WHAT IS YOUTH CLUB?

We are a group of 6th-12th grade students interested in getting more involved with the temple and community, while at the same time, learning more about our culture. This club is run entirely by high school students as far as creating meeting agendas, social activities, and planning volunteer activities for those involved in the club. **We meet as a group once a month** to discuss current temple events, unique cultural topics and participate in activities beneficial to the community.  In addition to our club meetings, we will have at least one youth service project outside of the temple each semester.

**Club Leadership Roles**

Being a leader involves commitment and responsibility. As a leader, it is your duty to follow through on what you start.

All Club leaders and members will be expected to work together with Temple EC Committee, Puja Committee in their specific roles and responsibilities. In our club we will have a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Historian. Some of the main responsibilities are as follows.

**President**

* Planning is everything!
* Tasks will include making a written agenda and conducting the monthly meetings.
* Will work together with Youth Club Coordinator to plan and carry out the goals of the club.

**Vice President**

* In the president’s absence, you will run the meeting.
* Supports the president by bringing up items the president may have forgotten

**Secretary**

* Responsibilities include taking roll call and recording the minutes of each meeting.
* Minutes are the record of what has been discussed at each meeting and must be written neatly and send in the GroupMe chat.
* Read the last meeting’s minutes at each meeting and remind the action items.

**Historian**

* Create a permanent record of club’s activities
* Prepare year’s activities and events, and gather photographs as they happen.

**How Can I Get hours:**

* ATTEND MEETINGS!!!! (1 hour)
* Volunteer at Temple for festivals, events, fund raisers

Number of hours you get depends on length of events. During festival events we help with puja registration, help spread out blankets to sit, arrange chairs, during aarthi ring the bell, after aarthi take aarthi plate to all devotees, help panditji with giving fruits while he give teerth, at end of event help with clean up like clear tables and chairs, vacuum hall, remove trash bags after dinner etc.

* Volunteer on Sundays at Balavihar School from 3:15 pm – 5:15pm (2 hours)

Help seat all kids at assembly for prayer by 3:30pm. Pass prayer booklets and help small kids with pledge, collect prayer booklets after assembly, during class help with art activities, etc.

* Volunteer at major community events on behalf of Tri-State Hindu Temple (depends on length of events)
* Bring snacks to Meetings (2 hours)

To sign up for an event accept the event invite created in the GroupMe Calendar. Take a selfie to prove your attendance and post in the group.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*: All members should have at least 20 volunteer hours (10 hours each semester) for the school year to be eligible to continue in the club. Also, each member cannot miss more than one meeting per semester.**

**First semester:** Middle of September till Dec 31st

**Second Semester:** Jan 1st till May 31st

**Find New Projects and become Project Leader:**

Project leaders are members of youth club who have chosen to take initiative towards something they are interested in. They are responsible for the progression of their project and will have the authority to make decisions that relate to their chosen project. Anyone in youth club is eligible to become project leader – all you have to do is come up with an idea that you believe will benefit the temple or the community and talk to youth club coordinator. Youth club will support you and help you see your idea come to life!

**Lecture Series:** Lecture Series is a special event that Youth Club hosts during the second semester. During general meeting time, we arrange to have a speaker from medical, business, IT or engineering fields (or anything else the youth is interested in) come to the temple and talk to members about what they do in their job, how they got to the point they are currently at, and towards the end of the lecture, the youth will have the opportunity to ask any questions they might have for the speaker. This is a great opportunity for the members.