***Junior Youth of the Year Judging Information***

**Schedule of Events for Judges**

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| Date | Event | Location | Time | Description |
|  | Interviews and Speech |  | 4:30pm-6:30pm | Each candidate will deliver his or her speech in front of a panel of judges.  Each candidate will participate in a 5 minute interview about his or her experiences with the BGC, moral character, life goals, and values.  **Estimated Judging Time Commitment: 2 hours** |
|  | Awards Ceremony |  | 4:45pm | Each candidate will deliver their memorized speech about the Club, their desire to be YOY, and more. Awards will be given and a winner will be announced. Judges are invited to attend, but not required.  **Estimated Time Judging Commitment: 1 hour** |

**Schedule of Events for Candidates**

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| Date | Event | Location | Time | Description |
|  | Workshop, Speech Writing, and Essays |  |  | Candidates will work on their essays, practice their speeches (topic: “Why am I competing for Junior Youth of the Year?”), learn about civic engagement, and get help from staff members. |
|  | Photo Shoot, Essay Due, Interview Practice, Speech Practice |  |  | Each candidate will get their photos taken and will complete and turn in their one page, typed essay answering the question: “What does the Boys & Girls Club mean to me?” Each candidate will go through interview practice and practice delivering their speeches. |
|  | Interviews and Speech |  |  | Each candidate will deliver his or her speech in front of a panel of judges.  Each candidate will participate in a 5 minute interview about his or her experiences with the BGC, moral character, life goals, and values. |
|  | Awards Ceremony |  |  | Each candidate will deliver their memorized speech about the Club, their desire to be YOY, and more. Awards will be given and a winner will be announced. |

**Important Judging Points**

* Judges are asked to remain as unbiased as possible.
* Judges must evaluate candidates as fairly and equally as possible.
* Judges should direct any questions to Ms. Brandy.
* Judges must be present at the following times:
  + ***INSERT DATE AND TIME***
  + ***INSERT DATE AND TIME*** if you would like to attend the awards ceremony
* Judges should ask questions during the interview that help them better understand how the candidate will serve as Junior Youth of the Year.
* Judges will receive information, ballots, and scoring sheets indicating expectations for judging.
* The Junior Youth of the Year program chose judges based on merit, experience, ability, and influence.
* Below is a snapshot of the Junior Youth of the Year program.
  + What: Youth of the Year is the Boys & Girls Club premier recognition program for Club members, promoting service to the Club, community and family, academic success, strong moral character, life goals, and poise and public speaking ability.
  + Who: Current Pre-Teen members of the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield
  + When:
  + Where: The Boys & Girls Club of Springfield
  + Why: To better prepare our youth for Youth of the Year and to expose potential candidates to the expectations and work required of the Youth of the Year program.
  + Each Candidate:
    - Is expected to be present each day that we are conducting interviews, writing essays, and giving speeches.
    - Is expected to act in a manner that best represents the Boys & Girls Club Mission and Values.
    - Is expected to dress professionally.
    - Must complete each stage in the Junior Youth of the Year process to be eligible for the title which includes turning in a parent permission form, two reference letters, an essay telling us why they want to and deserve to be Junior Youth of the Year, and present an interview and speech.
    - Will receive one on one coaching with Club staff.
    - Must complete the following forms to compete: Letter of Intent, Parent Permission, Eligibility
    - Other expectations as required
  + Junior Youth of the Year Winner Expectations
    - Represent their Club and the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield in a manner that represents the Boys & Girls Club Mission and Values.
    - Be a leader and mentor to Boys & Girls Club members.
    - Speak to their Club regularly regarding the State of the Club.
    - Compete for the Springfield Youth of the Year if candidate meets the requirements and eligibility.
    - Other duties as assigned

Judge Bio

**Please complete this form and return to NAME by DATE@ EMAIL.**

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone |  |
| Occupation |  |
| Years involved with Boys & Girls Club |  |
| What are you looking for in a Junior Youth of the Year? |  |
| Favorite Color |  |
| Favorite Travel Destination |  |
| Favorite Book |  |
| Favorite Movie |  |
| Favorite Restaurant |  |
| Favorite thing about the Boys & Girls Club |  |
| Hobbies |  |
| Anything you would like to add? |  |