



Air Force Youth Programs Air Force Teen Council Guide



2017 Air Force Teen Council (AFTC) Guide

Air Force Child and Youth Program Mission Statement

To assist Department of Defense (DoD) military and civilian personnel in balancing the competing demands and accomplishment of the DOD mission and family life by managing and delivering a system of quality, available and affordable programs and services for eligible children and youth birth through 18 years of age.

AFTC Vision

The AFTC represents Total Force Integration supporting dependent teens of active duty, retired, DoD Civilians, Air National Guard (ANG), and Air Force Reserve (AFR).

AFTC Mission

To connect military teens worldwide via AFTC leadership opportunities and social media, implement youth programs that better the lives of military youth and teens, and attend, volunteer, and lead AFTC sponsored events.

- Provide a youth perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of various Air Force Youth Programs (YP)
- Identify issues that affect military youth, develop effective strategies, and implement solutions to address the issues
- Acquire leadership, communication, and efficient problem solving skills
- Offer a support system for teens dealing with deployment or other issues affecting military teens
- Inform teens about the benefits and opportunities military life can offer
- Speak on behalf of Air Force youth and teens at selected functions and programs

AFTC Program

Every active duty AF Led Installation YP will organize a group of teens to serve as members on their Installation Teen Council (TC). Members may include teens from ANG/AFR units located near the installation or willing to participate via other means such as teleconferencing or in special events. Teens may be recruited from other existing teen organizations such as Keystone Club, 4-H Club, area middle schools and high schools, homeschool groups, etc.

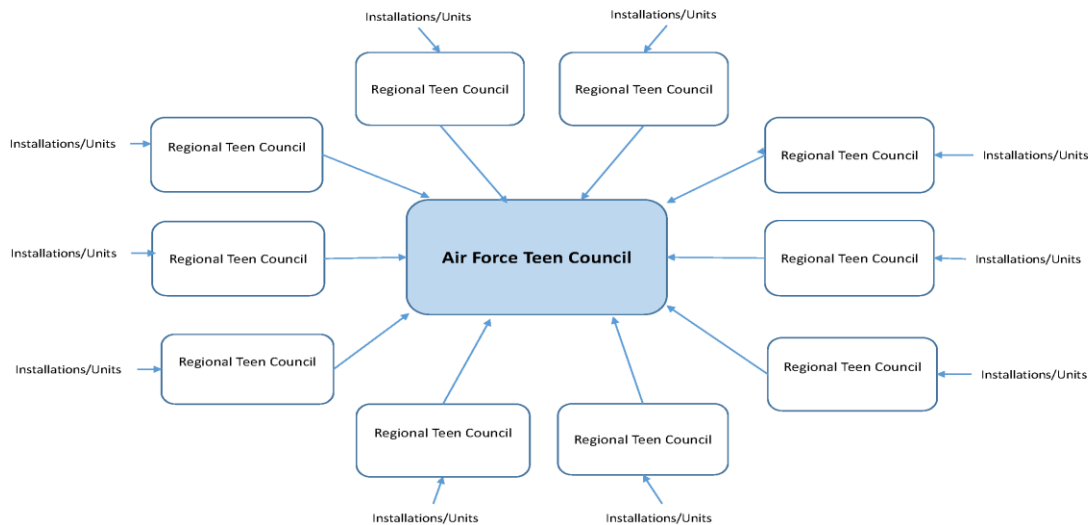
Each Installation TC will work to understand the successes and struggles of their community's teen population with the goal of finding solutions and taking steps to resolve issues/problems and be positive agents of change. The Installation TC will brief installation leadership on situations and issues affecting teens locally.



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Each Installation TC is represented on the Regional Teen Council. Installation TC opinions, issues, and concerns are shared with the Regional Teen Council. The Regional Teen Council will work to analyze and consolidate concepts to share with the AFTC.



AFTC Structure

There are 10 regions: Regions are composed of active duty AF Led Installations and ANG/AFR installations. Eight regions are located in the continental United States and Alaska and two regions encompass the overseas locations in Asia and Europe.

Region 1: AK, WA, OR, CA

Region 2: MT, ID, NV, UT, AZ, NM

Region 3: CO, WY, ND, SD

Region 4: NE, KS, MO, OK, IL, IA, MN, WI

Region 5: TX, LA, AR

Region 6: FL, AL, MS

Region 7: GA, SC, NC, VA, TN, KY, WV

Region 8: MI, IN, OH, PA, NJ, NY, MA, RI, DE, CT, VT, NH, ME, MD, DC

Asia: Japan, Korea, Hawaii, Guam, and other Asian locations where AF teens reside

Europe: Germany, England, Italy, and other European locations where AF teens reside



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Selection Process

AFTC Representatives are selected through an application process. Representatives include both teens and adult advisors. A minimum of two AFTC Teen Representatives per region will be selected; one from an AF Led Active Duty Installation and one from an ANG/AFR Installation. Two AFTC Adult Advisor Representatives (one primary and one alternative) per region will be selected.

Roles and Responsibilities:

AFTC Teen Representatives:

1. Represent their Region
2. Commit to approximately 2 hours per week for AFTC activities
3. Be able to fulfill a 1-year term (1 June 2017-31 May 2018)
4. Participate in monthly AFTC Conference Calls (and email discussion groups as needed) and lead one AFTC Conference Call
5. Attend AFTC events
6. Facilitate the monthly Regional Teen Council Conference Call
 - a. Brief activities of the AFTC
 - b. Gather information from teens and establish relationships with teens within their region
7. Actively promote and accomplish Teen Movement Programs

AFTC Adult Advisors

1. Be an employee of AF Child and Youth Programs with experience working with teens
2. Participate in the Monthly AFTC Conference Call
3. Serve as AFTC POC for YP in their region
4. Work with Teen Representatives to establish goals for the Regional Teen Council and establish meeting times, disseminate information within the region
5. Help Teen Representatives facilitate the Regional Conference Calls
6. Actively promote and accomplish Teen Movement Programs
7. Facilitate conferences and trainings for AFTC members, representatives, and advisors
8. Provide guidance to all advisors and teen members within their region