



# Teen Volunteers in Action

## Who are we?

Teen Volunteers in Action (TVIA) is a truly unique opportunity for young men to reach out to the community. It is comprised of 30 members per class in grades 7-12. The first chapter was established in 2000 and has been followed by a number of other successful chapters. All chapters are tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profits, with a mission to meet an underserved need to introduce our sons to community service and leadership on a local level. In addition, the parent-run advisement board provides wonderful opportunities for continued work and interaction with our teenage sons.

## Vision

Teen Volunteers in Action reaches out to young men in grades 7-12, who demonstrate an interest in, and a commitment to, volunteerism. TVIA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender expression or any other classification protected by law. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

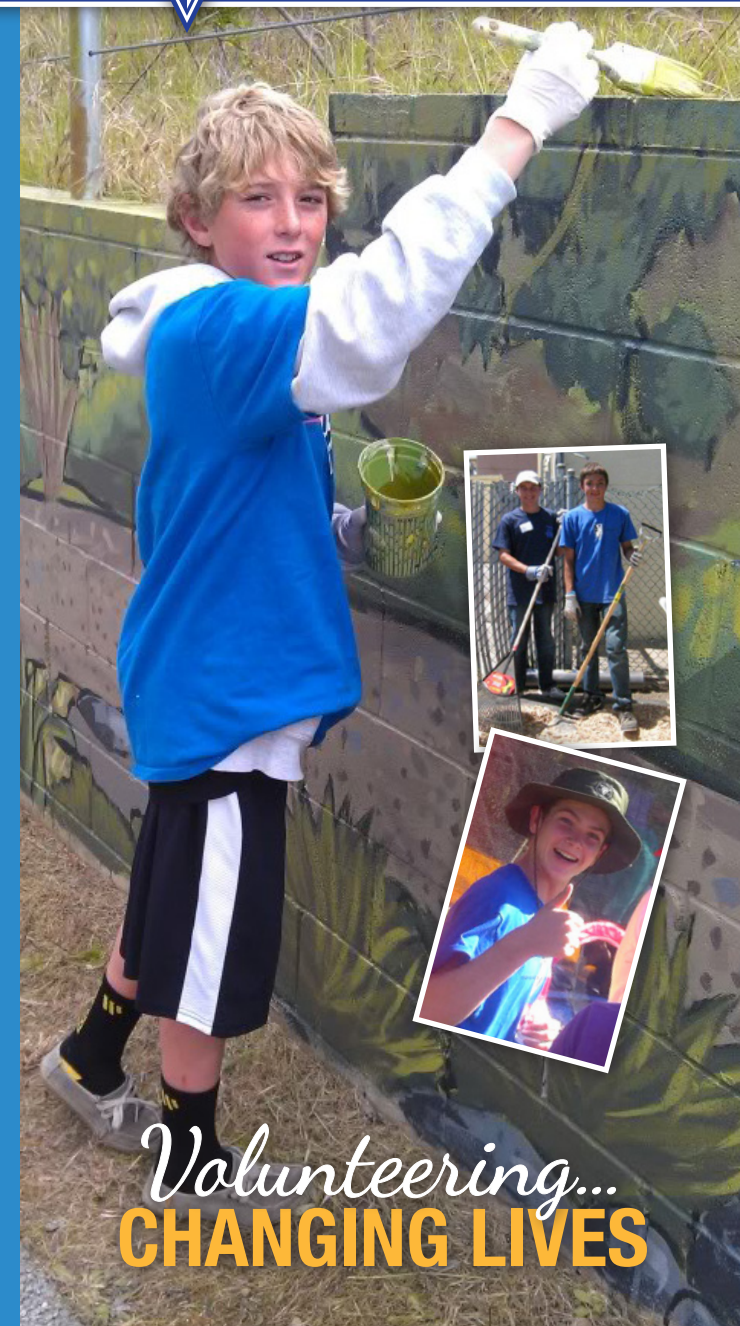


## Mission Statement

Teen Volunteers In Action is an organization of young men who, together with their families, are committed to developing community leaders through a structured program of volunteerism, philanthropy, and personal development.

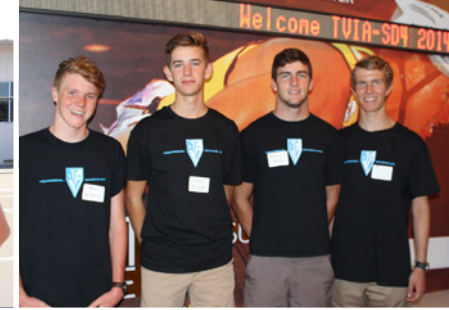


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## What do we offer?

TVIA focuses on a wide range of direct and indirect service—all of which satisfies many school service requirements—in an effort to introduce the teens to community involvement and spark interest in continued service work. Service opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Serving those in need including seniors
- Distributing/sorting food at local food banks
- Working with physically/emotionally handicapped children and athletes
- Participating in neighborhood, beach and park clean-ups
- Working with refugees, animal rescue services, and the military



Upperclassmen are offered personal development seminars on such crucial college-survival topics as:

- SAT/ACT preparation
- Interview skills
- Personal finance
- Car maintenance
- Cooking and laundry skills

The seminars are meant to further prepare our college-bound teens for the next chapter of life. Teens in high school can also apply to the Leadership Council to work on developing their leadership skills, acting as liaisons to the various grade levels.

There are three (3) parent meetings per year including a fall kick-off with speakers addressing topics of parent/teen interest.

TVIA's password-protected, user-friendly website provides a myriad of useful information. Members can obtain news about the chapter, view the annual calendar of events as well as register for events, obtain any necessary forms, review board minutes and TVIA policies, and access contact information by class, committee or board.

TVIA is an event based organization. Events typically run two (2) to four (4) hours and are primarily on Saturdays and Sunday, spread across a variety of times and locations.

## What do we ask?

In grades 7-10 teens are required to attend a minimum of five (5) events per year and in grades 11-12 a minimum of three (3) events. The teens must wear their TVIA t-shirts and be ready to work hard in whatever capacity is required. Parental involvement is also required; be it side-by-side volunteering with your son at events, attending parent meetings, organizing a TVIA event, or participating as a committee or board member. We ask that all our teen members and their parents honor the TVIA mission statement and comply with these member requirements.



As a non-profit organization, TVIA requires a nominal annual fee for participation.

## What's next?

Please join us for a prospective member informational meeting

held in March. Dedicated parent volunteers and Leadership Council representatives will be available to answer questions about our organization and next year's exciting opportunities. You are welcome to attend informational meetings at several chapters, but you may only apply to one (1) chapter. For more information about this meeting, membership inquiries, and answers to frequently asked questions, please go to our website at [www.tvia.org](http://www.tvia.org).

