VIOLATIONS* EXCLUDED *FROM THE TEEN COURT PROGRAM: SPEEDING 25+ MILES OVER THE POSTED LIMIT, OFFENSES IN A WORK ZONE, FAIL TO STOP/PASSING A SCHOOL BUS, ASSAULT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, DRUG, ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO.

What is Community Service Restitution (CSR)?

In lieu of a fine, a Teen Court defendant must agree to perform Community Service Restitution (CSR) hours as determined by the jury. CSR hours must be performed at a non-profit organization in the Marble Falls area. Immediately after their penalty has been determined, the defendant will be given a log sheet on which all CSR hours must be recorded.

In addition to CSR hours, juries assign mandatory jury terms. One complete night of jury duty is considered one jury term. All jurors must stay for the entire court session.

Defendants have 90 days in which to complete these hours. The original log sheet must be returned to the court after all hours and jury terms are completed. Anyone failing to complete his or her obligation within the prescribed 90 days will be referred back to the originating court for sentencing. This may result in a conviction and payment of the original fine.

Successful completion of assigned CSR hours and jury terms will result in dismissal of the citation.

Contact Information:

Email: teencourt@ci.marble-falls.tx.us
Marble Falls Municipal Court: 830-693-7173
Marble Falls Court FAX: 830-693-4032

When are Teen Court Sessions?

The following are Teen Court's 2011-2012 dates and corresponding CSR due dates. All sessions are held on Monday nights.

COURT DATE	CSR DUE DATE
◊ **November 14, 2011**	◊ **February 14, 2012**
◊ *November 28, 2011*	◊ *February 28, 2012*
◊ **December 12, 2011**	◊ **March 12, 2012**
◊ **January 9, 2012**	◊ **April 9, 2012**
◊ *January 23, 2012*	◊ ***April 23, 2012***
◊ **February 6, 2012**	◊ **May 6, 2012**
◊ *February 20, 2012*	◊ *May 20, 2012*
◊ **March 5, 2012**	◊ **June 5, 2012**
◊ *March 19, 2012*	◊ *June 19, 2012*
◊ **April 2, 2012**	◊ **July 2, 2012**
◊ *April 16, 2012*	◊ *July 16, 2012*
◊ **May 7, 2012**	◊ **August 7, 2012**
◊ *May 21, 2012*	◊ *August 21, 2012*

Dates in Italics are tentative depending on caseloads.

All Teen Court sessions are held in the Council Chambers at 800 Third Street, Marble Falls, Texas.

Teen Court starts at 6:00 p.m.

Defendants and teen attorneys should be in the courtroom by 5:00 p.m. and all jurors by 5:45 p.m.

MARBLE FALLS TEEN COURT

2011-2012

City of Marble Falls Teen Court
800 Third Street
City Hall Council Chambers
Marble Falls, Texas 78654

830-693-7173
teencourt@ci.marble-falls.tx.us

What is Teen Court?

Teen Court is a specially designed court that hears only certain Class C misdemeanor cases (excluding speeding +25 miles over the posted limit, offenses in a work zone with workers present, fail to stop/passing a school bus, assault not on school property, drug, alcohol, tobacco, and fail to attend school). The individual cases are defended and prosecuted by teen attorneys and the penalty is rendered by a jury of teens. The Judge for Marble Falls Municipal Court serves as the Teen Court Judge.

The City of Marble Falls in cooperation with Marble Falls Independent School District administers the Teen Court program. All Teen Court sessions are open to the public.

Why does Marble Falls have a Teen Court?

Teen Court programs have proven to be effective in reducing the number of teen repeat offenders by making youth accountable with a positive peer group. Teen Court also teaches teens about the judicial process through first hand experiences.

Who is eligible for Teen Court?

Any person who meets the following criteria may be eligible:

- Is between the ages of 13 and 17 (some 18 years old may be eligible)
- Has received a certain class C misdemeanor citation (EXCLUDES speeding 25+ over posted limit, offenses in a work zone with workers present, fail to stop/passing a school bus, assault offense not committed on school property, drug, alcohol, tobacco or fail to attend school cases)
- Has not been a defendant in Teen Court in the past two years
- Must remain a student in an accredited secondary school while completing the Teen Court sentence
- Anyone who is on probation or whose case involves personal injury must obtain approval from the Judge having original jurisdiction

A parent or guardian MUST accompany the defendant to Teen Court

How do I request my case be heard in Teen Court?

If your citation was issued by a Marble Falls officer, you may apply at the Marble Falls Municipal Court office City Hall at 800 Third Street, Marble Falls, Texas.

If eligible, you will be given an application and related forms. ***This paperwork, along with a $20 non-refundable court fee, must be completed and returned to the court prior to your case being scheduled for court.*** Defendants will be notified of their court date by mail.

Is there a dress code for Teen Court?

YES! Teen Court is a legal court held in a regular courtroom. **ALL** participants must observe the following:

- No shorts
- No torn or dirty jeans
- No hats or caps
- No tank tops
- No spaghetti straps
- No gum chewing
- No flip-flops
- No facial piercings
- No midriff showing (even with arms raised)
- No clothing containing messages that are vulgar, offensive, obscene, or displaying alcohol, tobacco or sex.
- No short dresses or skirts (length to the top of the knee)
- Shirts must be tucked in

Teen Court reserves the right to refuse participation for anyone who does not meet these guidelines. Defendants' cases may be referred back to regular court.

Teen Court Penalties

Penalties consist of Community Service Restitution (CSR) hours and required jury service. Offenses are categorized into five classes:

- **Class 1:** 5-15 hours CSR + 1-2 jury terms. Includes individual seat belt, vehicle equipment and parking.
- **Class 2:** 10-20 hours CSR + 1-3 jury terms. Includes traffic light, stop sign, fail to yield/signal, speeding 1-9 mph over the limit, and noise, curfew, jumping from bridge & cell phone in school zone violations.
- **Class 3:** 20-40 hours CSR + 2-3 jury terms. Includes speeding 10-24 mph over limit, third party seat belt violations, speeding 1-24 over in a school zone, and driving without a license and following too close (non-collision)
- **Class 4:** 30-40 hours CSR + 2-4 jury terms. Includes DOC's, Assaults, handicap parking, criminal mischief, exhibition of acceleration and FMFR
- **Class 5:** 40-50 hours CSR + 3-4 jury terms. Any violation involving a collision and theft under $50.00, criminal mischief (damage)