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Teen Court Academy at Municipal Court

New Braunfels, TX – New Braunfels Municipal Court is offering its second Teen Court Academy beginning April 19th. The academy will consist of nine sessions that will be held Wednesday evenings at Court. Teenagers will receive education in topics such as ethics, the court system, trial processes, case preparation, rules of evidence, direct and cross examination, criminal offenses and punishment, opening and closing statements, roles of attorneys, public speaking, objections and perjury, resume writing, interviewing and leadership skills.

The curriculum has been developed by attorneys, judges and other community members from New Braunfels, who will also educate teenagers in the judicial system while training them to be defense and prosecuting attorneys in Teen Court.

A juvenile referred to Teen Court normally has his/her case argued by a teen prosecutor and teen defense attorney. A jury of the defendant's peers, other teens, deliberate and decide on a binding punishment for the defendant. If the defendant successfully completes the sentence in a specified amount of time the defendant's case is dismissed.

Students currently in eighth through eleventh grade are invited to submit applications to New Braunfels Municipal Court. Applications are found on <http://www.nbtexas.org/teencourt> and should be submitted by March 30, 2017. Questions should be directed to the Juvenile Case Manager at (830) 221-4185 or nherrera@nbtexas.org.

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