

Joint Base Lewis-McChord's

Hillside Youth Center

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OUR MISSION is to enhance the readiness and well-being for eligible youth in grades 6–12 by ensuring availability of predictable programs and services.



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The Hillside Youth Center “Teen Zone” at Lewis Main is open to middle school and teen youth who are registered with CYS Services.

There are so many reasons why you should come to the Teen Zone after school! The center offers a cool place to hang out with your friends, enjoy sports, games and recreation, as well as help you transition to your new home. The Teen Zone also offers academic support, mentoring, and guidance in leadership skills. Come to the Teen Zone and help enrich your community!



NOT REGISTERED YET? Find a friend who's registered and tag along on a one-time pass. Like what you see and fill out an application. The Teen Zone will do all the behind-the-scenes work, including verifying with parents for permission, to get you registered.

Parent Central Services (registration): 253-966-CYSS(2977)

At the Teen zone we have multiple programs for you to get involved in! Here's a list of the programs we currently offer!

CAREER LAUNCH:

It is never too early to think about your future! In career launch you will learn to assess your skills and interests, explore careers, make sound educational decisions and prepare to join our nation's work force . Come to learn how to support your future goals.

SMART GIRLS:

Encouraging young women to have healthy attitudes and lifestyles, SMART Girls helps them reach their full potential. Through dynamic sessions, group activities, field trips and mentoring opportunities with adult women, youth center girls enjoy the opportunity to build skills for eating right, getting good health care, and developing positive relationships with others and themselves.

PASSPORT TO MANHOOD:

This program encourages young men to talk about the daily issues affecting men in today's society. Through discussions and activities this program cultivates young men into becoming respectful, responsible, and mindful members of their community.

BABYSITTING:

Offered only monthly, this program allows youth to become first-aid & CPR-certified babysitters. Youth will learn the latest techniques in babysitting through a three-day course full of activities and hands-on experience.

GARDENING:

Come learn how to grow and sustain the earth in this fun and interactive club.

RECYCLING:

In this program youth will learn how to take previously used products and turn them into beautiful new hand-made creations. Come show us your creative side!

CULTURE CLUB:

Each month a new culture is explored. Learn to appreciate other cultures by making their foods, learning major phrases in their language, learning and performing unique activities specific to their culture, and creating a work of art.

COOKING CLUB:

Each week a new tasty dish is prepared in our beautiful kitchen by youth chefs! Come and learn basic cooking skills and techniques with our fun and fancy staff.

WORK-OUT:

This program is geared toward all things healthy. Youth will learn new exercise movements, challenge each other in games, work on fundamentals in specific sports, and learn about healthy lifestyle choices.

POWER HOUR:

Youth have the chance to complete homework and receive academic support from our staff.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE:

This program gives youth the opportunity to learn a beautiful language and the art of Sign. Youth will learn key phrases and the ASL alphabet.

ART:

This program aims to teach and inspire youth to show their creative side through various art-related activities such as painting, sketching, crafting, and free creative expression time.

STEM:

This science, technology, engineering and math program focuses on encouraging youth to become more involved in creating a new future. Come and experience fun, yet engaging STEM-related activities such as rocket launching, crime scene investigation, survival skills and much more!

THEATER:

This program will test your comedy skills and introduce you to the world of theater. Each week youth have the chance to participate in different themed activities that will challenge them to grow and embrace their theatrical side.

TORCH CLUB:

A Torch Club is a powerful vehicle through which Club staff can help meet the special character development needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their life through electing officers, service activities, and volunteer opportunities.

KEYSTONE:

This unique leadership development experience provides opportunities for young people ages 14 to 18. Youth participate, both in and out of the Club, in activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community.