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Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press
APPLICATION

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Be one of up to 12 Middle School students (8 new reporters & 4 returning as mentors) 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:



Traveling around the tri-county area to cover projects of the Orfalea Foundation

Attending the Ojai-Ventura Film Festival

Reporting on Ziggy Marley's visit to Santa Barbara

Attending live performances at the Lobero to interview and review

Trying to visit the Gulf to report on the effects of the oil spill as only a middle-schooler can!

Processes

The chosen reporters will take 6th 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 even learn how 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.**



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 materials BY EMAIL to John (john@sbmsteenpress.org) and David (david@sbmsteenpress.org) by Saturday, September 18th by 9 p.m. The application will include:



Review of a favorite movie written by you in the style shown at http://www.sbmsteenpress.org/TP-cool_cats/4stories_sbiff00Reviews.html



Statement about why you want to be part of the SBMS Teen Press



Personal Information, including availability



Approvals from parents



Applications will be evaluated by a panel of teachers

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Personal Information

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell# _____



Availability

We hope to be out of town on the **Gulf of Mexico trip** (approx. Oct 24-29) and busy afternoons and the weekend of the **Ojai-Ventura Film Festival** (Nov 4-7). Please let us know what commitments you have that would interfere with your participation during these periods.



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. You may reach me by phone at _____ on Sunday, September 19th to verify this information.

The best time to call is _____. Parent Signature _____

(Parents, please copy/paste this into an email and send to John and David by 9pm, Sept. 18.)



Reason(s)

New REPORTERS: In a WORD/Pages/TextEdit document, write a short paragraph (approximately 50 words), explaining why you want participate in the Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press as a Reporter.

MENTORS: If you want to be a Mentor, use the document to tell us what you've learned as a Reporter, and what you see yourself doing as a Mentor to new team members.



Review/Proposal

New REPORTERS: In a WORD/Pages/TextEdit document, do a **review** of a movie of your choice. This can be in the theater now, or a film you watch from video/DVD. Check out some of the reviews at:

http://www.sbmsteenpress.org/TP-cool_cats/4stories_sbiff00Reviews.html

Write your review in a similar format and style. Only word-processed reviews will be accepted.

Returning REPORTERS and MENTORS: Whether or not you are not applying as a Mentor, you may return to Teen Press by submitting a paragraph **proposing** a story you'd like to cover, including who you would contact, where we'd go to cover the story, and why it's a good story for Teen Press.

Send your Reasons and your Review/Proposal, as well as your Parent Permission to John and David by 9pm, Saturday, September 18th!