volunteers



1/12-3/12 **Daphne Cordova**, various tasks

3/12 **Antonio Fresquez**, Robotics Presentation and Class

2/12-3/12 **Lorenzo Martinez**, Car Modeling Class

2/12 **April Olivas**, various tasks

2/12-3/12 **Jeff Slater**, Leather Class

2/12-3/12 **Fabian Valdez**, Car Modeling Class

A heartfelt **thank you** goes out to these individuals, who's giving heart demonstrates all our core values, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and most of all **Caring**.

## LANL Foundation awards Española Teen Center \$1500

Española YMCA Teen Center is pleased to announce that **LANL Foundation** awarded The Family YMCA \$1500 to fund our tutoring program. Currently, tutoring assistance is available in all core subjects. Please call Teen Center at 505-747-6569, Monday thru Friday, 12:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., for more information and tutor availability

