

Peer Jury Program

Parent/Guardian Consent Letter

Date: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in becoming a Peer Juror. This program is under the auspices of New Trier Township and the police departments of Glencoe, Kenilworth, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka.

Peer jurors hear cases in which an offender has admitted guilt to committing an offense. Peer Jury Cases are recommended by the responsible police officer and are an alternative to Juvenile Court. The offender and his/her parent or guardian must acknowledge guilt and sign consent to have the case placed before the Peer Jury. Punishment is determined by the Peer Jury and is in the form of community service.

Hearings are once a month, usually on the first Wednesday evening, at the New Trier Township Office, 739 Elm Street, Winnetka. While start times will vary (generally 5:30 PM), we aim to be completed by 9:00 PM. Depending on the caseload, Peer Jury has sometimes met twice in a month.

Please sign in the space provided below if you agree to let your son/daughter participate in the program. Have your son/daughter return this form to us at the Township office. We will then contact him/her for an interview.

Please contact Brian Leverenz at the New Trier Township office (847) 446-8203.

My son/daughter _____ has my permission to participate in the Peer Jury Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date