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Bellevue Youth Court Interest Form

Bellevue Youth Court is **an option of the Diversion Program of King County Juvenile Court.** **Bellevue Youth Court offers** juvenile offenders the opportunity to be sentenced by their peers. Trained by attorneys, members of the Washington State Bar Association, and King County Superior Court judges, teens will take on various roles as advocates (lawyers), judges, jury members, clerks, and bailiffs in the courtroom. Bellevue Youth Court will sentence second-time offenders, one of only two such courts in the state. Bellevue Youth Court is based on the Whatcom County Teen Court program, which reduced teen recidivism (repeat of criminal behavior) rates by over 90%.

Bellevue Youth Court will hold its first session on January 22, 2008. Opportunities to explore law professions as well as receive community service hours will be available.

If interested in participating in Bellevue Youth Court as a member of the court, please complete this sheet and

- **BRING** the completed form to Bellevue City Hall, attention: Helena Stephens, Bellevue Youth Court or
- **FAX** the completed form to 425.452.2814, attention: Helena Stephens or
- **EMAIL** the completed form to hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

For more information, please e-mail Bellevue Youth Court at HStephens@bellevuewa.gov. or call 425.452.2834 or 425.452.2846.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Grade/School: _____ / _____ Phone (Home): _____

Phone (Cell) _____ E-mail: _____

Parent signature: _____

What position would you be interested in? Check all that apply.

- Prosecuting Advocate
Represents King County Prosecuting Attorney's case against the respondent to the Court
- Defense Advocate
Represents the respondent's case to the jury and the Court
- Bailiff
Assist judge in maintaining court order; escorts the jury.
- Clerk
Takes minutes(notes of hearings) and makes court announcements during the court session.
- Juror
Hears case and determines the respondent's sentence.

Thank you for your interest!