

# JCYL

## Jennings County Youth Leadership

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Applications for the 2008-2009 Jennings County Youth Leadership Class are now available in the guidance offices at the High School and the Middle school, and also online at [www.jcunitedway.com](http://www.jcunitedway.com). Applications are due April 21, 2008.

Jennings County Youth Leadership provides learning opportunities, training and experiences to strengthen the leadership skills in High School students. Some of our activities include team building at Bradford Woods, a Peer Pressure workshop, Education Day at IU Bloomington, a visit to the State House to learn about state government and Collaboration Day at Franklin College. Local experiences include visits with local government, and classes at our public library ranging from self-defense with local law enforcement, to Challenge Leadership.

JCYL is made possible through a relationship with the Jennings County School system, which allows JCYL students to be taken from classes for one day each month. A new class is selected to participate each year. The class meets monthly for a variety of learning experiences focused on improving each student's own personal leadership skills.

Students in grades 9-12 during the 2008-2009 School year are eligible to apply. There is no cost to the students participating; the program is funded through donations from local organizations including the United Way and Friends of the library.

### **More JCYL Info...**

The Jennings County Youth Leadership class is a result of a combined effort from members of the 2000 alumni class of the Jennings County Adult Leadership Class. The members of this adult class felt that they would have greatly appreciated a course as this sometime in their high school career and would be beneficial to them in their college career as well as their personal life. The group utilized students for input on each session through a student committee along with community individuals to outline material for each class session.

1. Students from grades 9, 10, 11, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades may apply.
2. Students are not assessed a fee to participate in the class.
3. Interested students must submit an application and then participate in a personal interview.
4. The panel will select a minimum of sixteen students for the class.
5. Leadership class will take place off of the JCHS campus in various locations. Buses will be used for transporting students each month. Students are not permitted to drive; late arrival or early pick is permitted only by a parent.
6. Students will have a class day once a month for a total of nine meetings plus a graduation open house.
7. Students may only miss one class day to continue in the program.
8. Students will have homework assignments, projects, and they must complete a community service project.
9. There are many goals of this class including self awareness and assurance, community awareness, leadership skills, problem solving and team building skills to mention a few.
10. 2007-08 marks the 8<sup>th</sup> class to participate in the program with 29 students this year. We hope to reach many more students from year to year with JCYL as well as utilizing student alumni to help facilitate different class days.
11. Students will be surveyed after each class for future information.
12. Coordinator for this program is Cheri Massey, Jennings County United Way Programs Coordinator. The Advisory committee currently consists of Kristi Rowell, United Way, Kathy Ertel Jennings County Economic Development, Amy Webster Jennings County Youth Extension Educator, Julie Norris, Lowes Regional Distribution Center.
13. The program will utilize community leaders, state leaders and a variety of resources to facilitate informative and activity-based sessions for the youth leadership class.
14. Students will become ambassadors for the program and will make presentations to various boards, groups and other agencies.



What do you think is the biggest problem facing youth? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever attended any type of Leadership Training? If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list your extracurricular activities. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your future plans? \_\_\_\_\_

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What types of Community Service Projects have you been involved with in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

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What types of Community Service Projects would you like to be involved with? \_\_\_\_\_

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