

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Teen IMPACT....Community Service Club for Teenagers

Mission Statement

Teen IMPACT promotes personal development through youth volunteerism. Our non-school based volunteer club, engages tribal youth **ages 13-18** in meaningful community services, while enriching the understanding through peer support, mentoring, and service learning.

Plan & Description

Teen Impact is a tribal based community service club for teenage members of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The Volunteer Program of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina assists and mentors the teen volunteer as he/she donates service hours to a community cause of their choice.

Teen Impact is not for all teens who want to volunteer. It is for all teens who want to ***make a difference*** through volunteering. To truly make a difference, volunteers need to be committed to their volunteer service, and be willing to invest their time to make a change in the lives of people who need their help.

The Volunteer Program of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina will expand, develop and maintain strong relationships with community organizations that need volunteers and especially like to include teenagers in their important work. Teen Impact will help each teen member to connect with a good cause, while taking into consideration the time and location of the community service, in order that it fits their schedule and transportation is available.

How to Join

Joining Teen Impact will take some thought. The teens of the Club will be committed to the motto...**Deeds Not Words**. They put kind thoughts and concerns for others into actions that truly make a difference. If you are a person that is ready to sacrifice time for a good cause then Teen Impact wants to talk to you. **Teen Impact is limited to teens age 13-18.**

We recognize that many teens are asked to perform community service work to qualify for grades, credit, National Honor Society, and better positioning for college acceptances and scholarships. Being a part of Teen Impact goes far beyond "getting hours". Teens that join the

Club have a driving passion to help others that is not limited by an hour requirement. They are the best and most dedicated of teen volunteers. Does this describe you? Do you have the right stuff to belong?

The first step to being part of Teen Impact is to check it out. The Tribal Volunteer Coordinator can schedule an interview for you (parent welcome), which will help you gather information about the club and learn about different types of volunteer opportunities that might be available near you. Each teen selects an area where they would like to donate their time. Some of the teens volunteer with tribal government & organizations, disabled teens, abandoned animals, senior citizens, hospitals, medically fragile children, disadvantaged youth, homeless shelter, food banks, women support groups, and many others.

Funding

There is no fee for joining and he/she is not obligated to stay with the club if they determine that it is not for them.

It is funded totally by individuals, foundations, companies and organizations that believe in the importance of youth volunteerism.

It is the hope of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina that Teen Impact Alumni will go on to make a lifelong commitment to volunteerism, philanthropy and making a difference in our tribal community. Teen Impact is a youth volunteer movement that is teen driven, meaning that the teens make all the decisions regarding policies, procedures and traditions of the club.