Bluestar Citizenship

The Blue Star Citizenship Program is the first step in the Leadership Journey for young people at PCYC. The program introduces them to PCYC and gives them both formal and informal training opportunities in leadership, and self development. In addition to this they get the chance to meet young people from all over NSW, and form friendships to last well into the future. The formal outcomes of the first part of the journey, the Citizenship Program include;

- Certificate I in Active Volunteering
- First Aid Certificate
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

In conjunction with the formal qualifications of the program, the young people leave the program having dedicated at least 20 volunteering hours to their community, increased self confidence, leadership abilities, communication skills and a greater understanding of what responsibilities a ‘good’ citizen brings to their community.

Bluestar Leadership

The BlueStar Leadership Program is the next stage of the program which helps young people to become Young Leaders within their community, and gives them the tools to develop and lead an activity project at their local PCYC. The program gives them the opportunity to be a young leader at Citizenship camps in the future, and experience the role of a young leader amongst peers. The formal outcomes of the second part of the Blue Star journey, the Leadership Program include;

- Completion Certificate II in Community Activities
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Completion of 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers
- Organising and execution of a project at their PCYC

Bluestar Camp Location

Bluestar Camp 2 2015

This Coming camp in April will be held at the Broken Bay Sport and Recreational Centre. Participants travelling to the Broken Bay Centre have the option of accessing the Centre from Brooklyn, Patonga or Palm Beach (though all your group will need to access from the single entry point). In deciding on your access point you will need to consider your mode of transport (bus, train, car), your start point and the time and day of travel. Parking at all three sites is limited. Please consider this if your group will be travelling by car.

All transport and accommodation is organised and book by Bluestar, PCYC State Office. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.
Applications

The applications for the Bluestar Program round 2 are just about to re-open and I would just like to catch everyone up to date with the program. I have become aware that many managers are not fully sure what the program involves for the participants or what benefits it brings to the club.

Dates: 13th - 16th April

6th - 9th July

21st - 24th September

New Structure

The new camp structures for Citizenship will involve overlapping commencement and graduation cohorts. The aim will be to allow the commencement cohort to see the achievement of the graduation cohort and also interact with the current leadership participants of 2015.

Attached is a layout of the camps running with participants numbers.

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The Commencement camp involves a 4 day experience – arrive in afternoon day one, depart morning day four. It is expected that each cohort will involve approx. 30 young people. All involved will be assumed to be well-behaved, which will also be important as these participants will be asked to volunteer in your clubs for a minimum of 20 hours during the term between camps.

Supervision

Individuals referred by Officers from case management contexts will need to have successfully progressed in case management to a high level of self-regulation. In addition to Sport & Rec staff for each activity, staffing ratios will be capped at 1:15

Volunteers

I am also urging PCYC Civilians employee’s, Managers and Volunteers who wish to participate in this program to email me mbrown@pcycnsw.org.au with their clubs and an expression of interest. All volunteers on the camp will have their transport, accommodation and food payed for by the camp at no expense to them.

Applications

This opportunity for senior students aged 16 - 18 to participate in a state wide leadership program – at no cost to the individual students or their club. The application process is simple. The participant must fill out the attached forms to the email. (also available on the PCYC intranet) and submit them to mbrown@pcycnsw.org.au.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me on 0400366075 or mbrown@pcycnsw.org.au