

Welcome to the 2009/10 6th Grade TOPS Season

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How does my child participate?

1. Darien resident in Grade 6
2. ***MUST BE REGISTERED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN (no child will be permitted to stay at any TOPS event if he/she is not a registered member)***

How do I register?

3. Online @ www.darienct.gov (both advance paid or pay per event members); or
4. complete attached registration form and return to Middlesex Middle School or Darien Youth Commission (Town Hall, Room 110)

How do I pay?

5. Advance Pay: on-line (Visa/Mastercard) at www.darienct.gov **OR** submit registration form with check, payable to the Town of Darien to: DYC, 2 Renshaw Rd., Darien, CT 06820. (**DO NOT SEND ADVANCE PAY CHECKS TO MMS!**)
6. Pay-at-each event.

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TOPS RULES

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1. Functions are open to 6th Grade TOPS members only. TOPS members may NOT bring guests.
2. Use of drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco prior to and/or during TOPS events is prohibited.
3. No student may leave a function until it is over.
4. No piggyback & shoulder rides, roughhousing, pushing, punching, or tripping.
5. Inappropriate behavior of any kind, such as sexually promiscuous dancing and disrespecting other individuals is unacceptable.
6. Students are responsible for any damages they cause.
7. Refunds will not be issued for pre-paid members if event is cancelled for any reason.
8. Refreshments remain in designated areas. No refreshments may be brought to the functions.
9. Students must be picked up promptly at the end of all functions by a parent or guardian. **STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE ON FOOT OR BY BICYCLE.**
10. **DRESS CODE:** Students may not wear hats to dances in the gymnasium. Clothing with offensive languages, messages or substance-related advertising is unacceptable. When a tie is required, it must be worn appropriately. At the discretion of Youth Commission staff, TOPS members may be barred entry due to inappropriate clothing.
11. In order to ensure the safety of all TOPS members, it is forbidden to bring any sort of weapon or dangerous object to any TOPS event.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND/OR TOBACCO AND/OR POSSESSION OF A WEAPON OR DANGEROUS OBJECT WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM TOPS. Parents will be called; the student will be sent home & be disallowed from attending future TOPS events.
2. At the discretion of TOPS Coordinators and Youth Commission Staff, depending on the severity of the infraction, offending students may be asked to sit out, be sent home, and/or not be eligible to participate in future events.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

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2. Parents or emergency contact must be reachable during each TOPS event. This information is critical should we need to contact an adult at any time during an event for any reason.
3. TOPS relies heavily on parent volunteers in a variety of capacities (decorating, chaperoning, clean-up, etc.). We cannot host these events without your help. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

Parent Volunteers: There is an expectation that every parent will do his or her part to make these events a success for our children. As events approach you will see requests for volunteers on the MPN. Please respond to these requests in a timely manner to facilitate a smooth process for our volunteer event chairs. If you would like to be one of our core volunteers please indicate this on our registration. Your cooperation as volunteers is both necessary and greatly appreciated.

PROGRAM DATES

(Please note: Dates & times are subject to change and on rare occasion, events may be cancelled due to weather. Please consult MPN, newspapers or Darien Town Website for changes.)

ADVANCE PAID DISCOUNTED RATE: \$50

October 23	BOWLING PARTY	\$10.00	3:30 – 5:00	Rip Van Winkle
January 22	GYM & SWIM	\$ 5.00	7:30 – 9:00	Darien YMCA
February 26	MY THREE SONS	\$15.00	6:30 – 8:30	My Three Sons Norwalk
March 26	CLASH BASH PARTY	\$10.00	7:30 – 9:00	Town Hall Gym
May 7	HINDLEY FAIR NIGHT	\$15.00	5:00 – 6:30	Hindley School

TOPS COORDINATORS

Anne-Lise Brown – 655-4399
Kathy Cronin – 656-0620

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Alicia Sillars – 656-7326

**DARIEN YOUTH COMMISSION
TOPS 6th GRADE REGISTRATION FORM
2009/10**

PAYMENT OPTION: (Please check one)

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 Pay per event (form to be dropped by 9/30/09 at MMS or sent to DYC - 2 Renshaw Rd.)

NAME _____ M/F _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

DOB _____ GRADE _____ MMS TEAM _____

SCHOOL _____

PARENTS' NAME & PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

PARENT E-MAIL _____

EMERGENCY NAME & PHONE NUMBERS (Non-parent who is available during TOPS events)

1. _____

2. _____

MEDICAL RELEASE & WAIVER

1. I grant permission for _____ to participate in all TOPS (Teen Options) programs sponsored by the Darien Youth Commission.
2. Please list any allergies and/or medical conditions your child has of which we should be aware.

3. Physician's Name & Telephone #: _____
4. Hospital Preference _____
5. In the event of injury or illness of _____ and I or another parent, guardian or emergency contact cannot be contacted by reasonable & expeditious means, I hereby consent for _____ to be administered any emergency medical treatment necessary by a licensed medical professional or facility.
6. I (we) agree to hold the Town of Darien, its agents, employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims for bodily injury, illness and property damage arising from the Youth Commission's TOPS programs.

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____

Parents: Please let us know if you would like to be on our core volunteer list. You will be e-mailed prior to events to confirm your availability. (This is not a commitment to every event, but indicates your interest in helping. Decorating, baking and chaperoning are a few examples of the help needed.)

On-line registration available: www.darienct.gov

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1. Darien resident in Grade 7
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1. Functions are open to 7th Grade TOPS members only. TOPS members may **NOT** bring guests.
2. Use of drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco prior to and/or during TOPS events is prohibited.
3. No student may leave a function until it is over.
4. No piggyback & shoulder rides, roughhousing, pushing, punching, or tripping.
5. Inappropriate behavior of any kind, such as sexually promiscuous dancing and disrespecting other individuals is unacceptable.
6. Students are responsible for any damages they cause.
7. Refunds will not be issued for pre-paid members if event is cancelled for any reason.
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9. Students must be picked up promptly at the end of all functions by a parent or guardian. **STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE ON FOOT OR BY BICYCLE.**
10. **DRESS CODE:** Students may not wear hats to dances in the gymnasium. Clothing with offensive languages, messages or substance-related advertising is unacceptable. When a tie is required, it must be worn appropriately. At the discretion of Youth Commission staff, TOPS members may be barred entry due to inappropriate clothing.
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October 16	TOKENEKE FAIR NIGHT \$15.00	6:00 – 8:00	Tokeneke School
November 2	AFTERNOON @ THE MOVIES \$5.00	3:45 – 5:30	Darien Playhouse
December 4	MISTLETOE MAGIC \$10.00	7:00 – 9:00	Town Hall Gym
April 23	SPRING FLING \$10.00	7:30 – 9:00	Town Hall Gym
May 7	HINDLEY FAIR NIGHT \$15.00	7:30 – 9:00	Hindley School

TOPS COORDINATORS

Julie Martens – 353-1326

Irene Trautmann – 656-8484

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Alicia Sillars – 656-7326

TOPS 7th GRADE REGISTRATION FORM

2009/10

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ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

DOB _____ GRADE _____ MMS TEAM _____

SCHOOL _____

PARENTS' NAME & PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

PARENT E-MAIL _____

EMERGENCY NAME & PHONE NUMBERS (Non-parent who is available during TOPS events)

1. _____

2. _____

MEDICAL RELEASE & WAIVER

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3. Physician's Name & Telephone #: _____
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November 13	“THRILLER” DANCE	\$10.00	7:30 – 9:00	Town Hall Gym
December 4	MISTLETOE MAGIC	\$10.00	7:00 – 9:00	Town Hall Gym
February 5	VALENTINE’S DANCE	\$10.00	7:30 – 9:00	Town Hall Gym
May 7	HINDLEY FAIR NIGHT	\$15.00	7:30 – 9:00	Hindley School

TOPS COORDINATORS

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