



### **Teen Taco Takedown**

- Champs: Childs Park Recreation Center**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Thomas “Jet” Jackson Recreation Center**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Willis S. Johns Recreation Center**



## **TASCO Middle School Programs**

## **November 2018 Events/News/Reminders**

### **Important November Dates**

- November 4 Daylight Savings Ends – Fall Back
- November 6 Election Day
- November 18-21 TASCO Camping Trip, Camp Joy (Apopka)
- November 19-21 Fall Camp
- November 22-23 Centers Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

### **Mayor’s Youth Congress**

The Mayor’s Youth Congress met at City Hall for their annual orientation and tour with 39 teens in attendance. The purpose of the Mayor’s Youth Congress is to provide young people access to city government and to give them a voice in decision making that affects their lives. Participants will attain leadership roles within their communities and will be asked to provide advice and input to the Mayor on issues aimed at improving the community for all youth. Participants will be educated about municipal operations and responsibilities.

Participants must be actively involved in the City’s Teen Council programs including participation in community service projects and leadership development activities. The Youth Congress is comprised of participants who are designated executive officers from each of the City’s 11 TASCO Teen Councils.

### **Fall Camp**

Fall Camp starts Monday, November 19, and ends on Wednesday, November 21. Parents, please remember to pack your teen a nonrefrigerated lunch. A snack will be provided. Camp days are filled with recreation and activities. Be sure to check the calendar to see all the fun planned during the break. All centers will be closed Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Camp Joy, Apopka**

A limited number of teens will be selected to participate in a TASCO camping trip to Camp Joy in Apopka scheduled for November 18-21. Cost for the trip is \$50 which includes meals and activities.

### **Teen Taco Takedown**

The Teen Taco Takedown was awesome! Our 11 recreation centers partnered with St. Petersburg Fire Rescue and Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital for the Fire Prevention Block Party hosted by Lake Vista Recreation Center. The teens arrived ready to battle it out for best tacos. All the centers created a variety of healthy and delicious tacos ranging from sweet to spicy. It was a great contest that ended with Willis S. Johns teens placing 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas “Jet” Jackson teens placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and bringing the championship home were the Childs Park teens!

### **Attendance Requirements**

Participants enrolled in our free After School Program can ONLY miss five days per calendar month. Participants absent for more than five consecutive days, without contact from the parent/guardian, will be removed from the scholarship program. If your teen must miss camp for a prolonged amount of time, please call the center and communicate with the teen supervisor. We reserve the right to remove a participant due to behavioral issues. If you have any questions about the grant attendance requirements, please call the center.

### **Free Tutoring/Academic Success**

Teens participating in our After School Programs benefit from our on-site tutors. Tutors provide students assistance with homework assignments and research projects. Our certified Pinellas County instructors promote and support healthy homework habits that will enhance your child’s academic success. Invest in your teen’s future by keeping them involved in a safe, structured after school program.

