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# Birth of a Gifted Youth Program

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## How we did it

- Not instructions
- Not Rules
- Ideas
- Thoughts
- Inspirations

## How it all began

- First Mensa youth event
- What was offered
- What was needed
- How to help

## Start by Helping

- Planning
- Free and low cost
- Fun
- Interesting

# The program started off slow



# Promote

- Emails
- Facebook
- Evite
- Regional Calendar
- Take Pictures
- Media Releases

## Start up Program

- New membership acknowledgment
- Recognition
- Invitation
- Welcome email

# Welcome Packet



# MENSA

## Youth Member Benefits

### *YM*<sup>2</sup>: The Magazine for Young Mensans, by Young Mensans



*Young Mensan Magazine (YM<sup>2</sup>)* is a quarterly magazine completely written by Young Mensans. Our youngest members are encouraged to submit material for inclusion – jokes, stories, articles, photographs, and more. While the [latest issue](#) is open for anyone to read, the [online archive](#) is available to members only. For more information or to submit content, email: [YMmagazine@us.mensa.org](mailto:YMmagazine@us.mensa.org).



### Mensa Honor Society

Young Mensans aged 10-18 can apply for membership to the [Mensa Honor Society](#) or Junior Mensa Honor Society, organizations that recognize integrity, intellectual curiosity, academic commitment and service.



### Scholarships

Some scholarships offered through the Mensa Foundation are available only to members of Mensa.

# Approval

- Haste makes waist
- Parent Volunteers
- Meet the Volunteer
- Planning and Hosting the event

# It's about Fun



# Learning



# Blowing off some steam



# Learning New Things



# Bonding and Having fun Together



# Parent Volunteer Involvement



# Plan Things Near You



# Working Together



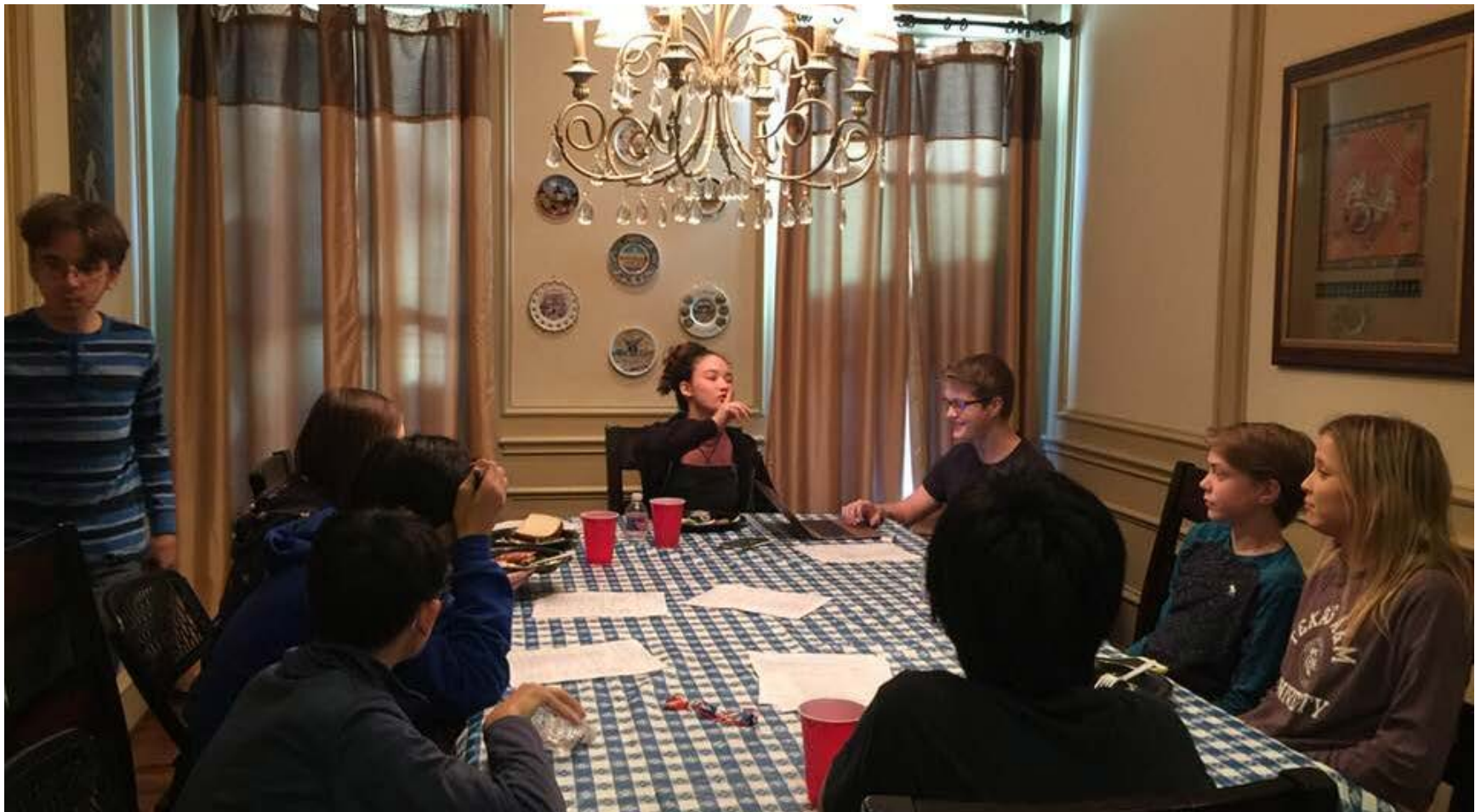
# Take Lots of Pictures and Post Them



# Teens are Different



# Monthly Meetings Minimum



# Parent Volunteers



# Plan Events that Interest Your Kids, Or Ask the Kids what do they like to do?

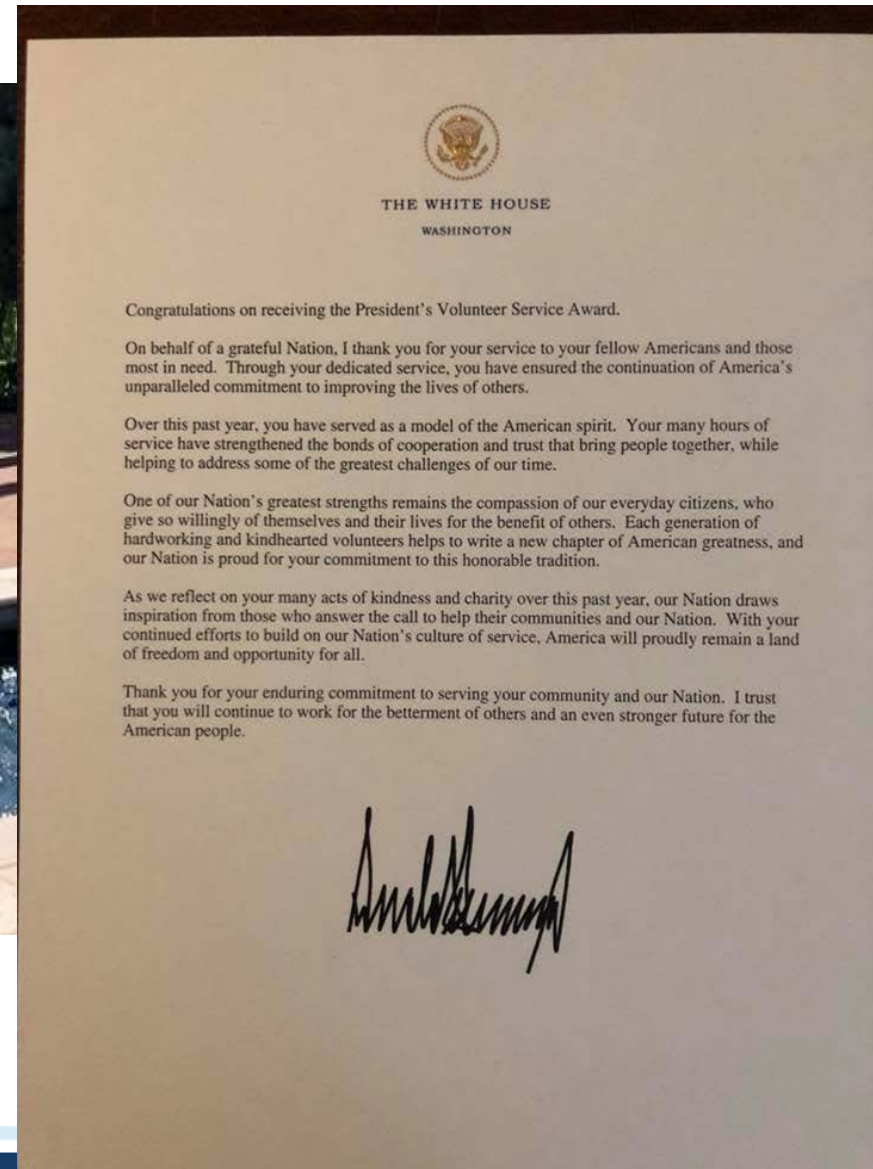


Let the Volunteers Plan the Events they are  
Interested in



The Monarch Project

# Get a Face Book Page





# Parent Meeting / Pot Luck



Must have been good!



# Game Night / Pot Luck / Parent Meetings



# Museums – the Beer Can House



# Escape the Room



# Scavenger Hunts



# I-Fly / STEM



# Belonging



# Volunteering at the local Retirement Center



# Volunteer Hosts



# Friendships and Bonding



## Having Fun Seasonal events



# Monthly Meetings



## Seasonal events



# Activity Events



# Community Service Volunteering



## Put on a show for Retirement Home



# Volunteer at food bank



# Let Them have fun

