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Burleson Teen Court has an app for that!

According to Deputy Court Clerk/Teen Court Coordinator Antwanette Chandler, the Burleson Teen Court mobile app will provide teens with easy access to information about upcoming events, dates for Teen Court, awareness nights, the quarterly newsletter, and an opportunity for community service with Burleson Teen Court. The app will also contain built-in forms such as community service time sheets, locations for community service and a Teen Court volunteer application.

All you have to do is search "Team App" in the App Store on your mobile device, download it, then search for Burleson Teen Court. You will be asked to sign up.

"Once I receive notification of a teen joining the Burleson Teen Court App, that teen will receive one hour of community service," Chandler said.

Teens between the ages of 10 and 18, with the approval of their parents or guardian, can request Teen Court if they have not participated in a Teen Court program during the past 24 months. If the teen is 18, he/she must still be enrolled in school.

Teen Court is an alternative trial and/or sentencing option in the criminal justice system for juvenile and minor Class C Misdemeanor offenses. Offenders' cases are presented to a jury of their peers made up of teen volunteers and/or previous offenders. Jury members listen to the teen's side of the story, ask pertinent questions, and then deliberate on the case. The jury assigns a community service sentence and jury service sentence according to the standardized sentencing discipline grid.

Upon paying a \$20 administration fee and successful completion of the program (all sentencing requirements must be complete within 120 days of the teen's appearance in Teen Court), offenders' cases are dismissed and do not appear on their record.

Teen Court alleviates the strain on the regular court system, while giving youth offenders a second chance. The program also provides area youth a chance to participate in the judicial process.

If you have questions about the Burleson Teen Court App, please call Antwanette Chandler at 817-426-9227.