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Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press
SPRING 2010 APPLICATION

RETURN PAGE 3 ITEMS VIA EMAIL BY TUES., APR. 6TH BY 1:00 P.M.

Be one of up to 8 Middle School students chosen to represent SBMS to the world at large – by writing and editing video – and by being there, covering the events! In the past we've talked with movie stars, politicians, entrepreneurs, software developers, bicycle racers, filmmakers, ecologists, artists, cooks, waiters, reporters, scientists, professors, students, teachers and people on the street, to name a few. **Join in this coming quarter to make this list longer!** We will be:



Attending live performances at the **Lobero & Granada** to interview and review



Traveling to Los Angeles to connect with **Playing For Change**



Covering Santa Barbara's **Local Heroes**



Giving the world a view of what's going on that only a middle-schooler can!

Processes

The chosen reporters will take 7th period Teen Press Elective. In those sessions, we will:



research opportunities for stories



contact individuals and organizations to request interviews and/or sponsorship



watch films about some of the subjects and/or people we will be writing about



visit with members of the local press who do film reviews & interviews



practice mock interviews and reviews



and maybe even learn to edit videos in Final Cut!

AND THEN...



Travel out into the world to actually cover our stories! This can be for extended periods of time (like when we're out of town) during class periods (often including lunch period), other times of the school day, and some evenings and weekends.

Requirements



A Teen Press reporter represents Santa Barbara Middle School to the world. **You must be an independent, responsible and reliable learner, dependable and ready to work without reminder.**



Classroom commitment: You must be able to cover your academic tracks in all subjects. **You must receive permission from your parents, AND you must receive permission from your teachers.**



Desire to be in front of camera and/or microphone. You will be interviewing people from all walks of life.



Dedication to service through **information**. You will be helping your viewers by giving them your perspective--informing them--through the questions you ask and the stories you write. (And the first step in this is to be informed **yourself**.) Be prepared to do some research!



Submit application info BY EMAIL to John (john@sbmsteenpress.org) and David (david@sbmsteenpress.org) by Tuesday, April 6th, at 1:00p.m.

The application will include:



Personal Information, including availability



Approvals from parents



You'll be interviewed by John & David about your interest



Applications will be evaluated by a panel of teachers



Personal Information

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell# _____



Availability

Please let us know what commitments you have that would interfere with your participation.



Parent Permission

I understand that my child will be away from SBMS several times this quarter, and that he/she will have to make up any missed work. I give my permission for _____ to be apply to be part of the Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press.

(Parents, please copy/paste this into an email and send to John and David by Tues, April 6th.)



Interview

New & Returning REPORTERS: Be prepared to be interviewed by John & David about why you want to be in Teen Press, and what you're interested in covering.



Academics

You'll be expected to be able to cover your class work, and we'll check with your teachers to make sure that they are confident in your ability to handle the academic responsibility.