



2017 Youth Council Community Service Competition

- **First Place** - City of Niceville's Youth Advisory Council--*Niceville City Cleanup* and
- **Second Place** - City of West Palm Beach's Mayor's Youth Council—*Grassy Waters Everglades Preserve*
- **Third Place** - City of St. Petersburg's Mayor's Youth Congress—*Scrubbin' Da Burg*

Niceville's Youth Advisory Council--*Niceville City Cleanup*



The City Cleanup has become a trademark of the Niceville Youth Advisory Council. The biannual cleanup, occurring both in the Spring and the Fall, has never gone unrecognized. There have been multiple cleanups and each one has brought together more people and helped to better the City of Niceville. Two Saturday a year, the Niceville Youth Council gathers scores of willing teenagers to help clean up the city for a few hours in the morning. With the help of community workers, the Niceville Youth Council is provided trash bags,

gloves, and safety vests to create a secure environment for the teens to help clean up the city. With the help of city leaders, such as the City Council members, and local businesses, like Chick Fil A, the Youth Council can host a successful event. The City Cleanup has united students from different schools all over the community.

West Palm Beach's Mayor's Youth Council—*Grassy Waters Everglades Preserve*

The Mayor's Youth Council of West Palm Beach conducted a community service initiative at Grassy Water Everglades Preserve. This service project was held with the intent to learn about and contribute to the sustainability and park system. Working in the Preserve, the council learned about Florida's diverse ecosystem first-hand. This event was open to a wide range of young people from various schools and other councils. The council enacted the initiative during a critical period: a major drought was severely lowering water levels. Also, the City of West Palm Beach was contemplating extending route US441 northbound, which would eliminate the Grassy Waters Preserve



entirely. The council’s work involved clearing nature trails, organizing a picnic area overlooking a natural lake, and maintaining a shed for new equipment. The community benefitted by receiving clean spaces to enjoy West Palm’s natural landscape and the youth benefitted by learning about the value of our ecosystem and helping to preserve it.



City of St. Petersburg’s Mayor’s Youth Congress—*Scrubbin’ Da Burg*

“Scrubbin’ Da’ Burg” is an annual community service project where thirteen TASC0 camp sites from the City of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department unite in efforts to beautify St. Petersburg. They work in partnership with the St. Petersburg N-Team, City of St. Petersburg Neighborhood Services, St. Petersburg Police and Fire Department, Pinellas County Schools and the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department to identify projects. This event also includes middle school summer camp participants. On July 7th, at 9:30 a.m., teens spread across the community to paint houses and other structures, wash fire trucks, spread mulch, pick-up trash, clean, dust, clear debris, landscape and more. The 15th Annual Scrubbin’ Da’ Burg event includes over 30 locations for clean-up. Following the clean-up project, teens come together at the St. Petersburg Coliseum for an awards ceremony and Proclamation announcement addressed by the Mayor of St. Petersburg.

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