

ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION
Monday, March 5, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.
St. Charles Police Department Conference Room
211 N. Riverside Avenue

Minutes have been sent to the following:

*J. Arteberry Zavitz – Youth Commissioner	B. Abraham, STC EHS
*M. Tilton – Youth Commissioner	R. Ochromowicz, STC Park District
*S. Schwerdtfeger – Youth Commissioner	D. Schlomann, Superintendent CUSD 303
*M. Weick – Youth Commissioner	M. Dockum, Wredling M.S.
*D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner	P. Yensen, United Way
*N. McFarland – Youth Commissioner	J. Otepka, TriCity
*K. Brens – Youth Commissioner	G. Swanson, Township
*K. Kauke – Youth Commissioner	*J. Greenwald, STC Park District
C. Hime – Youth Commissioner	C. Kyle, STC EHS
R. Miller, Haines M.S.	J. Baird, CUSD 303
K. Zupec, STC NHS	S. Morrill, Thompson M.S.
J. Lamkin, Police Chief	H. Cabel, Park District
B. Townsend, City Administrator	E. Baxter, STC Library
B. Tynan, STC PD	D. DeWitte, Mayor
M. Karson, STC EHS	STC Aldermen
D. Beasley, STC Underground	*M. DeLaRosa, TriCity
S. Warren, STC Underground	*J. Knewitz, CUSD 303

*Attended meeting.

Meeting called to order @ 6:00 p.m.

Secretary Report – Approval of the minutes – Motion carried to accept February 6, 2012 Minutes.

Treasurer’s Report – Report attached. A \$2,500.00 recent addition from Liquor fines and \$500.00 subtracted from treasury for lost check. Motion to approve report carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – “Thank You” note from Marquee Youth Stage

PRESENTATIONS – None.

LIAISON REPORTS –
D303 – Dr. John Knewitz

- Discussed student suicide information/referrals. No recent suicides thanks to both self and peer reporting. While students are in distress, they are seeking help.

Park District – Jeff Greenwald

- Strong attendance at STC Underground for February 2012.
- Also mentioned that Delnor Woods (Park District Park) will expand 19 acres. Report attached.

Police Department

- Ofc. Bill Tynan absent. Report attached – quiet month.

Library Programs – Marianne Wieck

- ACT/SAT Strategies Workshops. It is also teen “Tech Week!”

Tri-City Family Services – Michelle DeLaRosa

- Upcoming Wilderness Challenge Program for youth – designed for at risk youth. Applications being accepted for this popular program – 8th and 9th grades.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Changes for 2012 Challenge Grants. Chief Lamkin would like us to modify selection process as well as selection of Youth funding. “Homework” for Youth Commissioners to think about. See attached “Youth Commission Grant – 2012.”
- B. “Finding Kind” documentary on female bullying. Youth Commissioner Kristen Kauke mentioned that Dr. Michelle Bidwell viewed this and had the idea of bringing the movie here. She is checking with school/venues for a potential showing in St. Charles with an associated panel discussion. The film costs \$500.00. The Youth Commission was given a request for funding. Motion to approve funding carried. See attached message.
- C. St. Charles North Post Prom: request for additional funding. Motion to increase funding to \$1,750.00 carried.
- D. Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee funding request. Request to fund quarterly group outings. Request for \$855.00 for gift cards for rewards for the juveniles in the county. Motion carried to award the Juvenile Drug Court \$855.00.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Wredling Middle School funding request: \$500.00 to cover cost for transportation to disperse middle school volunteers to not-for-profits in the community. Consensus was to invite them to April 2012 meeting or submit a detailed request regarding which not-for-profits. Motion to table approved until April meeting.
- B. St. Charles Park District funding request: \$3,600.00 for program supplies. Motion to approve funding request carried. See attached. Discussion regarding funding “events” versus “supplies” – Jeff Greenwald will bring back specifics at next month’s meeting.

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- C. Library request (see attached): Motion to approve \$800.00 request for t-shirts carried.
Marianne Weick abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. – motion carried.

Next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Department Conference Room located at 211 N. Riverside Avenuc.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Kelly, Youth Commissioner

STC Underground 2011

Ind. vs. Check Ins	January 110/474	February 91/315	March 112/573	April 114/570	May 99/549	June 114/529	July 125/579	August 118/543	September 124/519	October 128/565	November 122/519	December 103/555
2010	89/460	104/454	117/616	127/549	102/534	115/577	112/571	116/544	103/474	97/498	92/474	98/499
2009	92/426	80/431	88/428	99/517	82/477	96/522	86/585	77/603	86/509	91/521	82/423	82/346
2008	105/402	93/397	112/531	122/473	100/471	112/540	86/577	115/667	100/637	106/608	106/469	70/366
2007	145/688	88/429	124/641	126/563	117/621	121/460	85/462	90/550	128/503	142/552	98/400	63/285
2006	83/351	109/481	99/400	106/378	83/373	99/312	60/216	61/151	95/321	106/458	109/416	149/448
2005	116/379	147/410	146/482	101/387	159/720	173/637	145/647	188/714	162/623	139/441	146/495	87/336

Hourly Visits

1:00 p.m.	48	28	55	62	39	140	147	123	34	49	35	67
2:00 p.m.	25	9	37	49	31	84	132	43	38	35	59	74
3:00 p.m.	142	79	200	155	175	89	89	134	158	153	132	135
4:00 p.m.	82	74	131	112	139	75	86	83	115	134	111	103
5:00 p.m.	104	56	68	97	106	58	57	94	108	106	106	101
6:00 p.m.	47	36	51	53	28	30	22	39	38	51	56	49
7:00 p.m.	20	25	23	36	18	35	35	13	18	23	13	9
8:00 p.m.	6	3	3	6	12	16	9	12	7	7	6	16
9:00 p.m.	0	5	5	0	1	2	2	2	3	7	1	1
	474	315*	573	570	549	529	579	543	519	565	519	555

Male vs. Female

Member #	330/201	335/201	340/202	344/202	347/204	355/208	362/211	371/212	374/213	376/220	377/227	377/220
	531	536	542	546	551	563	573	583	587	596	604	597

*closed 2 days

STCU Operational Days

Average # of Teens Per Day	20	23.7	17.5	23	22	21	22	22	23.59	26.9	21	22
	23.7	23.7	17.5	23.6	25.9	24	26.3	24.7	23.59	26.9	24.7	25.2

History (# of visits)

2011 Total	275/6,290
2010 Total	256/6,250
2009 Total	257/5,788
2008 Total	346/6,122
2007 Total	585/6,154
2006 Total	4,305
2005 Total	6,271
2004 Total	5,259
2003 Total	5,504
2002 Total	5,820
2001 Total	6,184

SC Juvenile Arrest listing

Statute Code	Description	Arrest Date And Time	subject ID Number	Arrestee Address City	Arrestee Jacket Type
720 ILCS 5.0/16-25-A-1	THEFT: Retail	02/23/2012 12:00:00		WEST CHICAGO	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/12-201-B	TRAFFIC: Other Violations	02/26/2012 22:41:00	IL0451400:9645:J	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/12-201-B	TRAFFIC: Other Violations	02/26/2012 22:41:00	IL13368051	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/12-201-B	TRAFFIC: Other Violations	02/26/2012 22:41:00	102175DD7	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
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9-40-010	THEFT: Retail	03/01/2012 19:06:00		GENEVA	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/16-25-A-1	THEFT: Retail	03/02/2012 16:11:00		GENEVA	Juvenile Jacket

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Tricity Family Services is committed to assuming a leadership role in providing community based, family centered, behavioral health services.

Our programs and services are offered through five main channels of concentration:

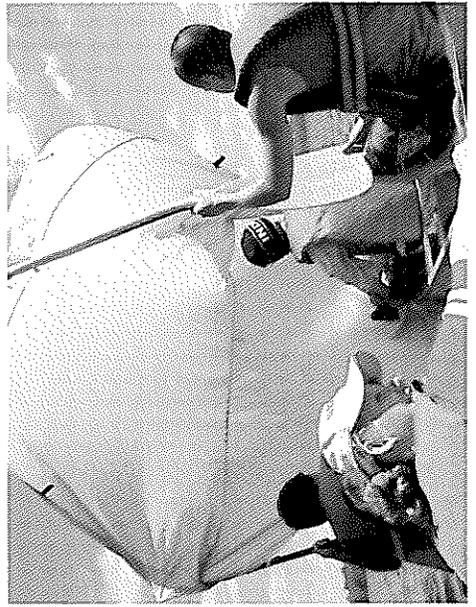
- Youth Crisis Intervention and Stabilization
- Early Intervention
- Prevention and Wellness
- Counseling
- Occupational Services



Greg Watson
Tricity Family Services
1120 Randall Court
Geneva, IL 60134

wilderness challenge program

strengthening youth
through the challenges
of nature

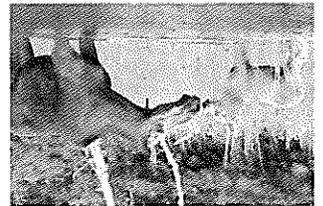


Strengthening people - building community

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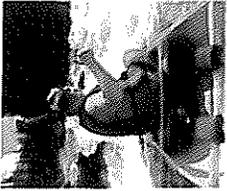
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wilderness challenge program



The Wilderness Challenge Program was designed over 20 years ago for graduating 8th graders and 9th graders who wish to develop valuable life skills that can aid in preparing them for adjustment to high school and their young adult life.

Our canoeing and camping program takes place over eight days, (Friday, June 15th - Friday, June 22nd) in the White Otter Turtle River Wilderness of Ontario, Canada. With the guidance of trained staff and through a multitude of natural challenges, the focus of the trip is to enable teens to develop peer relationships, team building, and problem solving skills.

No prior camping or wilderness experience is required. Program initiatives are designed to match your teens physical and emotional readiness.

To see a 7 minute video presentation, visit our website at tricityfamilyservices.org and scroll down to "Watch the Wilderness Challenge Video".

strength

— *who can apply for the Program?*

We are seeking teens, first and foremost, who feel ready to challenge themselves physically, mentally and spiritually via the challenges of nature. The program has proven effectiveness for teens that have struggled in some fashion, either academically, socially and behaviorally or who have been through a family crisis such as divorce or loss of some kind.

- Must be graduating 8th or 9th grader
- Must live within the service area of the agency (St. Charles, Batavia, Geneva and west to County Line Rd.)
- Must be able to swim or keep afloat in water
- Must be willing to engage in team building and group interaction
- Must attend a second interview consisting of team activities and a swim test on Sunday, May 20th.

Save these MANDATORY dates

Thursday, May 10th 6:30—9:00 pm
Video Presentation and Group Interview for teen and parents
Geneva Methodist Church
Hamilton and 2nd in Geneva
(1 block north of Route 38)

Sunday, May 20th 1:00—4:40 pm
Teams course and swim test
Meet at TriCity Family Services
1120 Randall Court in Geneva

Wilderness Challenge Program Application

Teen Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #'s: Home: _____

Cell: _____ Whose: _____

Work: _____ Whose: _____

Email: _____

Print clearly and use proper case

School: _____

My Teen Can Swim: Yes No

Application Deadline May 9th

To submit your application:

- Cut at perforation, place stamp on reverse side and drop in the mail!
- Drop off at our office
- Fax to 630.232.1471

growth

Youth Commission Grant – 2012

Change the title to possibly using theme title followed by “Youth Project Funding Grant”...or other suggestion other than “Challenge Grant”.

Set a budget for Grant funds, i.e., \$5,000 maximum.

Change from voting in meeting to points system of judging, i.e., each page of grant answered gets vote from one to five or one to ten. All scores would then be compiled by Chief's office and then funds would be awarded based on average score. Dollar value must be set by Youth Commission.

Grants must meet minimum number of points set to obtain any funding.

All grants must be submitted on our form. Grants submitted without our form would be returned. Change in wording on form would be made to clarify.

Grant form would be available on line in word document to ease in completion.

Begin forwarded message:

I am a psychologist at Centennial Counseling Center and recently a colleague, Beverlee Ludema, and myself saw a really great documentary on female bullying. It is called *Finding Kind*. I know that so many of the clients we are seeing are dealing with this on a regular basis, and I imagine a lot of people going through it never even make it into a professional's office.

This is a brief blurb on the website about the movie.

In Finding Kind, filmmakers Lauren Parsekian and Molly Thompson, who met while in school at Pepperdine University, set out in a cross country journey of discovery and education.

Interviewing women and girls along the way about their lives and experiences, Parsekian and Thompson find, among all of the unique personal stories, some universal truths about growing up as girls.

Finding Kind is a document of that journey, and of the filmmakers' quest to take these experiences and find a common ground of kindness and mutual respect.

In addition to all of the individual girls and women who share their personal experiences about girl on girl bullying with the filmmakers, Parsekian and Thompson include interviews with respected experts and authors in the fields of psychology, education, and the interrelationships of women and girls.

The website and a trailer can be found at

<http://findingkind.indieflix.com/home/>

At Centennial, we were talking about how amazing it would be to collaborate with the districts in our area to host a screening or screenings of this movie. We were wondering if this is something you would be interested. If you would be able to host the screening, we would be thrilled to have a panel of our therapists help facilitate the screening and audience questions as well as hold a panel discussion afterward. Is this something you would be interested. The screening fee is \$500 and my understanding is that you would have the documentary in your possession then for further use as well.

I'm so excited to hear back about this and hope we will be able to collaborate!

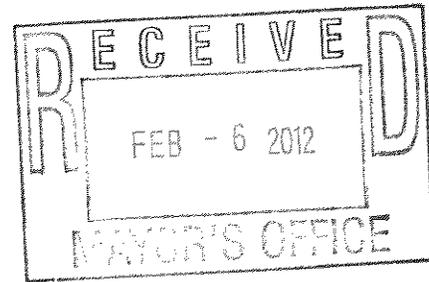
Best,
Michelle Bidwell, Psy.D.
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Centennial Counseling Center
St. Charles, IL

CONFIDENTIALITY:

This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. This message contains confidential information and is



February 1st, 2012



Parent Teacher Organization
Post Prom Committee
255 Red Gate Rd.
St. Charles, IL. 60175

Dear St. Charles Youth Commission Members,

St. Charles North High School is hosting their tenth annual Prom on May 5, 2012. As part of that evening the St. Charles North Parent Teacher Organization will be hosting a Post Prom event at the high school. The primary purpose of this event is to provide a safe, yet fun activity for the students.

All SCN juniors and seniors with or without dates, whether or not they attended Prom, are invited to come. Last year over 625 students made the choice to attend this safe event.

Over the years Post Prom has become an event in which the community has so graciously participated. We have raised a small portion of our budget through fundraising; however we cannot meet our budget without the support of local business and civic organizations like the Youth Commission. I would like to take this opportunity to ask the St. Charles Youth Commission for your continued support.

In 2011 The Youth Commission most generously donated \$1,500 to this event. For 2012 I would like to ask that you consider increasing that amount. The attendance each year has been increasing and our budget is spread across a much larger group. Currently we are working with a deficit and are trying to find the money to guarantee a successful event.

We appreciate your support and would like to thank you, in advance, for contributing to the safety of our youth. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at 630-819-6615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Mullally".

Tom Mullally
2012 SCN Post Prom Chairperson



**16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KANE COUNTY JUVENILE DRUG COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

37W655 Route 38, St. Charles, IL 60175
Phone: (630) 406-7169 Fax: (630) 208-5115

February 6, 2012

St. Charles Youth Commission
Two East Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Youth Commission Members:

The Kane County Juvenile Drug Court has been in existence since 2004, after Kane County officials saw the national success of drug courts as a way to motivate teens to change their lives. Nationally, only 27% of drug court graduates were back in trouble two years after completing the program, compared to 59% of people imprisoned for drug offenses, according to a National Drug Control Study. The Juvenile Drug Court has had a lifelong effect on juveniles who live in St. Charles and the Fox River Valley.

At a recent Juvenile Drug Court graduation, a fifteen year old female from St. Charles related, "I hardly resemble the person I was a year and a half ago. I wouldn't want to know what I would be like without this experience."

Since the JDC began in 2004, approximately 9% have come just from St. Charles, and approximately 25 – 30% of the children involved in JDC are from the Tri-City area. The vast majority in the Program are from the Fox River Valley. The JDC has a lasting effect and benefits all youth within the service area; drug use by children isn't just limited to the Tri-Cities. Substance abuse by children north and south of the Tri-Cities still has a direct impact in our area.

The mission of the Kane County Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee is to assist the Drug Court by; educating the community of Kane County, increasing

community awareness, and providing support to members of the Court in order to eliminate the misuse of substances.

On behalf of the Kane County Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee, I would like to request funds from the St. Charles Youth Commission in the amount of \$855. The funds would be used for: group outings, JDC graduations, and incentive gift cards. Behavior modification is at the heart of Juvenile Drug Court. The judge administers incentives and sanctions in an immediate and consistent manner. Creating a link between behavior and consequences is key in the development of positive behavior changes. To date, incentive gift cards have been purchased at; Target, Barnes & Noble, Meijer, and WalMart.

A breakdown of the funds requested is attached. Thank you in advance for your consideration. We greatly appreciated the support of the Youth Commission in the past, and look forward to forming a partnership in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul McCurtain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul McCurtain

Chairperson

Kane County Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee

Breakdown of Funds Requested – 2012

- **Quarterly group outings (2) with an average of 10 juveniles for each outing for a total cost of \$280.** Past group outings have included; trip to the zoo, playing softball games and attending a Kane County Cougar game. The group outing allow for team building and for the children to get to know and connect with the JDC Team members.
- **Incentive gift cards (15) with an estimated cost of \$375.** To date, Incentive gift cards have been purchased at Target, Barnes & Noble, Burger King, Meijer, and WalMart.
- **JDC Graduations (2) with an estimated cost of \$200.** Graduation has a very positive influence on the other members of the JDC. When juveniles complete the Program, the graduate's families are invited to the ceremony along with the other participants in the Program. The Advisory Committee assists with the cost of graduation by paying for refreshments.

Total funds being requested = \$855.00

WREDLING MIDDLE SCHOOL ...committed to learning for all!

1200 Dunham Road λ St. Charles, Illinois 60174 λ 630-443-3360 λ Fax 630-443-2770



COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT 303

Melissa Dockum
Principal

Linda L. Fehrenbacher
Assistant Principal
Michael L. Williams
Assistant Principal

February 8, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

Good afternoon, and thank you in advance for hearing our request. Our names are Renee Boehm and Tracy Dockum. We are both literacy instructors at Wredling Middle School teaching co-taught classes together. In 2009/2010, you generously granted us \$500 to complete a service project which was an amazing success, and so we would love to be able to offer this opportunity to our students again! If you go to www.d303.org and locate the "video vault" and go to 2009-2010, you will see a video clip of our students in action. That May, our students chose to serve: Friends of the Fox, Our St. Charles Park District, Brighton Gardens, Our St. Charles Public Library, and the Illinois Food Bank. We are again requesting \$500 to cover the cost of transportation.

Our plan is again to identify and communicate with local non-profit organizations which would benefit from having middle-school volunteers. We will give a brief synopsis of each organization to the students, including the purpose and volunteer need of each. Students would then choose their top choice(s) and conduct further research on their chosen organizations. Students would gather information regarding the organization such as when/why it was founded, how it serves the community, who specifically is served, what volunteerism looks like, and contact information. After synthesizing this information, students will be grouped according to interest and will then use the contact information to schedule volunteer work to occur during the school day near the end of May. Our reasoning behind having students volunteer during the school day is that it allows every student the same opportunity, not dependent upon transportation, parents' working schedules, or weekend plans. Also, we are able to monitor communication.

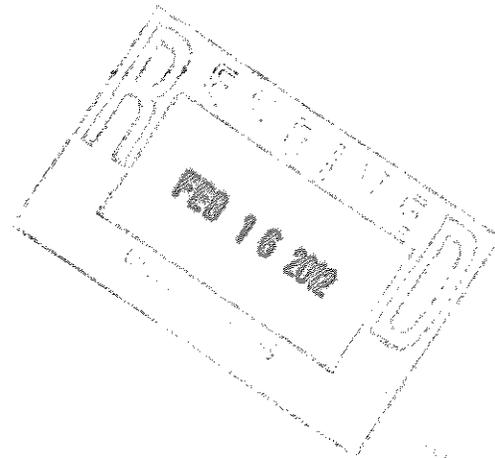
Upon completion, students will reflect upon and share their experiences through Powerpoint presentations which we hope to have played throughout the school to encourage other students to become involved. Our ultimate goal is to have students experience an authentic and relevant research and service opportunity which will lead to increased community involvement and awareness. The research, writing and presenting of information all work to meet literacy learning standards while bringing their education to life.

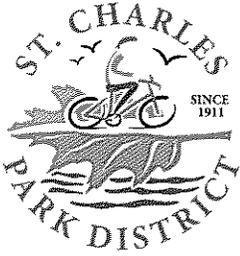
If you have any questions about our request or this project, please call either of us at 630-443-3360. You can also reach us by email at renee.boehm@d303.org or tracy.dockum@d303.org. Thank you for graciously taking the time to hear our request.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Renee Boehm

Mrs. Tracy Dockum



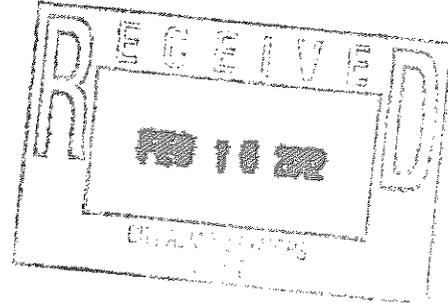


ST. CHARLES PARK DISTRICT • RECREATION DEPARTMENT

8 North Avenue • St. Charles, IL 60174 • Ph: 630-513-6200 • Fax: 630-513-9304 • stcparks.org

February 15, 2012

Nancy McFarland
St. Charles Youth Commission
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174



Dear Youth Commission,

The award-winning STC Underground has been open since 2001 and we have served more than 6,200 teen check-ins annually. I have included a brief overview of our 2012 (9-month) teen center annual budget and ask that the teen center be consider for **\$3,600** in funding for the purchase of program supplies at the STC Underground.

2012 (9-month) Budget Revenue

Donations \$2,500
Fundraising \$1,000
Special Event Admissions / Fees \$1,250
Concessions \$300

Total Revenue: \$5,050

2012 (9-month) Budgeted Expenses

Salary and Wages \$69,040
Contracted Services \$2,275
Materials and Services \$12,498

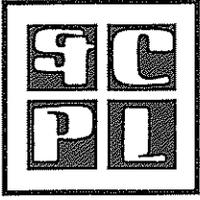
Total Expenses: \$83,813

Note: STC Underground budget does not include all building utility and administrative cost.

Once again, thank you for your consideration for financial assistance as we continue to develop and offer recreational and asset-building opportunities for St. Charles teens.

Sincerely,

Jeff J. Greenwald
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation



ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
One South Sixth Avenue • St. Charles, Illinois 60174

March 5, 2012

St. Charles Youth Commission
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Fellow Commissioners,

This summer at the St. Charles Public Library, "Reading is So Delicious!" Makes you hungry, for *books*, just thinking about it.

The t-shirts my team has designed will be the first incentive teens earn, so be on the lookout for them all over town! Can we count on the Youth Commission to contribute \$800 toward the purchase of this very popular incentive?

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. I personally appreciate all you continue to do for our kids in St. Charles.

Parent, commissioner, librarian, reader

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Weick".

Marianne Weick
Young Adult Librarian