



Dear Prospective Student:

We at Teen Challenge Illinois would like to express our appreciation for the interest you have shown in your “Christian Discipleship Program”. Our program is founded upon four principles:

1. There is hope for troubled individuals if they sincerely desire a change.
2. Their troubles with substance abuse, friends, legal systems and other life-controlling problems are only symptoms of the real need.
3. They need to become whole persons, mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.
4. Through the teaching of Biblical principles our students are given the opportunities to develop new habits and attitudes. This provides a foundation on which to build a “new beginning”.

Teen Challenge Illinois – Peoria Center is a non-profit Christian-oriented discipleship program for men who are 18 years or older, whose lives are being destroyed by life-controlling problems. It may be drugs, alcohol, gang activity, wrongful behavior or other negative life styles.

Teen Challenge is an international Christian faith based discipleship program with over a 45 year history of providing assistance, support and challenging people to make the right choices by turning away from their destructive lifestyles.

The men’s program is 12-14 months and consists of two phases. The first phase, (Phase I), is the induction part of the program which is a minimum of 4 months. After completing the program requirements for Phase I, the student then advances to the long-term residential part (Phase II) which is an additional 8-10 months in length.

In the best interest of the student, it will be decided where he will complete his “Phase II” portion of the program. The “Phase II” program provides continued introduction and application of life changing principles and guidelines for a student’s Christian growth, development and discipleship process.

This is accomplished by strengthening Biblically based moral standards and attitudes in Christian commitment, daily living, honesty, responsibility, respect, an emphasis on developing good work habits and the establishment of wholesome relationships in the family, local church, chosen vocation and the community.

ENCLOSURES

We have enclosed several informational items to help explain and familiarize you with Teen Challenge's daily schedule and activities.

1. Teen Challenge Brochure
2. General Program Rules and Guidelines **"Student Agreement"**
3. Admission Policies
4. Cost for the 12-14 month program
5. Daily TC Peoria Student Schedule

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Teen Challenge is not a laid-back glorified "drop in" program, but rather it is a spiritual boot camp established in Biblical teaching and Christian ethics. The main purpose and goal of students entering the program is to build a "new beginning", not just merely to get off alcohol and drugs. Students are expected to give serious consideration to Biblical and Christian principles in providing opportunities to develop new habits and attitudes for a foundation on which to build a "new way of life".

Upon entering Teen Challenge, you will discover it is not the perfect place, nor is it full of perfect or easy-to-get-along-with-people. There are approximately 40-60 students in the program and most of them have as many problems, bad habits and defense mechanisms as you do. However, there is no better place to develop inter-personal skills and to grow in patience and love (which are Godly virtues)

The staff members and volunteers at Teen Challenge are here because they believe that the Lord has called them to this ministry to reach-out and help desperate people seek and find answers. If you want to change your lifestyle and are willing to be totally honest, open and teachable; then Teen Challenge is the place for you. You and only you are able to choose to face reality and deal with your problems maturely and with the help of God's love, forgiveness and redemptive power.

Teen Challenge will assist and help you in every way possible, however, we will not take responsibility from you. If we did, we would not be people helpers producing responsible individuals; but, instead we would only be furthering your problems by becoming an enabler and not letting God work through difficulties and circumstances to accomplish His will in your life.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider your involvement, commitment and responsibility to develop and mature spiritually in this life changing program.

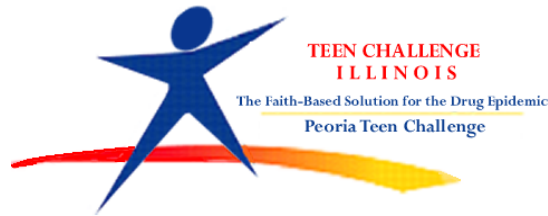
Jeremiah 29:11-13

“for I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek my with all your heart.”

In closing, if you want to visit our facility or if you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to call us at 309.673.3716 or email at tcj@teenchallengepeoria.org.

Sincerely,

Pastor L. Randall Atchley
Executive Director
Teen Challenge Illinois – Peoria Center



ADMISSION POLICIES

It is Teen Challenge's admission policy not to accept individuals in the program who will endanger themselves or others in the program. Individuals not eligible for admission to the program include those who:

- 1) Need medical detoxification.
- 2) Need hospitalization, ongoing nursing care or continual medical supervision, or mood-altering medication.
- 3) Display a psychiatric disturbance or emotional problem of a severity that would keep them from appropriate participation in the program.
- 4) Have a history of sex-related offenses or who are registered sex offenders.

Individuals who are prescribed and medicated with psychotropic (mind altering) drugs are not accepted into the program. Again, we are not a medical model. We are not equipped to meet the special needs and requirements of those requiring psychotropic medication.

Those entering into the program must exhibit and possess emotional and mental stability, which enables them to participate successfully in a group living environment. This includes taking responsibility for one's actions and behavior, in addition to submitting to authority of staff, volunteers and rules. ***NOTE *All candidates considering entering the Teen Challenge program must do an "intake evaluation" over the phone or in person prior to being considered for admission into the program.***

If you have any questions regarding our "Admission Policies", please feel free to contact our office and speak with the intake coordinator. Our phone number is **309.673.3716** or via email at **tci@teenchallengepeoria.org**

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:15AM	PPS DEPARTURE	PPS DEPARTURE	PPS DEPARTURE	PPS DEPARTURE	PPS DEPARTURE		
6:30 AM	WAKE UP	WAKE UP	WAKE UP	WAKE UP	WAKE UP		
7:00 AM	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST		
7:15 AM	HAGEL DEPARTURE	HAGEL DEPARTURE	HAGEL DEPARTURE	HAGEL DEPARTURE	HAGEL DEPARTURE		
7:30 AM	HOUSE CHORES	HOUSE CHORES	HOUSE CHORES	HOUSE CHORES	HOUSE CHORES		
8:00 AM	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	WAKE UP	WAKE UP
8:15 AM	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
8:45 AM	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	WORSHIP	PEORIA CENTER HOUSE G.I.	M
9:00 AM	CHAPEL	CHAPEL	CHAPEL	CHAPEL	CHAPEL		I
9:45AM	BIBLE CLASS	BIBLE CLASS	BIBLE CLASS	BIBLE CLASS	WORK DETAIL	DEVOTIONS	N
11:45AM	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	I
12:00 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	FREE TIME	S
1:00 PM	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	FREE TIME	T
1:15 PM	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	FREE TIME	R
2:00 PM	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	FREE TIME	Y
4:00PM	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
4:45 PM	INTERCESSION	INTERCESSION	DINNER @ 4:30PM	INTERCESSION	INTERCESSION	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
5:15 PM	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	DINNER @ 5PM
5:30 PM	DINNER	DINNER	Mid-week Service	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	FREE TIME
6:00 PM	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	Mid-week Service	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	MEDICATION	EVENING SVC
6:45 PM	STUDY HALL	DEVOTIONS	Mid-week Service	STUDY HALL	STUDY HALL	FREE TIME	or
7:15 PM	STUDY HALL	RECREATION	Mid-week Service	STUDY HALL	STUDY HALL	DEVOTIONS(7-7:30)	6:00 Chapel
8:00 PM	FREE TIME	RECREATION	Mid-week Service / After Svc FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
8:30 PM	SNACKS	RECREATION	SNACKS	SNACKS	SNACKS	SNACKS	SNACKS
9:00 PM	DEVOTIONS	SNACKS	FREE TIME	DEVOTIONS	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE TIME
10:00 PM	MEDS/PREP FOR BED	MEDS/PREP FOR BED	MEDS/PREP FOR BED	MEDS/PREP FOR BED	DEVOTIONS	MEDS/PREP FOR BED	MEDS/PREP FOR BED
10:30 PM	LIGHTS OUT	LIGHTS OUT	LIGHTS OUT	LIGHTS OUT	MEDS/PREP FOR BED	LIGHTS OUT	LIGHTS OUT
11:00 PM	QUIET TIME	QUIET TIME	QUIET TIME	QUIET TIME	LIGHTS OUT	QUIET TIME	QUIET TIME
11:30 PM					QUIET TIME		

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Student Agreement:

While participating in the program:

**Violation of the following agreements denoted with an asterisk below may result in immediate dismissal*

A. I agree...

1. Not to damage walls, vehicles, tools, chairs, etc. Intentional damage may result in immediate dismissal from the program. * (Students will be responsible for repayment of damage to TC property.)
2. Not to possess any weapons, lighters or matches. *
3. Not to leave the group when on work details, at church, at recreation, at the doctor, dentist, court or any other outing. I understand that if I leave the group, I have left the program. *
4. I understand that a violation of these agreements or my refusal to complete a discipline will result in my dismissal from the program even if I am mandated to the program or on probation. *
5. To willfully strike a staff, alumni, intern or fellow student with intent to inflict bodily injury will be cause for immediate dismissal. *
6. Any student who walks off the jobsite is automatically dismissed from the program- NO EXCEPTIONS. *
7. Not to horseplay, wrestle, shadow box or fight. *
8. If you are caught bringing into the building or it is brought to the staff's attention that you brought into the building (and items are confiscated) or it is found on you personally any drugs (of any kind) or alcohol, it is an automatic dismissal from the program and you are not allowed to reapply for 30 days. *
9. If you are caught bringing into the building or it is brought to the staff's attention that you brought into the building (and items are confiscated) or it is found on you personally any tobacco products (anything having to do with tobacco) you will be given an extra 30 days. (**POSSIBLE DISCHARGE**) *
10. Not to use drugs, alcohol, inhalants or tobacco. *
11. Not to touch, answer or use any of the phones without specific staff permission. *
12. Not to wear gang colors, make gang signs or represent gangs in any way. *
13. Not to use racial terms nor make fun of a different ethnic or racial group. *
14. To complete the entire 12-14 month program. *
15. Not to take anything from anyone that does not belong to me (stealing). *

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B. General House Behavior

1. To forfeit any belongings that I might leave behind if I leave the program and do not pick them up within 48 hours.
2. Not to touch or adjust thermostats, phones, fans, sound equipment, radios, televisions or video equipment without staff permission will result in discipline.
3. No girlfriends or fiancés during the induction phase of the program.
4. Visitors may never give anything directly to a student. A violation of this rule will result in immediate termination of the visit and possible discipline.
5. To put my name on my luggage and store it in the Blessing Room.
6. To notify the staff of any court, probation or parole problem etc.
7. To notify the staff immediately if I am sick, injured or have any ongoing medical problems. This includes cuts, scrapes, twisted ankles, jammed fingers, fevers, night sweats, etc. If I cannot go to work on Wednesday after recreation there will be no recreation on the following Tuesday.
8. To stay in bed for entire day if put on sick call by staff.
9. To take my medications at the assigned times (must bring water). All non-prescriptions medicines need doctor's note to exceed recommended dosage.
10. To allow prescribed medication to be dispensed by the staff.
11. To work diligently at all assignments, chores and activities.
12. Not to personally receive any welfare, SSI or unemployment checks while in the program
13. Not to bring or use any credit cards.
14. To pray during prayer time, using appropriate posture and in such a way as to not disturb others.
15. To awaken at the proper time each day and not to return to bed until bedtime (without staff approval).
16. To go to bed at the appointed time, to be quiet during "quite time" and not to leave my bed except to use the bathroom after lights out.
17. Not to sleep, talk, laugh, eat or drink during prayer, chapel, class, study hall or church service.
18. Both rooms inside and outside the kitchen are off limits to students except for getting mop water.
19. Not to purchase or read any books, magazines, newspapers, Christian or non-Christian without prior approval.
20. Not to make any requests of off-duty staff members.
21. Not to go to students to find out what Teen Challenge policy is. I will live by the maxim, "When in doubt, check it out with staff".
22. To obey a staff member even if he denies my request and not to go to another staff member with the same request without the first staff member's permission.
23. Not to argue with a staff member nor to talk back to him but to always show proper respect for the staff member's position when talking with him.
24. Not to borrow anything from anyone without permission prior staff approval. This includes money, books, clothing, etc.

25. Not to roam the building or enter other dorms or rooms without proper permission.
26. To keep my closet or locker area neat and clean at all times and not to leave anything on top, around or outside my locker or closet.
27. To conduct myself in a gentlemanly manner at all times.
28. Not to curse, use street language (slang) or a foreign language.
29. Not to talk about my past life or things that could cause others to stumble, such as sex, drugs, gangs, etc.
30. Not to sing, hum, whistle, rap or play secular music.
31. Not to call people names or use nicknames.
32. Not to argue or complain about anything to anyone. If I have problems, I will bring it to the staff.
33. Not to wear any type of hat while in the building.
34. Not to be involved in coarse jesting, crude jokes or practical jokes.
35. Not to flirt or start new relationships with females while in the program.
36. Not to change any marital status while in the program.
37. Not to give my name or address or phone number to anyone except for personal mail from approved individuals.
38. Not to get out of bed, disturb others or take shower before “wake-up” call.
39. To be in the dining room within three minutes of roll call and devotions before each meal.
40. To be on time for all activities and to be in place for prayer, chapel, class, work details, study hall, devotions and lights out.
41. To complete all class assignments, homework and disciplines and to hand them in on time.
42. To call other students by the title “brother” and to always address the male staff as “brother” or “pastor” as their position might require and female staff as “sister”.
43. To submit to any discipline given to me for the violation of these agreements,
44. To not “hang out” in the office area near the bench at the window nor the table near the door.
45. When sick call you will be given broth for meals.
46. If you are sick on Friday you will be sick on Saturday.

C. Kitchen/Dining Rules

1. Not to enter the kitchen or pantry areas except to perform assigned tasks.
2. Not to take any food or drink out of the kitchen or pantry areas. No food or drink is to leave the kitchen or dining areas at any time.
3. Not to store food or candy in my clothes, rooms, or locker.
4. Not to take more food than I can eat and finish my meal completely.
5. Not to complain about the food but to be grateful for having something to eat.
6. Not to make special requests of the cook nor to request extra portions or to complain to him about the food or portions.
7. Not to trade or share my food or drink without staff permission.

D. Teen Challenge Vehicles

1. Not to enter any Teen Challenge vehicle without staff permission.
2. To be careful and courteous while riding in a vehicle and to not distract the driver.

E. Teen Challenge Property

1. To be considerate of all Teen Challenge property.
2. All fans and lights must be turned off when leaving your room.
3. Not to lean back on chairs, put my feet on furniture or walls, write on walls, desks, library books or textbooks.
4. If you using your air conditioner all windows in your room must be closed.
5. To notify the staff of any breakage or damage of property immediately.
6. Not to open or close blinds, windows or exterior doors without staff permission.
7. Not to unlock or open any doors or admit anyone in the building without specific staff permission.
8. Not to use any Teen Challenge equipment without specific staff permission.

F. Personal Hygiene

1. To arise from bed at the appointed time and proceed to shave, brush my teeth, make my bed and clean up my area, all before breakfast.
2. To shower at least once a day, to use deodorant and to be clean and fresh smelling all day.
3. To shave or use “magic shave” daily.
4. Not to wear a beard and to be clean-shaven at all times.
5. To keep my mustache trimmed to the bottom of the top lip.
6. To keep sideburns trimmed to the middle of the ear.
7. Not to wear a radical haircut or to request the barber to give a radical haircut. All haircuts must be approved by staff.

G. Church, Ministries & Other Outings

1. To abide by the agreements even when I am away from TC building: at church, work detail, fund raising, doctor office, court, field trips, etc.
2. To be under the authority of staff at all times.
3. To be prepared for church, chapel and class by bringing the required materials such as Bible, books, pens, paper, etc.
4. To participate in church, chapel, class and all activities to the best of my abilities.
5. Not to sign any church registries or sign up for any catalogues, mailings, etc.
6. Not to take church literature (except bulletin) on church outings.
7. To use the bathroom before leaving for church or any activity and not to use the bathroom until returning home.
8. To sit with the group at all services, tours, trips and activities.

H. Dress Code

1. To wear socks and shoes at all times. No slippers and sandals will be allowed on the first floor (class, chapel and lunchroom), at work details or at church. No gym shoes for church.
2. To wear a belt at all times unless the style of pants has no loops.
3. To be fully dressed at all times between breakfast and bedtime.
4. To never leave my dorm without being fully dressed.
5. Not to wear any T-Shirts, tank tops or sleeveless shirts except during recreation or in-house work details (with staff permission).
6. No white t-shirts or dago tees to be worn as a primary shirt.
7. Not to wear any torn or ripped clothing.
8. To dress daily in a collared shirt, only top button open, jeans/pants, socks and shoes.
9. To keep my shirt fully tucked in and waistband visible.
10. To always wear a shirt at work and recreation.
11. To dress for church with a collared dress shirt, tie, sport coat or suit, sweater, belt/suspenders, socks and dress shoes.

I. Work Experience Program

1. If a student is fired from a job he will receive a minimum of 30 days “extra” in the program. A student is also subject to dismissal at the staff’s discretion. A second offense is automatic dismissal for the program.
2. Any student who uses the telephone while off property will receive 30 days “extra” in the program for the first offense. A student is also subject to dismissal at the staff’s discretion.

J. Dismissal from the Program

I understand that if I am dismissed from the program or leave by my own choice, I cannot return for at least 30 days and that Teen Challenge is not obligated to take me back. I must reapply for the program and pay another full entry fee, deposit money for return transportation and may have to get another physical exam.

Departures outside business hours may not have access to their secured funds or Link cards until the next business day.

K. Phone Calls

1. A student must be a resident in the program a minimum of 15 days before his first telephone call.
2. Students may receive calls only from those individuals listed on their approved list.
3. The only females you may receive calls from are those you are related to and are on the approved list.
4. Students may receive only one ten minute in-coming phone call on Saturday afternoons between 1:00PM and 5:00PM.
5. Student’s can either receive or make one ten minute out-going call on Sunday afternoon after returning from a church outing.
6. Students may not receive phone calls at any other time unless student’s return late from a church outing then staff on duty will designate time.

L. Mail/Correspondence

1. Students may receive mail any time after entering the program.
2. Students may receive mail only from approved individuals.
3. Only immediate family members, spouse and pastors will be approved.
4. All mail will be opened in the presence of the staff and checked if necessary.
5. Any mail sent out of the facility without processing through official channels will result in discipline- discipline is subject to staff's discretion.
6. Mail is subject to staff's approval.
7. Mail is a privilege- not a right.

M. Visitation

1. Visiting hours are on Saturday only from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
2. Visits are allowed only after the student has completed 30 days in the program.
3. Only approved individuals may visit.
4. Visitors must dress modestly or visit may be refused.
5. All visitors must check in with the staff, read and sign a copy of the visiting rules before a visit will be permitted.
6. Visitors must remain on the first floor and may not roam the building.
7. Visitors are never to encourage a student to leave the program prematurely. A student's success in overcoming his addiction is directly related to his willingness to complete the entire 12 month program.
8. Visitors who encourage the students to break Teen Challenge rules will lose their privilege to visit.
9. There is to be **NO CELL PHONE USE** during visitations. Visitors must leave cell phones in their cars.
10. No tours of the building during visitation hours.

N. Gifts

1. Visitors should never feel compelled to bring gifts for the students.
2. All gifts must be presented to student in the office in the presence of the staff.
3. Students may not personally receive gifts of food, drink, snacks or candy.
4. Food items may be donated to Teen Challenge. The staff must approve all gifts of food in advance. All such gifts are considered donations to Teen Challenge and will be distributed as the Director of the program designates.
5. All gifts and transactions between a student and his family must take place during regular visiting hours on Saturday.

O. Passes

1. Passes are a privilege not a right and may be reduced or cancelled by staff if deemed necessary.
2. **Passes may be denied if all required schoolwork curriculum is not current.**
3. Passes are allowed only after a student completes a "Pass Request Form" and the form is approved by staff.

P. Fees

The \$850.00 intake fee is non-refundable regardless of how long the student stays in the program. The return transportation money will be given to the student only when he leaves the program. This money may not be used while he takes his pass. Students may keep money in a “student account”; however, these funds must be kept to a modest (minimal) amount. We will not permit a student to accumulate large amounts of money in his account. In some cases, staff will not immediately release the money in a student account to a student who leaves the program prematurely if, in the staff’s opinion, there is a great risk that the student would use the money to get drunk or high. *Sponsors will be notified of student’s departure/dismissal and distribution of secured funds will be determined by the sponsor.*

Q. Safety

In order to maintain a safe drug free environment, we reserve the right to search any student at any time. All property belonging to students but brought onto the grounds, buildings, shops, etc. are also subject to search at anytime!

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PEORIA TEEN CHALLENGE

ACCEPTABLE/UNACCEPTABLE LIST

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WHAT TO BRING:

1. \$850.00 for intake fee and medical expenses. Must be paid by cash or money order.
NO CHECKS
2. Suit (1)
3. Black dress pants (1)
4. Dress pants/jeans (7) No holes in pants.
5. Belts (2) One needs to be **BLACK**.
6. Black dress shoes
7. Dress shirts (5)
8. Ties (3)
9. Shirts (7) Must have collars.
10. T-Shirts (7) Must **NOT** have secular themes (alcohol, rock groups, tobacco, etc.)
11. Socks (7) Dress socks (2)
12. Underwear/Boxers
13. Exercise clothing (gym shorts, gym shoes, etc.)
14. Work clothes
15. Work shoes or boots
16. Hygiene Items (soap, shampoo, razors, shaving crème, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, etc.)
17. Bath Towel & wash cloth (2 ea.)
18. Shower shoes
19. Bible
20. Notebook
21. Pens
22. Envelopes/Stamps
23. Phone Card

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

1. Drugs, Alcohol or any form of Tobacco
2. Cell phones
3. Computers
4. CD's or CD Players
5. Cassettes or cassette players
6. Body Piercing items (ear rings, nipple rings, tongue rings, etc.)
7. Jewelry (one necklace with cross & wedding bands are OK. **NOTHING** else)
8. Photos of females (except immediate family **ONLY**)
9. Radios
10. Books or magazines
11. Lighters
12. Sharp objects
13. Candy, gum, sunflower seeds (mints are OK)

