



Niles Teen Center

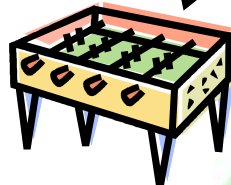


- The Niles Teen Center is a Village of Niles program that provides a welcoming, structured and safe environment for local teens to spend time with friends, receive homework assistance, play games and develop social skills. Also, the Niles Teen Center promotes community service opportunities, special activities and trips and educational programs.
- **Membership-** There is a \$20 annual fee for teens who live in Niles or attend a Niles school. There is a \$35 annual fee for teens who do not live in Niles & attend a non-Niles school. All youth must complete the form & register with staff before using the Teen Center. **Memberships renew annually!**
- **Transportation** - Because of our location at Golf Mill Shopping Center, you can take advantage of public transportation including the Niles Free Bus #411 and #412.
- **I.D. Cards-** All members will be issued a photo I.D. membership card which will be used for daily check-in and to register for trips and activities. Members must have their ID card to attend the Teen Center. Replacement cards are \$5 each.
- **Library books-** We have some of the most popular teen novels available for you to check out.
- **Niles is the Best, Most Affordable Place to Raise Kids-** In 2011, the Village of Niles was recognized by Bloomberg Businessweek with this recognition. Niles ranked #1 in the whole United States. Also, the Niles Teen Center and Golf Mill Shopping Center were awarded a Gold U.S. Maxi Award by the International Council of Shopping Centers for their successful, on-going partnership.
- **2010 Bright Ideas initiative winner-** Bright Ideas is an initiative that recognizes creative and promising government programs and partnerships. The initiative is offered through the Innovations in Government Program, a program of the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard Kennedy School.



What we have to offer:

- Movie Nights
- Dances/ Trips
- Study Area
- Air Hockey/Darts
- Community Service
- Homework Help
- Xbox 360/ Wii
- Fundraisers
- Computer Lab
- Foosball/Bumper Pool
- Board Games
- Cable TV/DVD's
- Arts and Crafts
- Guitar Hero/ DDR
- Educational Workshops
- Library Books



We accept donations of video & board games, movies, or other recreational equipment as well as monetary donations to support our teen programs.

**Fall
2011**

**September,
October &
November**

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When to stop by:

**Monday:
CLOSED**

**Tuesday:
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday:
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Thursday:
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Friday:
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**See Back Page for
Special Dates Closed**

TEEN CENTER EVENTS:

You Tube Tuesdays

Do you have a favorite You Tube video that's funny, scary or just plain weird? We will connect a computer to the big screen TV to enjoy your favorite videos together. Come join us at the Teen Center as we hold our You Tube nights from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You don't want to miss out on all the fun!!!



Arts & Crafts Wednesdays

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, Jesse will plan and lead a free arts and craft project from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Projects could include: jewelry making, nail salon, or posters & drawings.



Tournament Thursdays

Every Thursday, the Teen Center staff will set up tournaments for video games and table games like Guitar Hero, DDR, foosball, air hockey or Call of Duty 3. Prizes may be awarded to winners.



Sports Time Friday

Each Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through the fall (weather permitting), the Teen Center staff will set up organized outdoor games at the Golf Mill Park. Games may include basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, or flag football. Meet at the Teen Center by 4:00 p.m. to participate.



Teen Counseling Resources

Have you had a rough week at school? Are you juggling too many responsibilities and feeling stressed? Or is there a conflict with a friend? Maybe you just want to share ideas with other teens that are going through the same stuff you are. If any of these apply to you, then come visit the social work interns from Niles Family Services. They will be at the Teen Center on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with other times still to be determined. They will be there to just listen or help you through whatever is going on. Parents may stop by and speak with the interns as well.



Back to School Dance



Grab your friends and dance away your back-to-school blues!! Come to the Niles Family Fitness Center gym for music and dancing by M & R Music. Chips, candy and pop will be for sale, so bring extra cash! There will be no entry after 8:00 p.m. and if you leave the dance, you may not re-enter.

Date: Saturday, September 17

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person

Location: Niles Family Fitness Center



"Lights On Afterschool"

Open House & Rally

Join 7,500 other communities and 1 million Americans in celebrating afterschool programs at the Afterschool Alliance's 12th annual "Lights On Afterschool"! This nationwide event calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open. The Niles Teen Center, Golf Mill Shopping Center and JCPenney are proud to be Lights On Afterschool National Partners. This event will include an information fair of community youth organizations and businesses, an open house and tour of the Teen Center, a tile art project sponsored by JCPenney, snacks and drinks, a petition signing, and rally with community speakers.

Date: Thursday, October 20

Time: 4:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Place: Niles Teen Center & Golf Mill Mall Hallway— just inside entrance #6

Rally: 5:30 p.m. in front of the Teen Center



Halloween Party

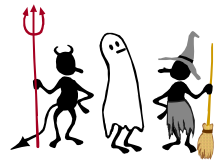
Come for a frightful night of dancing and Halloween themed games at Golf Mill Shopping Center afterhours. We will have a costume contest with prizes for most creative characters. Music and games provided by M&R Music. Chips, candy and pop will be for sale, so bring extra cash! There will be no entry after 11:00 p.m. & if you leave the dance, you may not re-enter.

Date: Saturday, October 29

Cost: \$5 per person

Time: 10:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Location: Golf Mill Mall- Entrance #6



Toys for Tots Program

The Niles Teen Center, in cooperation with the Niles Fire Department will participate in the U.S. Marine Corps. Reserves "Toys for Tots" program. We will be collecting toys to be distributed to less fortunate children in the Chicago-land area. Please do not bring any stuffed animals or home-made items. All toys must be in their original packaging and no gift wrapping.

Dates: Tuesday, November 1 to Friday, December 9



Ghostly Whispers



Niles own storytellers, Debi and Stan Gajewski of THE STORY SPINNERS will be performing their spine-tingling, hair-raising, eerie tales - just perfect to get you into the spirit of Halloween.

Date: Friday, October 28

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Place: Niles Teen Center



TEEN FALL TRIPS & EVENTS



These trips are open to Teen Center members only. You must pre-register for ALL trips and turn in the Teen Trip Release Form! Some trips are offered in partnership with Park Ridge, Morton Grove, Evanston and/ or Skokie Park Districts.

Xtreme Trampolines

Take a giant warehouse, fill it with trampolines, add a foam pit and a dodge ball court, and you get Xtreme Trampolines! We will spend the evening jumping and having a great time at the trampoline location in Carol Stream with teens from the other local park districts, and then it's time for pizza before heading back. Trip may depart from a location other than the Niles Teen Center.



Date: Friday, September 16 **Time:** 6:00 pm-9:30 pm **Cost:** \$35 **Registration Deadline:** Thursday, September 8

Fright Fest on Columbus Day



It's that time of year again when Six Flags Great America transforms into a park filled with ghosts, goblins, chills and thrills!! Monster roller coasters and scary creatures are waiting for you!

Date: Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day- No School)
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m. **Min/Max:** 4/8
Cost: \$45 for ticket, transportation and supervision
 \$15 for season pass holders (transportation & supervision)
Registration Deadline: Friday, September 30



Party Time Palace

Join the Teen Center for our trip to Party Time Palace in Des Plaines. This will be a great day with a game of laser tag, miniature golf, ride the mechanical bull, inflatables and arcade games. Fee includes 25 tokens, a wristband for unlimited attractions, 1 game of laser tag, 1 slice of pizza, a drink, transportation and supervision. Bring extra money for more food or game tokens. We will ride the 208 Pace Bus- 11:56 am from Golf Mill and return on the bus at 5:00.



Date: Tuesday, November 8 (No School)
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Cost: \$20 **Min/Max:** 6/25
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, November 1



Alpine Valley Ski Trip

Spend your holiday break on the slopes! Head up to Alpine Valley to enjoy all that winter snow sports have to offer. Cost includes lift, lesson, ski/snow board rental, transportation and supervision. Make sure to bring extra money for lunch and quarters for locker rental. Helmet rental is an additional \$10. Please print off a release of liability and rental agreement from www.alpinevalleyresort.com which must be signed by parent/guardian and turned in at time of registration. This form is required for all teens to participate.



Date: Tuesday, December 27 (Winter Break- No School) **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$100 (Ski/Snowboard Rental) \$75 (No Rental/Lift Only) **Min/Max:** 4/12
Registration Deadline: Friday, December 16

Niles Public Library- Teen Programs

Practice ACT- Sat., Oct. 8- 12:45-4:45pm- Teens preparing to take the ACT are invited to a free practice test proctored by College Nannies and Tutors. Please bring a calculator and pencil. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the final 30 minutes to discuss the test results.



Teen Read Week Art Contest- Deadline for submissions is Fri., Oct. 14 7:00pm- Celebrate reading with art! Your original header art could decorate the library and our Teen Scene blog. Art may be done in a variety of media and must fit the dimensions 225 pixels by 700 pixels. Entries will be judged by the library's teen advisory board and displayed at a public reception on Sunday October 30th. Finalists will be displayed online. First place will win a \$50 gift card. To enter you must be between ages 12 and 18 as of October 14, 2011. Entries may be submitted on paper, flash drive, CD or as email attachments. Submit your art at the reference desk, by email to dblock@nileslibrary.org; or mail to Donna Block c/o Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, IL 60714.

Picture It! The Copy Chiefs and Teen Read Week Art Show- Sun., October 30, 2:00-4:00pm- Teens, submit your original art for display! All formats of visual art will be accepted. Tell a story with your art, or create art that is inspired by a favorite book. Submit your art at the Fiction or Reference desks by October 14. Meet your fellow artists at this public reception with free food and live music by The Copy Chiefs, a local high school band. Bring your family and friends!
Register for all events at www.nileslibrary.org or by calling 847-663-6640



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Dinner & a Movie

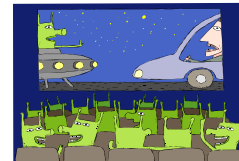
Exclusive offer for Teen Center members! Are you looking for something fun to do on Friday nights? We've got the answer for you: Dinner & a Movie. Dine at the Golf Mill Café for only \$10, including an entrée (select menu), soup or salad, vegetable, a soft drink, desert and tip, and enjoy a movie for \$8 at AMC Showplace 12 Theatre. Please bring extra money for snacks during the movie. If attending for dinner, you must sign up and turn in money by the Thursday before each event.

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$18 (\$10 dinner; \$8 movie)

Dates: Friday, October 14

Friday, December 16



Homework Assistance: Having trouble with your Math homework? Need some ideas for a Social Studies, Science or Literature project? Struggling with scholarship or university applications? The knowledgeable Teen Center staff is available to offer academic assistance for all middle school and high school students. We will also offer volunteer tutors (days and times are to be determined.)

Teen Job Connection: Are you interested in earning money? How about earning money while helping others in need? The Niles Teen Center is working with the Niles Senior Center to find teens willing to help senior citizens with leaf-raking, snow shoveling and general yard work. Please complete the "Niles Teen Job Connection" form available on the Teen Center web page and return it to Mark at the Teen Center. Your information will be shared with the director of the Senior Center and contacts will be made with residents in need of your services.



Register your Bicycle: Protect your bike from thieves by registering it with the Niles Police Department! Every year the Niles Police Department accumulates a number of lost or stolen bikes and is forced to sell them at an auction because their owners cannot be identified. When you register your bike, your bicycle's information is entered into a national database allowing the Police Department to contact you if it is ever lost or stolen. So don't be left walking while someone else rides away on your bike. Register your bike through the Niles Teen Center or Niles Police Department.



Buy Teen Center Gear: You can now purchase Niles Teen Center clothing and accessories. Check out the great selections at www.CafePress.com/NilesTeenCenter. Orders can also be placed with the Teen Center director.



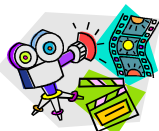
Community Service Hours: Attention High School Students: If you need community service hours for a club, organization or leadership position, the Teen Center can provide the opportunity to earn those credits through role modeling, tutoring or assisting with special events. Talk to Mark to see what options the Teen Center can offer.

Special Dates Closed
Monday, September 5– CLOSED
for Labor Day
Monday, October 10– CLOSED
for Columbus Day
Friday, November 11– CLOSED
for Veterans Day
Thursday, November 24
& Friday, November 25– CLOSED
for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Niles Youth Council

The Youth Council is a group of teens who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community.

We usually meet the 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.



TEEN MOVIE NIGHTS

Come to the Teen Center for Teen Movie Nights. All movies will be PG or PG-13. Bring a pillow or blanket and make yourself at home. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Fee goes toward additional supervision. No sign-up prior to event is necessary.

Dates: Friday, September 9

Friday, November 18

Place: Niles Teen Center

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3 for Teen Center members

