



Local Youth Leadership Opportunities



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The City cannot recommend or endorse any of these groups and suggests you ask questions and do your own research before making any commitment. As always, if you feel unsafe or uncomfortable at any time you should immediately talk to a trusted adult and ask for help.

- ☒ **AMISTAD** (Alianza Multicultural de Inmigrantes Sirviendo a Todos con Ayuda para los Derechos) es una organización de base comunitaria con el compromiso del cambio estructural, social y político para el beneficio de los inmigrantes; así también dedicados al desarrollo de líderes en la comunidad inmigrante; y comprometidos en llevar la voz de los inmigrantes al diálogo con la comunidad y así obtener el derecho que se merecen. Por el Cambio Social y la Lucha de los Derechos de los Inmigrantes. Para ser voluntario vaya a voluntarios@elcentroamistad.org.

AMISTAD (Alianza Multicultural de Inmigrantes Sirviendo a Todos con Ayuda para los Derechos) is a grassroots organization committed to structural, social and political change for the benefit of immigrants; dedicated to the development of leaders within the immigrant community; and committed to bringing the voice of immigrants into the public discourse. For a Social Change and the Struggle for Immigrant Rights. To volunteer go to voluntaries@elcentroamistad.org.

- ☒ **BMoCA's Youth Art Advisory Internship / The Studio Project** - Join other students with a love of art-making, museums, and contemporary ideas in this year-long internship. Gain valuable leadership skills as you design events and collaborate with other teen organizations throughout Boulder. You will create The Studio Project's ART LOUNGE, free museum events aimed at engaging youth with contemporary art and raising awareness about issues facing teens today. Meetings are held every Wednesday from 4-5:30pm at Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA). Contact Shannon Crothers at shannon@bmoca.org or 303-443-2122 for more information.
- ☒ **Boulder Public Library Youth Advisory Board** – Boulder Public Library is accepting applications for the Teen Advisory Board. Tasks include developing programs for teens, helping to purchase books, and feedback on the Teen Website and the Teen Space. The Board meets once a month during the school year. Contact Melanie Borski-Howard, howardm@boulderlibrary.org or check out the website for updates: www.boulderteens.org.
- ☒ **Boulder Youth Body Alliance (BYBA)** – BYBA is a youth-driven, teen peer education program that empowers teens to create social change around the ideas, beliefs and messages that lead to eating disorders and body dissatisfaction. Teen leaders offer classroom presentations, teacher and school staff trainings, parent workshops, school-based discussion groups, and community activism. By changing the world, rather than our bodies, we expand the definition of beautiful to include all of us! Contact Carmen Cool, carmen@boulderyouthbodyalliance.org, 303-440-5775.

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- ⊗ **BreakThrough Arts Teen Advisory Board** – Youth ages 14-18 work to design and support the BreakThrough Arts Program of free after-school arts classes. Members of the board help to select the classes offered, plan the end of semester celebrations and may even be able to teach a class. Contact Ellen Breux, BTA Coordinator, Ellen.Breux@ymcabv.org or 303-443-4474 x4650.

- ⊗ **Colie's Closet** – a youth-led program addressing suicide prevention, awareness and education. www.coliescloset.org. Contact coliescloset@comcast.net for more info.

- ⊗ **Colorado Film Society (CFS)** – CFS, the non-profit that produces The Boulder International Film Festival, is recruiting students (13-18) for their Youth Advisory Council (YAC) unpaid internship. Interns learn about film criticism, film festivals, and film production. Go to www.biff1.com/yac.html for an application. Contact Ruth Wight, ruth@biff1.com or 303 449-2283.

- ⊗ **The Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (CTRC)** – CTRC recruits Teen Leader (TL) Volunteers each summer. The TL Program is designed for mature teens age 15-18. Volunteers play an active role with CTRC participants and horses while developing skills in: leadership, mentoring, horsemanship, and personal development. TLs work with staff in our All Abilities Camp. They act as role models and mentors for campers and other volunteers. TLs help provide a safe, fun and supportive environment for campers with and without special needs to learn about horses, each other and themselves. Contact www.ctrinc.org, volunteer@ctrinc.org or 303-652-9131.

- ⊗ **The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County: 15 Forever** – The Community Foundation seeks a select group of outstanding Boulder County teenagers who want to make a positive difference in their community. The 15 Forever program focuses on youth civic engagement, leadership, and grantmaking. The selected Youth Leaders will read grant proposals and direct \$15,000 to nonprofit programs focused on the youth of Boulder County. The commitment is one year with 5 regular meetings per semester, a full-day retreat in September and occasional sub-committee meetings after school and/or on weekends. Contact Elvira Ramos, elvira@commfound.org, or 303-442-0436.

- ⊗ **Community Mediation Program** – This City of Boulder program provides services to facilitate communications between teens and family members, as well as work with teen offenders who have been referred to a restorative justice process. Community Mediation Services recruits, trains, and works with teen facilitators for these cases. Contact Clay Fong, 303-441-4344, fongc@bouldercolorado.gov.

- ⊗ **Growing Up Boulder** – This is a child- and youth-friendly city initiative which seeks to make sure that children's rights are reflected in local policies, laws, programs and budgets. This Initiative, which is a partnership among the University of Colorado, the City of Boulder, the Boulder Valley School District, and other local non-profit organizations, supports high school (and younger) students as they make change in the City of Boulder. Visit www.growingupboulder.org or contact growingupboulder@gmail.com or 303-735-5199.

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- ⊗ **The Loft Programming Board** plans events, and books bands & djs for the Loft Café and Dance Club for Boulder County High School teens, located in the 29th St. Mall. Contact Mark Megibow, mark@theloftboulder.com, 720 -771-6275.
- ⊗ **Out Boulder's Peer Working Group** – Through this group you can help create and implement arts programming for other lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or allied youth. Visit www.outboulder.org or contact bmann@outboulder.org.
- ⊗ **Peers Building Justice Program (PBJ)** – Through PBJ you can work to end teen dating violence and sexual assault by exploring healthy relationships, social justice, and community organizing with other BVSD high school students. Check out the Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/PJBoulder>. This is collaboration between Moving to End Sexual Assault and the Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence. Contact John, john@safehousealliance.org or Ashley, ashley@movingtoendsexualassault.org.
- ⊗ **Sexual Health and AIDS Awareness Peer Education (SHAPE)** – Through SHAPE you not only become a sexual health expert, but have the opportunity to teach your peers through school presentations, outreach events, and one-on-one conversations. SHAPE provides opportunity to develop leadership skills that you will use for the rest of your life! Training is provided. Go to www.teenclinic.org and click on the "get involved" button.
- ⊗ **The Student Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC)** – SAAC is a group of high school students that works directly with the Board of Education on student issues such as drug & alcohol abuse, health & fitness, anti-discrimination, and school security. bvsd.org/students/saac.
- ⊗ **Teens Inspiring Community Arts (TICA)** – TICA is a youth led collaborative arts organization aimed at empowering youth to envision and produce arts related events. Events include but are not limited to free workshops, performances and festivals. Please contact Nicole Predki (nicole@frequentflyers.org) for more information.
- ⊗ **Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV)** – WRV provides opportunities for people to come together, learn about their environment, and take direct action to care for the land. Middle and high school students can serve on the Youth Steering Committee, which meets monthly at the WRV office. Committee members help market and develop youth programs and recruit new youth participants. Youth ages 14-18 can also apply for the High School Crew Leader Training program, which provides hands-on instruction in outdoor leadership and ecological restoration. Contact Meghan Mosher at 303-543-1411 or meghan@wlrw.org.
- ⊗ **Youth Empowering Peers (YEP)** – YEP is a multi-cultural youth peer education program that the YMCA runs in partnership with the Boulder County Healthy Youth Alliance. It is open to all high school students through an application process. Members are selected in the fall of the school year and begin their training with an intensive 3 day retreat. They then work to build their knowledge and skills as peer educators to work with middle and high school youth around issues of acceptance and inclusion. Contact Stephanie Kujawski, stephanie.kujawski@ymcabv.org, x4605.

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☒ **Youth Global Leadership (YGL)** – YGL is a youth-designed and driven program of the Philanthropiece Foundation in Boulder County. The focus of YGL is on local and international service, entrepreneurship, and leadership through action. In YGL, participants identify the individual passions that inspire them to become change-agents in the world. Students build their skills through opportunities to meet people in the non-profit sector, attend workshops, do service work and participate in events and activities. YGL strives to emphasize sustainability, education, and, cultural exchange. Contact Katie Doyle, katie@philanthropiece.org, 303-919-4486.