



PEER COURT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

What is Peer Court?

- Peer Court was created to prevent recurrence of criminal activity by first-time juvenile offenders who have committed non-violent misdemeanors. We use an innovative process in which a judge presides, attorneys act as advisors and students serve as jurors to assess the case and assign sanctions to young offenders. An interactive curriculum, designed to educate students about the juvenile justice system and help them make responsible decisions, is an integral part of the process. Operating under the authority of the County of Orange, CRF-OC's Peer Court partners include Orange County Probation, Superior Court, Department of Education, District Attorney, high schools and law firms.

Who Can Volunteer for Peer Court?

- Any Judicial Officer is able to participate in Peer Court as a volunteer Judge, no special training, prior experience or assignment in Juvenile Court is needed. Peer Court also uses local Orange County Attorneys to assist the Student Jurors through the deliberation process.

What is Required of a Volunteer?

- Only your time and expertise. Peer Court sessions are typically held at local High Schools from 3:00pm-5:00pm. CRF-OC will provide you with all the necessary materials, reminders, directions and an easy script to follow. All you have to do is show up with your nameplate and robe. Currently Peer Court has high schools in all areas of the county looking for volunteer judges and attorneys to participate; we do our best to place you at a school that is conveniently located for you.

Why Should I Volunteer?

- 240 minors appear before Peer Court juries each year as an alternative to entering the juvenile justice system and over 5,000 students participate as jurors, bailiffs, translators and spectators. Peer Court is a great opportunity for these students to interact with judges, attorneys and probation officers in a positive, unique way. Peer Court is also a proven success, of the juveniles who appear before Peer Court 75% complete their sanctions and 96% do not re-offend within one year.

How Do I Volunteer?

- Simply contact Wendy Townsend at CRF-OC to discuss when you can volunteer or fax/mail in the attached volunteer form.

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Orange County Peer Court

Judge & Attorney Volunteer Opportunity

Judges preside over Peer Court and attorneys assist teen jurors in recommending appropriate sanctions for juveniles who have committed a non-violent misdemeanor.

For more information, please contact Wendy Townsend at 714.259.1521, x102 or wtownsend@crfoc.org.

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