



BI-ANNUAL REPORT 2026

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2025-2026 Membership

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- Chair: Harmony Morales
- Vice Chair: Ava McQuaide
- Treasurer: Adriana Lopez-Espinoza
- Secretary: Abigail Hallas

Current Membership

- 9 Commissioners
- 60 Resource Members
- 28 Junior YAC Members

The Purpose of YAC

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- ❑ Created in 1993 to serve as a liaison to the Killeen City Council.
- ❑ Mission Statement: To provide the youth of our community opportunities through volunteerism and service, by taking initiatives that are directed towards effective change.



➤ HAVE FUN!

- ❑ Opportunities to make life-long friendships.
- ❑ Represent YAC and the City of Killeen at various events.
- ❑ Make a positive impact on our community.
- ❑ Develop and enhance leadership skills.

Changes to YAC

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The Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) implemented changes to the commission this year as an effort to make YAC efficient and community oriented. These changes included:

- **YAC Commissioners voted on yearly goals**
 - ▣ Increase Volunteerism
 - ▣ Host teen focused event Summer of 2026
 - ▣ Host career fair to highlight jobs in community for Youth
- **Revised Bylaws set for council review June 2, 2026**
- **Implemented Central Texas YAC Quarterly Mixer**
 - ▣ First one took place on April 18, 2026, with Temple and Boys and Girls Club YAC in attendance.

Accomplishments

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□ **Partnership**

- YAC has partnered with the Boys & Girls Club and NAACP Youth Council
- YAC has partnered with The Texas Workforce of Killeen

□ **On the Path for Improvement**

- This term YAC Commissioners have made decisions that will set them up for success in the coming year

□ **Networking**

- Attendance at TML Youth Conference – Cedar Hill
- Developed Quarterly Central Texas YAC gatherings

2025-2026 Leadership

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Teen Municipal League Conference, Junior Youth Advisory Commission, Leaders in Training



2025-2026 Youth Activities

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Fall Fest, Haunted House, Family Volunteer Day, 5K Runs, AYAAD Youth Summit, Spring Fest, Celebrate Killeen, Christmas Parade



2025-2026 Outreach

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High School Open House, NAACP Youth Council Partnership,
Boys and Girls Club Partnership, Cen-Tex YAC Quarterly
Mixers



Looking Ahead

Plans for 2025-2026

- **Recruit:** Develop a stronger relationship and presence in Central Texas within the Killeen Independent School District and Non-Profit Organizations that focus on Youth Programs.
- **Reach:** Through continuing our initiatives to create events and programs that address and meet the needs of today's youth in our community as well as play a larger role in our community.

Looking Ahead(cont.)

- **Represent:** Build more effective relationships with our civic and community leaders so we can better represent and articulate the needs of our peers.
- **Revise:** Continue to update policies and procedures through group discussions.

Summary

In this presentation we have discussed the history and prospective future of the Youth Advisory Commission by highlighting the accomplishments and steps we are taking to further our outreach and impact on our beloved community and the youth that resides in it.

The commission provides a platform for young leaders to collaborate with city officials, develop leadership skills, and contribute to initiatives that positively impact the community. Through volunteer service, event planning, and advocacy, YAC members serve as a voice for youth while fostering a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and civic pride.