T.E.A.M. is an after school and mentoring program for youth ages 13-17. The program was developed by a local non-profit community coalition, the Team for Education Assistance with Community Health Inc. (T.E.A.C.H.). The T.E.A.C.H. Mission is “To routinely assess the health needs of our community in an effort to assist in the promotion of healthier emotional, spiritual, and physical lifestyles”. T.E.A.M. was developed by T.E.A.C.H. in cooperation with Marshfield Public Schools, The Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Boy Scouts of America, the 30th Circuit Juvenile Court, Missouri State University and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. The program is supported through grants from the Wal-Mart Corporation, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, and the Alcohol and Drug Administration and is designed to:

- **Connect** youth with community mentors;
- **Involve** the youth in community service and outdoor experiences that are physically and emotionally challenging and rewarding;
- **Teach** the youth life skills and assist the youth in identifying personal strengths and aptitudes; and
- **Nurture** the youth’s talents, skills, and abilities and support the youth in identifying and planning a career path.

After six months in the program, youth become eligible to graduate and become youth leaders in the program when (s)he has:

- Remained in school;
- Received passing grades;
- Received no referrals to the Juvenile Court within the program year;
- Completed both Low and High Boy Scout’s COPE;
- Participated in at least 4 of 6 monthly outings;
- Participated in at least 80% of community service opportunities; and
- Completed twelve hours of life skills training curriculum.

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