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A VENTURE INTO LOCAL POLITICS

Unique civic learning opportunity for Charlotte-area teens

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Want to know how local government works? Find out what elected officials do, where government gets its money, who makes decisions, how news is covered and more?

Charlotte-area teens have a unique opportunity to experience civics and see it in action through Kids Voting's exciting program Youth Civics 101 - A Venture into Politics. Students will learn about and participate in government meetings (Charlotte City Council, Mecklenburg County Commission and Board of Education); visit the Charlotte Observer to learn how the news is covered; meet with Board of Elections staff to better understand the election process; and, get a close-up view of the judicial system at the courthouse.

Youth Civics 101 is ideal for 10th grade students in Civics & Economics class as well as all teens with an interest in government, law, civics and/or public service. Community service hours are available for completion of the course and providing feedback.

The class runs March 9 - April 20. Pre-registration is required. Seats are limited. To register, contact Amy Farrell at Kids Voting (info@kidsvoting.org or 704-343-6999) with the student's name, school, grade and contact information. There is a one-time course fee of \$20 (scholarships available). Visit www.kidsvoting.org for more registration and course information.

Youth Civics 101 is sponsored by Kids Voting Mecklenburg. More than a mock vote, Kids Voting Mecklenburg is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization educating K-12 students about citizenship, civic involvement, leadership and government through an effective combination of standards-based classroom activities and community civic experiences. Kids Voting helps kids do better in school and equips them with knowledge and skills needed for active civic engagement, community leadership and success in the 21st century workforce.

For more information about Kids Voting or Youth Civics 101 visit www.kidsvoting.org and www.facebook.com/kidsvotingcharlotte, email info@kidsvoting.org or call 704-343-6999.

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Taking Civics? Interested in politics, law or public service? Want to know how to make a difference on community issues that matter to you?

Youth Civics 101

A Venture into Politics

- What?** Youth Civics 101
Learn about government and see it in action. Check out the court system and participate in a mock trial. Find out what reporters do. Explore politics, public service careers and more!
- Who?** Teens
- When?** Register now! YC101 Spring Session is March 2-April 20
Sessions are 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesdays, with one Monday
- Where?** Government & media buildings in downtown Charlotte
(You'll receive a schedule and location info when you register)
- Why?** Learn about government and civics - see it in action!
Earn up to 14 community service hours, too!

Register and learn more

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