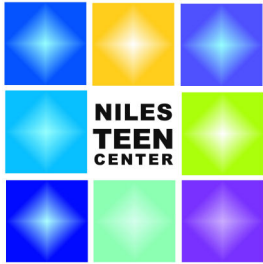




# Niles Teen Center



- 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 Place in the U.S. 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.



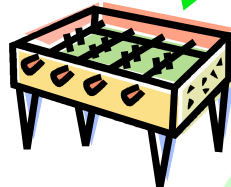
## Niles...

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## What we have to offer:

- Movie Nights
- Dances/ Trips
- Study Area/ Wifi
- 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 are accepting donations of video & board games, movies, and/or any other recreational equipment as well as monetary donations to support our teen programs.*

[www.NilesTeenCenter.org](http://www.NilesTeenCenter.org)

## Spring 2012

### March, April & May

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**Niles, IL 60714**  
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### When to stop by:

**Monday:**  
**CLOSED**

**Tuesday:**  
**2:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday:**  
**2:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Thursday:**  
**2:45 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Friday:**  
**2:45 pm - 7:00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, Jesse will plan and lead a free arts and crafts project from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Projects could include: shrinky dinks, origami, jewelry making, or posters and drawings.



## Sports Time Thursdays

Each Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through the spring (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.



## Tournament Fridays

Most Fridays, 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.



## Teen Counseling Resources

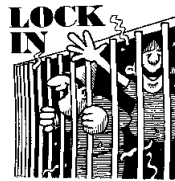
Have you had a rough week at school? Are you juggling too many responsibilities and feeling stressed? Or is there a conflict with a friend? Maybe you just want to share ideas with other teens that are going through the same stuff you are. If any of these apply to you, then come visit the social work interns from Niles Family Services. They will be at the Teen Center from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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. No appointment is necessary.



## 5th Annual "Night-in-the-Mall" Lock-In Party

Come to Golf Mill Shopping Center for our 5th Annual "Night-In-The-Mall" Lock-In Party. This will be one night you will never forget. Scheduled activities will include a professional DJ and dancing, appetizers, a late-night movie, organized games and tournaments (DDR, Guitar Hero, Relay Races), late night sandwiches, breakfast buffet, a free T-Shirt, a "Free Expressions" art wall and tons of prizes. This event will be supervised by staff from the Niles Teen Center, the Golf Mill management office, and Golf Mill Security. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow, if you're thinking about sleeping.

**"Night-In-The-Mall" is open to Teen Center members only. You must be a member by Friday, June 8th. You must turn in a teen trip form, a Golf Mill liability form and money at the time of sign up to guarantee your spot. Space is limited to 100 teens; sign up now!!!**



Place: Niles Teen Center

Date: Saturday, June 16 to Sunday, June 17

Time: 10:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Doors open at 10:15 p.m.- no entry after 10:45  
No exit and no re-entry (that's why it's called a Lock-In and not a Lock-out, Silly!)

Cost: \$10

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 8



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Shadow Day

The Niles Chamber of Commerce and the Niles Teen Center are collaborating for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Shadow Day for teens in the Niles area. Selected students will be matched by their career interests with local businesses and government employees. Youth will arrive by parent at the assigned work place at 9:00 a.m. and will be picked up by Teen Center staff at 12:00 noon. Teens will be brought back to the Teen Center for lunch, evaluations and debriefing of their shadow experiences.

Applications will be available online and at the Teen Center by Monday, April 23.

Date: Friday, June 22 Cost: Free

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 31



## Spring Break Bash

Join us in the Center Court of Golf Mill Shopping Center, March 19 to 23, for a week of fun Spring Break activities sponsored by T-Mobile, daily from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All kids, teens and families are welcome. These events are free and open to the public! Goodie bags provided while supplies last and tons of free give-aways!!



Monday, March 19- Video Game Tournament

Tuesday, March 20- Texting Competition

Wednesday, March 21- Make & Take Cell Phone Holders

Thursday, March 22- Smart Phone Day

Friday, March 23- Spring Break Fun

# TEEN SPRING 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.



## Chicago Wolves Hockey Game

Join us and the Skokie Park District on this trip to watch the Chicago Wolves take on the Milwaukee Admirals in this exciting hockey match-up! Trip includes admission, supervision, transportation, and parking. Don't forget to bring some extra money for a hot dog or nachos for dinner! Seats are in section 109 at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Hurry- tickets are going fast!

Trip may depart from location other than the Niles Teen Center.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 14

**Time:** 5:00-10:00 pm

**Cost:** \$30 Min/Max: 4/4

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, March 2



## Get Fit Day

The day will be filled with activities based on fitness and becoming healthy. Participants will do exercises to popular music in a Zumba class, enjoy a walk outside and learn to use a pedometer, laugh and move while playing Wholly Ball and stretch in a yoga class. The group will work together to make a healthy lunch and learn that eating right can taste good. Participants should dress in comfortable clothes, athletic shoes and bring a warmer jacket to go outside.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 27

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Cost:** \$35

**Min/ Max:** 4/8

**Location:** Prairie View Community Center- Morton Grove

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, March 13

## Aurora Premium Outlet Mall Shopping Trip

Join other teens to do some outlet mall shopping. We will shop around, visit your favorite stores, and then create our own stir fry at Stir Crazy. Price includes transportation only; please bring money for shopping and lunch. Trip may depart from a location other than the Niles Teen Center.



**Date:** Friday, April 6 (Good Friday- No School)

**Time:** 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$5

**Min/ Max:** 4/8

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, March 30



## Ice Skating at Iceland Ice Rink

Join Tim and the Teen Center as we enjoy a day of ice skating at the Niles Park District's Iceland Ice Rink. We will have the ice all to ourselves. We will walk from Golf Mill to Iceland and skate from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m.

The Teen Center waiver and the Iceland waiver are due at time of sign up.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 28 **Cost:** \$5

**Time:** 3:00-4:45 pm **Min/Max:** 10/25

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, March 21



## Sky High Sports

Jump and bounce your way to fun at Sky High Sports in Niles. We'll spend two hours of flying high and playing games- all played on trampolines. Adult supervision and transportation provided. Trip may depart from location other than Niles Teen

Center. All waivers must be turned in at time of registration.

**Date:** Friday, May 4

**Time:** 6:45 – 9:15 pm

**Min/Max:** 5/10

**Cost:** \$25

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, April 18



## Niles Public Library- Teen Programs

**Teen Tech Week: Geek Olympics- Sun., March 4, 2:00-4:00 pm-** Compete for fun and prizes in a search engine battle, make a meme, fold challenging paper puzzles, build a website, create a digital bulletin board and invent an unbreakable password.

**Career Vision: Start Early, Start Smart-Tues., March 20, 7:00-8:00 pm-** Learn what you need to know about

making good academic and career choices before choosing a college. Find out why early career planning is important, and four great steps for making college major and career decisions. Career Vision is part of a not-for-profit foundation.

**Teen Krav Maga Workshop- Fri., Mar. 30, 5:00-6:00 pm-** May the odds be ever in your favor! Get in *Hunger*

*Games* shape as you learn martial arts self-defense moves from Master George of White Tiger Martial Arts.

**Earth Day Food & Crafts- Sun., April 22, 2:00-4:00 pm-** Celebrate Earth Day by recycling trash into treasure and making tasty snacks from eco-friendly ingredients.

Register at [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org) or by calling 847-663-6640





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## Dinner & a Movie

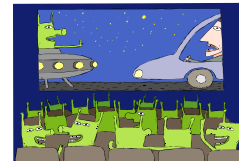
Exclusive offer for Teen Center members! Are you looking for something fun to do on Friday nights? We've got the answer for you: Dinner & a Movie. Dine at the Golf Mill Café for only \$10, including an entrée (select menu), soup or salad, vegetable, a soft drink, desert and tip, and enjoy a movie for \$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: 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

Dates: Friday, April 13

Friday, June 8



**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](http://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.



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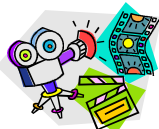


Friday, April 6  
Spring Holiday  
Friday, May 18  
Staff Vacation Day  
Friday, June 1  
Staff Vacation Day

## 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 or 2nd 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, March 9

Friday, May 11

Place: Niles Teen Center

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 for Teen Center members

