

Valencia County Report
ScOutreach Juvenile Diversion Program

Month: April 2015

- Current number of participants: 45
- New referrals: 5
- Recent graduates: 3
- Number of participant who exited the program: 5
- Total number of activity hours: 119.5
- Volunteer In-Kind hours: 102.52
- Parent Project hours: 60.75

ScOutreach - Valencia County April 2015 – Youth Activities

April 1 – Egg Hung at Daniel Fernandez Park

ScOutreach teens assisted with an Easter Egg Hunt at Daniel Fernandez Park. Since most of the event was all set up by the time we arrived, we helped with the flow of things until the event began. Some teens helped with the line for those waiting to see the Easter Bunny while others guarded the entrance to the egg hunt area to ensure that nobody went into the area before the hunt began.

April 11 – TNT Boxing Tournament

Our teens assisted David Adame and many others with the boxing tournament held at the Daniel Fernandez Gym. When ScOutreach arrived, we were tasked with promoting the sales of raffle tickets. As a group, the teens went around with prizes in hand trying to encourage spectators to purchase tickets to win the prizes. After that, they went around the gym to clean up any trash that was laying around. When the event wrapped up, we helped with cleaning up any and all trash, sweeping the floor, putting away chairs and tables, taking down the boxing ring and loading things into David's truck to be taken back to the gym. We also assisted with unloading things at the gym and putting them where they belonged. David had some really great conversations with the youth about being treated like adults only when they can show that they can act like adults. It was a fun event that required a lot of work at the end.

April 15 – Prejudice and Stereotypes

For this youth meeting, we had a guest speaker, Mr. James Lee. He spoke to our teens about his experiences throughout life as they relate to prejudice and stereotypes. Being an African American man, he had a lot of examples of times where he felt he was mistreated. He also spoke to them about his career working in a prison on the East Coast, he discussed with them the downfalls of being in prison, such as having no privacy and not being able to do what you want,

when you want. He encouraged our teens to be selfish when it comes to their future, to figure out what they want and what is going to benefit their future and do whatever it takes to reach that goal. It was a great class and it seemed like a lot of the teens had a reality check about where their lives are headed. Thank you so much to Mr. Lee for taking time out of your evening to speak with our youth!

April 22 – Mad City Money Event

Mad City Money is an event put on by the U.S. Eagle Credit Union and it helps teach teens how to manage their money. Each teen was given a hypothetical life with a salary, amount of debt, and a family. They were instructed to buy things from many domains, such as a home, transportation, food, home décor, and daycare if they had children. The teens were taught how to keep track of their spending on a register and the activity really opened their eyes to how much things cost in the real world. Their parents were paired up with their children in order to help them throughout the process. It was a great event and we thank U.S. Eagle for coming all the way to Los Lunas for us!

Success Stories:

The numbers of referrals received continues to increase which is helping us in achieving the program's goal of serving 120 youth and their families. Thank you to the Henry Perea Building for allowing to the use their facilities to provide programming, due to the increment in number we needed to find a larger site to accommodate all 36 current families.

What major activities are planned for the next month?

ScOutreach has many exciting activities happening for the month of May. We will be taking our families on a tour to the UNM Valencia Campus where they will have a chance to learn and explore all the opportunities that they have to offer. We will also have a chance to partner with the Valencia County Blue Star Mother, the youth will help in putting packages together to send to all those serving our country. Judge Chavez will be presenting to our youth on the topic of Leadership and Teamwork.