



**Mayor's Youth Congress  
teens in Tallahassee**



**April 2018 Events/News/Reminders**

**Level Up Gaming Friday Nights**

Looking for something cool to do on a Friday night? Join us at the TASCO Center for Teen Technology (1320 5<sup>th</sup> Street N.) for a night of gaming, learning and more! Level Up is the premier spot for middle and high school gaming in all of Pinellas County. For only \$5, you can participate in this tournament style experience. All the action starts at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m. Our last Level Up date is April 20, so make sure not to miss it!

**2018 SWAT Sandblast**

TASCO Teen Programs and S.W.A.T. (Students Working Against Tobacco) host our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual S.W.A.T. Sandblast at Elva Rouse Park, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and North Shore Drive. This event is on May 5, runs from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and is open to teens in grades 6-12. Teens can participate in beach games, bungee bounce, water joust, foam arena, flag football and two 25-foot waterslides. Live performances, DJ, prizes and more. Call 892-5060 for more information.

**Dates to Remember**

**April 1 Happy Easter**

**April 14 Teen BBQ Cook-off & Yard Sale**



**Mayor's Youth Showcase of Achievement**

On Thursday, May 17, TASCO will host our annual celebration of youth accomplishments with the presentation of our Mayor's Youth Showcase of Achievement. This night of awards, acknowledgement and performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mahaffey Theater. \$25,000 worth of cash and prizes will be awarded to middle and high school youth that have shown an unsurpassed standard of excellence during the 2017-2018 school year in the following categories:

- Academic Achievement
- Scholar Athlete
- Citizenship & Leadership
- Visual Arts
- Literary Arts
- Performing Arts
- Science & Technology
- Overcoming Adversity

If you know a teen that excels in the classroom or any of the aforementioned categories, make sure they apply or better yet, nominate them yourself! There are two ways to apply: visit [www.stpete.org/teenawards](http://www.stpete.org/teenawards) or call us at (727) 892-5060. All nomination packets must be completed and received (or postmarked) before April 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. All nominations must come complete with a Letter of Nomination and other documentation serving as evidence for the category in which the youth should be considered. You will also have to supply us with a 2 inch by 2 inch photo of yourself to finalize the process. If you have any questions or would like to sponsor this event, please contact us at (727) 892-5060. Good luck to all our nominees, and we look forward to seeing everyone for a night of recognizing local student excellence!

**Nominations will NOT be accepted after April 29!**