

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EYTC?

At the end of an amazing, fun summer, the school bell rings, again! Teens have traded the long, lazy days of summer for backpacks and school books. We had an amazing summer filled with so many new adventures. Field trips with waiting lists of anxious teens wanting to go on a hiking trip, a trip to the movies, a camping trip, or anywhere we had planned. Teens were super involved this summer, and we extend a sincere thank you to all of them for making it such a great summer.

Teens were involved in planning and sharing suggestions on trips that would interest them. We did trips to watch the latest movies at the theater and hiking/fishing trips, a trip to the Albuquerque BioPark, and other pretty amazing ones. For the first time ever, teens were able to ride the Cumbres & Toltec Train in Chama. A HUGE, sincere thank you to the board and staff at the Cumbres & Toltec Train for providing this amazing opportunity for the teens at an affordable rate. They began the morning with a ride in the motor coach to the Cumbres Pass, where they did a light hike into the mountains and had a picnic, before they loaded onto the train which made its way through the beautiful scenery and back to Chama. They saw wildlife and even met a little fawn who leaped out of the thicket and literally ran into the backside of one of the teens, before bolting off to find his mother. Makings of a good story for this young man.



Camping Trip 2019

We also brought back our camping trip. Camping had been one of the most requested field trips when we first opened our doors. Technology took a hold of our teens and for quite a few years we had put the tents in storage, but this year, even though we had to replace one of the tents, we took all the camping gear out of storage and went camping at the request of the teens. They had a blast, to put it mildly. Even the set-up and breakdown was done with the best of attitudes and we enjoyed 2 nights in the beautiful mountains, near Tres Ritos. For some, it was their first camping trip, ever, and others of course were veteran campers, but the beauty was that they helped each other out and had fun doing it. S'mores were enjoyed and hot chocolate, along with some spooky stories and what seemed to be some freaky happenings in the forest, all for a good laugh at the end. This was such a great way to celebrate the end of summer! We were told it has to be on the list for next summer. So, if anyone has any camping gear, sleeping bags, etc., they would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it, as we foresee a longer list of attendees next summer.

A HUGE thank you to the Abiquiu YCC. They came out and helped beautify our space and did some art work on some of our walls. Our annual 4th of July BBQ was full of good food and lots of fun. Teens and staff enjoyed grilled burgers and all the fixings, along with some water fun, outdoors. We all enjoyed water balloon fights and when we were impatient, we utilized the hose to insure no one was left on the sidelines dry. Our annual tradition of throwing water balloons at Ben is always the favorite activity.

We held our annual Y Welcome Week, *Where Cultures Unite*. Various cultures in our community come together and showcase their unique culture traditions, food, dance and other activities. A sincere, thank you goes out to all the amazing people, who came out and shared their food, dances and culture with us and the community. We are lucky to live and work with amazing people from all areas of the world. Now, onto a busy Fall and Winter!

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Please, call 505.747.6569, or email us at yteencenter@live.com and provide us your email address.

July – September 2019 Membership and Program Information

FREE membership is available to individuals between the ages of 12 and 19 years of age. Registration with parent and teen signatures is required.

- 438 youth (324 members & 114 guests) served
- Recorded visits by members and guests totaling 2,581 in 62 open operating days (07/01/19-09/30/19)
- Averaged 42 teens per day with peak days of 72 youth attending
- Held classes in 15 program categories
- Our van transported an average of 24 teens daily, from Carlos Vigil Middle School and the Española Valley High School in 34 days of school and 14 days of summer school.

Teen Center Major Supporters

We would like to acknowledge and extend a **HUGE** thank you to our Teen Center supporters. Without your dedication and support, our offerings of educational and recreational opportunities to the teens of the City of Española and surrounding communities would not be possible.

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Enjoying good food with friends at EYTC

Teens at the Cumbres Toltec Train



Science Fun w/Explora!

2019 Teen Center Volunteers

Doug Roth

Teen Center Activities, 01/2018-currently

Benjamin Sandoval

Guitar and Chess, 09/2018-currently

Albert Martinez

Teen Center Activities, 10/2018-currently

Angela Roth

Teen Center Activities, 01/2019-currently

Simon Vaz

Teen Center Activities, 01/2019-currently

Crystal Romero

Teen Center Activities, 01/2019-currently

Irene Rodriguez

Cookie Decorating, 02/2019

A special **thank you** for your giving hearts, which demonstrates all our core values, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and most of all **Caring**.

Class and Program Offerings and Attendance (July 1– September 30, 2019)

- 49 Homework Assistance/Summer Tutoring: 19 non-duplicated, 33 total participants
- 3 Fun With Food: 20 non-duplicated, 66 total participants
- 10 Movie Afternoons: 19 non-duplicated, 73 total participants
- 1 Archery Class: 5 non-duplicated, 2 total participants
- 5 Josh's Comics Courses: 22 non-duplicated, 58 total participants
- 11 Gym classes: 14 non-duplicated, 61 total participants
- 5 Field Trips: 7 non-duplicate, 83 total participants
- 2 Informative Talk: 74 non-duplicate, 74 total participants
- 21 Health/Sports Classes: 56 non-duplicated, 200 total participants
- 2 Holiday/Special meals: 77 non-duplicated, 77 total participants
- 8 Art classes: 18 non-duplicate, 72 total participants
- 10 Robotics Classes: 0 non-duplicated, 31 total participants
- 1 Community Events: 65 non-duplicated, 65 total participants
- 36 Summer Food Programs: 72 non-duplicated, 694 total participants
- 2 Woodworking Classes: 3 non-duplicate, 5 total participants

Teen Center and Community Events

- "Team Intergalactic" competed at RoboRAVE International in China and took 1st in their category
- Everyone back at school
- Y Staff Appreciation Picnic
- Our annual 4th of July BBQ
- Various field trips throughout the summer
- End of Summer Camping Trip to La Junta Canyon
- Summer Food Program with Española School
- The Family YMCA Golf Tournament
- Zia Credit Union Music Fest



Upcoming Teen Center and Community Events

- Our Fall Sleepover/Lock-in, a night full of fun activities and food and NO SLEEP!
- Our Ninth Annual Harvest Youth Parade, Thursday, October 31, 2019, beginning at 4:30 pm. Parade will begin at the Plaza de Española, travel on Coronado St. and conclude at the Teen Center. For more info, or how to be involved in the parade, please contact us at 505.747.6569.
- Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for teens and their families, Thursday, November 21, 2019.
- Española Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 14, 2019.
- "Warming Young Hearts" stocking project, date to be determined
- Our annual Christmas Party, date to be determined.



Working as a team in Woodworking Class



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EYTC Celebrates Y Welcome Week with, *Where Cultures Unite*



Our annual Y Welcome Week event, *Where Cultures Unite*, was a great success! Teens, staff and visitors alike enjoyed the performances, free food and artists. Various cultures came together to share special traditions, dances and food. This is a very special event and an amazing way to get to know and visit with our neighbors and friends from the community, who come from other countries. It also provides an opportunity to educate ourselves in regards to other people's cultures, beliefs and traditions. This creates a better understanding of each others races and eliminates the misconceptions. We couldn't have this special event if it wasn't for members of the community coming together to participate and support the event. So, a very, special THANK YOU, goes out to everyone who danced, prepared food, did artwork, brought lowriders, spoke on behalf of their culture, and also, to all the community member who came out to enjoy the food and performances. We would also like to thank all those who helped set up and clean up, to include our extended Y family from the Los Alamos Teen Center and The Family YMCA. We appreciate all of you! We, as a YMCA and the Española Teen Center are welcoming of all regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, disability, or financial circumstances.