

2013 Mayor's Youth Congress

Purpose:

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 city government operations and responsibilities.

Participants:

Participants must be actively involved in the City's Teen Council programs including participation in community service projects and leadership development activities. Youth Congress participants will generally be two designated executive officers from each of the City's 11 TASCO Teen Councils.

Youth Congress Activities:

- Meet with the Mayor periodically during the year.
- Help organize and participate in Scrubbin Da Burg, Teen Barbecue Cook-Off and Howl-O-Fest teen events.
- Promote civic involvement with other youth.
- Act as a liaison between city government and local youth at schools, churches, and teen councils.
- Advocate for projects that benefit all youth in the community.
- Attend at least one Mayor's Night Out program and interview each department to learn about various city operations and responsibilities.
- Produce a television show for and about youth.
- Participate in the City's annual volunteer recognition and awards program.

Schedule of Meetings with the Mayor:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
September 8	Crescent Lake Park	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	10 th Annual BBQ Cook-off / Yard Sale Event
October 9	Coliseum	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Volunteer Recognition & Awards Program
October 19&20	Boyd Hill Pioneer Village	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Howl-O-Fest 2012
October 24	City Hall	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Introduction/Discussion w/Mayor
November	TASCO Tech Center		Television Show Production/Website
January 18	Facility Tours	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Facility Tours and Lunch
February	TASCO Tech Center		Television Show Production/Website
March 14	Shore Acres	6:00 p.m.	Mayor's Night Out
April 17	Childs Park	4:30-7:00 p.m.	Workshop w/ Mayor
May	TASCO Tech Center		Television Show Production/Website
June 4	TBA	4:30-7:30 p.m.	Congress Appreciation Dinner
July	Scrubbin' Da 'Burg	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	CityWide Community Service
August	TASCO Tech Center		Television Show Production/Website
August	TBA	8:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Florida League of Cities Conference

*Indicates Television Show Production Deadline(no date necessary).