

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EYTC?

Can you believe half of 2021 is behind us? It's been six months of adjusting and readjusting. New guidelines, updated guidelines and all kinds of guidelines, but we stay strong and we maneuver this new way of operating. Returning to a more normal state has been a work in process and we appreciate the support along the way. We would especially like to thank our teens. They have faithfully worn masks, followed the million signs on what they can do, where they can sit and stand, and have their temperatures checked for the hundredth time, all without attitude. They truly have been amazing!

Teens returned to in-person learning for the last couple of months of school. We immediately began providing after-school van pick-ups and continued till the end of the school year. Temperature checks and sanitized hands before loading the van, which could only have 5 teens at a time to allow for distancing.

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to George and Eli and the Los Alamos Teen Center for bringing their laser tag set-up, complete with guns and blow-up course. This was the highlight of spring break. Also, another HUGE thank you to Pizza 9, in Española for helping us feed the hungry teens after the battles. We try to plan fun and exciting things to do during spring break and thanks to these wonderful organizations, we were able to deliver.



Laser Tag, thanks to Los Alamos Teen Center

We are also getting back into doing projects and classes and staff and teens alike are excited that summer field trips have returned. Although, with a limited amount of teens in the vans; they have been able to enjoy hiking, going fishing, rock hounding, and breathing in some fresh, mountain air. Upcoming trips like enjoying a ride on the Cumbres and Toltec Train in Chama, hiking in Cumbres Pass, visiting Aspen Ridge Alpacas in Jemez Springs and learning how to fly fish in El Vado are a few anticipated outings.

Back to School is right around the corner, and most of our teens are so ready to return to a normal school year. Hanging out with friends, attending school functions, and even doing some learning are just a few things they are looking forward to. We are also anticipating an increase in visits from teens, who we have not seen during this pandemic. Online schooling kept a lot of teens in their rooms and at home, and we hope they are feeling safer to come back out and into the Teen Center to enjoy the activities, classes and hanging out with each other and us, like in 2019.

We are grateful for the continued support, which in turn provides us the opportunity to be here for the teens of Española and the surrounding communities. We sincerely hope that 2021 is treating you all much better than 2020 and that your lives have been a little closer to normal.

If you would prefer to receive our newsletter electronically call us at 505.747.6569,
or email us at yteencenter@live.com and provide us your email address.

January– June 2021 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.

- 172 members served, we had 11 new members, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are not able to have guests
- Recorded visits by members totaling 1,241 in 123 operating days (01/01/21-06/30/21)
- Held classes in 14 program categories

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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Cake Pop making



Woodworking class



Hanging out after Easter Egg Hunting



2021 Teen Center Volunteers

Doug Roth Teen Center Activities, 01/2018-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

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

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Class and Program Offerings and Attendance (January 1–June 30, 2021)

- 100 Homework Assistance/Summer Tutoring: 100 total participants
- 6 Fun With Food: 45 total participants
- 23 Movie Afternoons: 116 total participants
- 4 Woodworking classes: 12 total participants
- 19 Gym classes: 119 total participants
- 5 Edible Art classes: 29 total participants
- 2 Field Trips: 7 total participants
- 69 Health/Sports Classes: 421 total participants
- 2 Holiday/Special meals: 38 total participants
- 1 Art class: 5 total participants
- 4 Videography Classes: 11 total participants
- 9 Photography Classes: 24 total participants
- 2 Science Classes: 11 total participants
- 1 Community event: 39 total participants

Teen Center and Community Events

- Holidays
- The return of field trips
- First day of Summer
- Happy 4th of July

Candy Making

Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Treats

Upcoming Teen Center and Community Events

- Field Trips
- Rio Arriba County Fair, July 28 to August 1, 2021
- Back to School BBQ for EYTC teens
- First day of school for all area schools
- Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2021-EYTC CLOSED
- Halloween
- Events and activities are dependent on COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and will be scheduled, canceled, or postponed as needed



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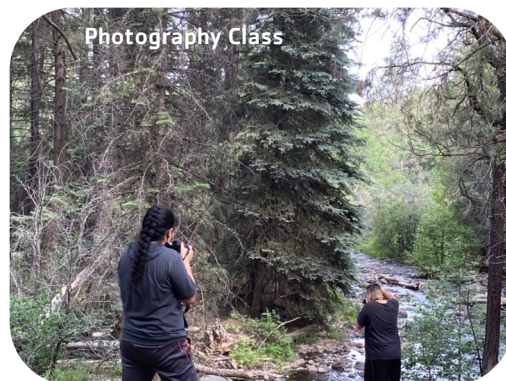
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Community Partner

New Adventures



Amidst, all the craziness of the pandemic, we managed to start a couple of new classes. One of which is our photography class. This group of teens have captured a wide array of subjects. Thanks to a grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council, we were able to get this class off the ground. They have captured wildlife, mountains, bugs and insects, trees, flowers, humans, and so much more. The cameras are part of every field trip to capture their adventure. Teens have learned various forms of photography to include Water Drop Photography, Forced Perspective Photography and Intro to Macro Photography. They have learned to operate two different SLR cameras, flashes and Macro lenses and how they work. Students have also learned how to use various editing software to include Microsoft Essentials, Final Cut Pro, Photoscape X PRO and iMovie. We are hoping a donation will come through for Adobe Photoshop to add to their tool box.

Edible Art is another one of our new classes. Recently, teens learned to make cakes from scratch and decorate them with fondant shapes and frosting. They have also made numerous desserts to include cake pops, watermelon pies, and other yummy treats. Thanks to our new staff member, Cynthia, who also makes cakes for all occasions on her free time, for creating this great opportunity for our teens.