Goal 3: GIVE TEENS LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Our teens are our future leaders and the sooner they can learn about leadership the better. We’ve found that through a process of appointment and election Teen Eagles is best run by teen leadership. They operate under Robert’s Rules of Order and form a number of committees requiring each teen to participate in two. One teen heads each committee. They quickly learn leadership and servanthood. They bring in speakers on different political issues and handle all the mechanics and specifics of each speaker. Through this experience they become leaders without even realizing it.

Goal 4: HELP TEENS TO BE BETTER COMMUNICATORS

Knowing the truth and understanding America’s Christian heritage is not enough---teens need to know how to get their message out. Many methods work here, as speakers on communication subjects are widespread and anxious to help. But in particular we like to use classes in public speaking and debate along with a large dose of etiquette. These methods also become big confidence builders. In etiquette we emphasize not only table manners, but also appropriate conduct in a formal setting, proper greeting of officials, dressing for different occasions, etc. Experience has shown that this may be the most useful and popular of all teen preparation---most teens love this aspect of their training. The etiquette program culminates in a formal dinner out, requiring formal attire.

Teen Eagles do not take serving God, Family and Country lightly although most would agree that it is FUN*. It is an opportunity to grow and be heard, and a responsibility that can be very fulfilling. Former Teen Eagles have attended America’s military academies and become officers, attained political offices and moved into various exciting careers. Help your teens reach their God-given potential.

*We manage to enjoy our share of pizza parties and other get togethers.
TEEN EAGLE HISTORY

The first teen eagle group was started in 1996 at The Pillar Foundation in St Louis, MO under the direction of Sharon and Michael Cordner. “The early plan was to teach students a worldview class so that they would understand the foundations of the thinking behind ideas and the consequences of those ideas. Although early students were prepared for the Humanistic bombardment when they attended college, and were able to maintain their faith in God, there was a need for more. They weren’t connecting the worldview positions with knowledge of what made our country great or their responsibility before God to do something with that knowledge, so we taught them something about America’s Christian heritage and the foundations of our liberty. We wanted them to be excited about these things so they would want to defend them. We wanted to help develop them into informed, active leaders for tomorrow—so we formed Teen Eagles.”

With the help and encouragement of Eagle Forum’s founder, the late Phyllis Schlafly, this program grew and became very effective. Today the St Louis Teen Eagles continue on as strong as ever.

TEEN EAGLE GOALS

Eagle Forum is encouraging the formation of Teen Eagle groups across the United States and hope you will start one in your community. These are parent led and sponsored groups with assistance from Eagle Forum and other existing Teen Eagle groups. Let’s get started!

Our overall goal is to honor God, Family and Country with the energy and excitement of our teens while teaching leadership. The ideas promoted come from the principles established and followed by Eagle Forum over the years. Here are four basic goals we have found work well, but we encourage you to come up with your own goals that fit your particular situation:

Goal 1: INSTILL TEENS WITH CONFIDENCE

Our teens feel young and inexperienced and wonder who would listen to someone who cannot yet even vote. We need to instill in them a confidence that there are so few young people who even take an interest in their country and the issues facing society, that when they do speak, adults and legislators are very much interested in what they have to say. Today it is so rare for a young person to be knowledgeable and articulate, that when a confident teen speaks, people will listen.

Goal 2: ASSOCIATE TEENS WITH POLITICAL MOVERS AND SHAKERS

In general there is a shyness in young people to step out and associate in the political arena. But it can be exciting and it all starts when they participate in candidate campaigns for elections, become familiar with their state capitol, and attend political conferences and lectures. It is important at these meetings to arrange for the teens to meet (and get photographed with) politically active people, high-ranking military officers, etc. They will find out that these are ordinary people doing great things. They will soon be comfortable and even enjoy the scene!