

TEEN COURT

Marion County Teen Court is a diversion program for eligible first-time juvenile offenders and operates on the principles of restorative justice. Successful completion of Teen Court allows participants to complete sanctions without receiving a criminal record. The jury, which is comprised of teens, does not determine guilt or innocence. Instead, the jury determines a constructive sentence for a defendant who has entered a plea of guilty or no contest.

The primary goal for Teen Court is to reduce recidivism by providing a constructive, educational experience that holds youth accountable for their actions and learn from their mistakes in a supportive environment that emphasizes positive reinforcement.

A youth cannot attend Teen Court without prior approval by the State Attorney's Office and ordered by the Judge.

Teen Court meets on Tuesday afternoons from 4:50 PM until approximately 7:00 PM. Location TBA

There is a **\$25.00** Teen Court participation fee. The fee must be paid in full within 30 days of the orientation meeting with a Teen Court staff member.



Marion County Problem Solving Court

Teen Court
Marion County Judicial Center
110 NW First Avenue
Room 1-1027

Phone: (352) 401-6762 or 352-433-3990

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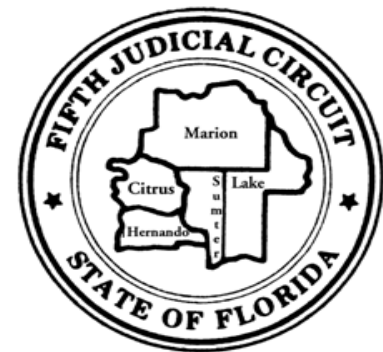
Fax: (352) 401-7896

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this program, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.

Please contact ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center; 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, Telephone (352) 401-6710, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

MARION COUNTY PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

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ANGELA DESIMONE

***TEEN COURT
COORDINATOR***

TEEN COURT PROGRAM

FELONY REFERRAL

Youth who are referred for a **Felony** charge can expect to receive the following sanctions:

- Complete between 50-80 community service hours;
- Participate in jury duties;
- Write an apology letter to the victim;
- Exit essay & speech at last jury duty

Youth charged with a **Felony** will complete all sanctions within 120 days.

MISDEMEANOR REFERRAL

Youth who are referred for a **Misdemeanor** charge can expect to receive the following sanctions:

- Complete between 25-40 community service hours;
- Participate in jury duties;
- Write an apology letter to the victim;
- Exit essay & speech at last jury duty

Youth charged with a **Misdemeanor** will complete all sanctions within 90 days.

OTHER SANCTIONS

Additional sanctions a youth may receive depending on the Teen Court Jury's decision may include:

- Enroll in Life Skills class; Know the Law class or other classes as indicated and appropriate.
- Observe a curfew;
- Complete an offense appropriate workbook. (retail theft, battery, alcohol and other drugs, traffic);
- Have "No Contact" with any co-defendant or victim;
- Make restitution to the victim if needed;
- Attend Victim Impact Panel & write 200 word essay;
- Random drug screens