



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 25, 2012
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Santa Barbara Youth Council
SUBJECT: Youth Advisory Council Attack Conference

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receives a presentation from the Santa Barbara Youth Council on their conference attendance at the YAC Attack (Youth Advisory Council) conference in Santa Clara, California.

DISCUSSION: On March 3, 2012, members of the Santa Barbara Youth Council attended the YAC Attack Conference sponsored by CPRS District VIII, in Santa Clara, California. The YAC Attack conference is a one-day conference designed by youth for youth, for teens that participate on Youth Advisory Boards, Commissions, Committees or Councils. The conference offers educational sessions, with thought-provoking debates, and an opportunity for youth advisory members from various communities to network and exchange ideas.

The conference was attended by approximately 350 teens from as far south as Santa Barbara, California to north of San Francisco, with over 39 workshops and round table discussions. The workshops included subjects such as Advocating for a Cause, in which participants were taught skills to advocate to decision makers; Always Mean, Never Green, a workshop talking about how “unenvironmentally” friendly tobacco use is; others included staying fit and social networking. The Santa Barbara Youth Council led a workshop session on Youth Speak Out, teaching participants how to put together a Youth Forum/Speak Out on current issues. The Santa Barbara Youth Council’s workshop had standing room only and received high evaluation marks. The conference also had workshops for “advisors only” to provide a networking opportunity for our staff advisors.

Overall it was a very rewarding and fun experience. In addition to the information and skills learned at the conference, the event provided a great opportunity for Santa Barbara Youth Council members to bond and get to know each other better.

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