

## 2008-2009 MORRIS PLAINS TEEN CENTER PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION GUIDE

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Welcome to the 2008-2009 Morris Plains Teen Center (MPTC). The MPTC is sponsored through the generosity of the Borough of Morris Plains. **PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PARENT GUIDE AS SEVERAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.**

### REGISTRATION

The interactive MPTC Registration Form should be completed on the Borough website at [www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org)

### PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

**Children will not be permitted to attend any MPTC events unless registration materials have been completed by September 8, 2008.**

Events begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**Do not drop your child off early**. Supervision is **not** available before events.

Any child that is more than 30 minutes late must be signed in by a parent/guardian.

Children are **not** permitted to leave early unless a parent signs them out with a Program Supervisor.

Children are not allowed to walk to or from events as requested by the MP Police Department.

**Pick your child up on time. Parents are responsible for their child after the MPTC Event ends**

Supervision is not available after events.

The use of cell phones is prohibited. Students that do not comply with this rule will have their phone confiscated and the parent will be required to pick up the phone.

**You are required to chaperone a minimum of two events (per child) during the 2008-2009 school year.**

Parents may volunteer for a fundraising activity (Community Clean Up, Recycling) in lieu of a chaperone date. Parents are also asked to bring their child as a MPTC volunteer to this activity.

Parents are asked to submit 3-4 suggested dates that they are available to chaperone.

Parents will receive an email confirmation for their chaperone assignments. Chaperone rules and responsibilities will be provided in addition to being posted at [www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org).

**If you are unable to chaperone your scheduled event, you are responsible for finding a chaperone substitute as soon as possible and notify the Chaperone Coordinator via phone or email. *It is not the responsibility of the Teen Center Board to find substitute chaperones.*** Please mark your *confirmed* dates on your calendar after you receive them.

The substitute chaperone list and phone numbers will be posted on the MP Borough website ([www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org))

### PARTICIPANTS/EVENTS

MPTC is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade children of MP residents

Guests are not permitted

Movies shown at MPTC Events will be published in advance whenever possible. In the event of an unexpected change in venue (i.e. last minute vendor cancellation) an unadvertised movie may be shown. Movies shown at Teen Center will be rated PG or PG-13.

### ADMISSION FEE'S

Admission is \$7.00 per event. Please bring exact change if possible. Snacks are sold for \$1.00. Admission fee will also cover the cost of supplies for special events such as tee shirts for the Air Brush Artist, crafts, skate rental, etc. unless otherwise noted.

## LOCATION

MP Community Center, 51 Jim Fear Drive

MP Teen Center House, Route 53 (white house just west of the intersection of Route 53 & Route 202)

MP Borough School Gymnasium, 500 Speedwell Avenue

In addition, some MPTC Events are held at locations outside of Morris Plains such as Mennen Arena. Please consult the calendar for specific locations.

### Parking

- Community Center: Drop off and pick up through the circle drive. DO NOT PARK IN THE CIRCLE DRIVE as you will receive a parking violation.
- MPTC House: Drop off and pick up through the circle drive. If you need to park for an extended period of time, use the lot at the VFW baseball field. The parking area of the MPTC House becomes congested very quickly.
- Borough School: Drop off and pick up is at the Gym Entrance only.

## CANCELLATION OF TEEN CENTER EVENTS

If school is cancelled at the Borough School on the date of MPTC event, the event is also cancelled.

Time permitting; cancellation of events will be posted at [www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org).

As a courtesy, email notification of cancellations will be sent to parents when possible.

## COMMUNICATION AND QUESTIONS

Regular communication & information will be sent via email and posted on the MP Borough Website ([www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org)). Upon registration, you will receive regular communication from the Morris Plains Connected Citizen e-mail alert. Your email address will be kept confidential and group messages will not display your address.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the MPTC Board Members or send an email to [MPTC@optonline.net](mailto:MPTC@optonline.net). Please note that this is a non-emergency e-mail and will only be checked on a weekly basis.

### 2008-2009 MPTC Board Members

Anita Ahlmeyer

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### Program Supervision

Mike Leahey, Program Coordinator

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## **MORRIS PLAINS TEEN CENTER STUDENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Teen Center has basic rules and regulations regarding behavior, which are designed to promote a fun and safe environment for all participants. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations shall result in parental notification. Suspension of attendance privileges can and will result, depending upon the severity of the violation.

The following is a list of rules and regulations:

1. Respect for adult chaperones and fellow children must be observed at all times.
2. Respect for property, building and grounds must be shown at all times. Anyone defacing or destroying property, buildings or grounds will be penalized for his/her actions and their parent or guardian will be held financially responsible for damages.
3. The use or presence of abusive language, fighting, bullying, alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, guns, knives or any other weapon is prohibited. There will be no tolerance for violent or destructive behavior on the premises.
4. No one is permitted in the building before or after designated activities.
5. No one shall be allowed to leave before the conclusion of the activity without their parent or guardian.
6. If you are more than 30 minutes late for an event, a parent must accompany you inside the building to be signed in.
7. Use of cell phones is prohibited. Students who do not comply with this rule will have their phone confiscated and the parent will be required to pick up the phone.
8. Appropriate dress for all events is expected (i.e. undergarments should not be exposed, t-shirts with inappropriate graphics and language are not permitted)

## 2008-2009 Morris Plains Teen Center Calendar

Please note all dates, times and activities are subject to change. Please refer to the MP Community Calendar, Highlights, Borough School announcements or email notifications for any changes.

September 19 <sup>th</sup>	“On the Boardwalk” at Community Center (grades 6-8)**
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Party at Teen Center House with Caricature Artist and Handprints
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Community Cleanup (MPTC Fundraising Event)
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Dance at Community Center (grades 6-8)
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fall Recycling at the MP Recycling Center (MPTC Fundraising Event)
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Sports/Crafts and Games at Community Center (grades 6-8)**
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade at the Teen Center House
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade at the Teen Center House
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Dance at Community Center (grades 6-8)
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ice Skating at Mennen Arena (grades 6-8)
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade at the Teen Center House
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Dance at the Community Center (grades 6-8)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade at the Teen Center House
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Recycling at the MP Recycling Center (MPTC Fundraising Event)
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Night of Fun at the Community Center (grades 6-8)**
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade at the Teen Center House
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Sports/Crafts and Games at Community Center (grades 6-8)**
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Community Cleanup (MPTC Fundraising Event)
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade at the Teen Center House
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Dance at the Community Center
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade at the Teen Center House
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade ONLY—Step Up Night at the Teen Center House
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pool Party at Community Pool

*\*\* Event specifics to be advertised prior to the event*

**\*\*\*Schedule is tentative and could change at anytime. Consult the MP Borough calendar at [www.morrisplainsboro.org](http://www.morrisplainsboro.org)**