

# sbmsteenpress.org

### It's About the Story

Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press APPLICATION

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



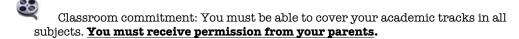
and even learn how to edit videos in Final Cut!

#### 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.



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

Dedication to service through **inform**ation. 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 <a href="http://www.sbmsteenpress.org/TP-cool\_cats/4stories\_sbiff00Reviews.html">http://www.sbmsteenpress.org/TP-cool\_cats/4stories\_sbiff00Reviews.html</a>

- 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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**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.



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 <u>John</u> and <u>David</u> by 9pm, Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>!