



It's About the Story

Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press APPLICATION

Be one of up to 8 Middle School students chosen to represent SBMS to the world at large – by writing and editing video – and by being there, covering the events! In the past we've talked with movie stars, politicians, entrepreneurs, software developers, bicycle racers, filmmakers, ecologists, artists, cooks, waiters, reporters, scientists, professors, students, teachers and people on the street, to name a few. **Join in this coming trimester to make this list longer!** We will be:



Going to L.A. to cover a special Earth Day convention.

Interviewing performers at the Lobero.

Writing reviews of films and live performances.

Giving the world a view of what's going on that only a middle schooler can!

Processes

The chosen reporters will take 6th period Teen Press Elective. In those sessions, we will:



research opportunities for stories

contact individuals and organizations to request interviews and/or sponsorship

watch films about some of the subjects and/or people we will be writing about

visit with members of the local press who do film reviews & interviews

practice mock interviews and reviews

learn to create podcasts and edit videos

AND THEN...

Return to David TL by Wed., Mar 12 @ Lunch



Travel out into the world to actually cover our stories! This will be during class periods (often including lunch period), other times of the school day, and some evenings and weekends.

Requirements



A Teen Press reporter represents Santa Barbara Middle School to the world. You must be an independent, responsible and reliable learner, responsible and ready to work without reminder.



Classroom commitment: You must be able to cover your academic tracks. You must receive permission from each of your teachers.



Desire to be in front of camera and/or microphone. You will be interviewing people from all walks of life.



Dedication to service through **information**. You will be helping your viewers by giving them your perspective--informing them--through the questions you ask and the stories you write. (And the first step in this is to be informed yourself.) Be prepared to do some research!



Submit written application to David TL by **Wednesday, March 12** by the end of lunch. Application will include:



Review of a favorite movie written by you in the style shown at <http://www.sbmsteenpress.org/TP-SBIFF2007/Reviews.html>



Statement why you want to be part of the SBMS Teen Press



Personal Information



Approvals from parents and teachers



Applications will be evaluated by a panel of teachers



Personal Information

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell# _____



Parent Permission

I have read the information and application and give my permission for _____
to be apply to be part of the Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press.

Parent Signature _____



Teacher Permission

E-mail each of your teachers and ask them if you are in good standing in their classes. Tell them you are applying to be in Teen Press this trimester. In a sentence or two, tell them why you think you would be an asset to SBMS Teen Press. Tell them you will be away from SBMS several times this trimester, and that you understand you will have to make up any missed work. Ask them to send you and David TL (david@sbmsteenpress.org) their replies. Thank them for the understanding and flexibility. Your e-mails must be sent by **Monday, March 10.**



Reason(s)

(On a separate sheet of paper,) In a short paragraph (approximately 50 words), explain why you want participate in the Santa Barbara Middle School Teen Press.



Review

On a separate sheet of paper, do a review of a movie of your choice. This can be in the theater now, or a film you watch from video/DVD. Check out some of the reviews at:

http://www.sbmsteenpress.org/4stories_sbiff00Reviews.html

Write your review in a similar format and style. Only typewritten/word-processed reviews will be accepted.