



Bee Cave Library's Teen Advisory Board Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Teen Advisory Board? Teen Advisory Board, or TAB, is a group of teens in 8th - 12th grade from the surrounding West Austin community who, together, take an active role in advising and advocating for ways Bee Cave Public Library can best support our youth, teens, and the community. TAB members meet once a month at the library to share ideas, plan community events, and support library programs.

What kinds of things does TAB do? Since its start in 2013, TAB has done all sorts of amazing things! Whether it's building a classroom library for a youth center, planning a fun murder mystery party, or making social media videos for the library, TAB is always coming up with new ideas. TAB members are the captains of the ship, and together they decide what to do and how to do it. This means every year of TAB is new and different!

When is TAB? TAB will meet the first Saturday of every month of the school year, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Bee Cave Public Library (except for December and April). With the guidance of a librarian, TAB members use these meetings to turn ideas into action - all while hanging out and having fun. TAB 2026-2027 meeting dates are:

August 29th
October 3rd
November 7th

January 2nd
February 6th
March 6th
May 1st

How do I join TAB? It's easy—just come to our next monthly meeting! It's okay if you're joining in the middle of the school year because we're always happy to have new members. If you want to be reminded of our next monthly meeting, email Samantha Wallace at swallace@beecavetexas.gov to get TAB updates and reminders.

If you're not sure if TAB is right for you, come to the next meeting and try it out! There is no experience necessary, and you do not have to apply or register to be in TAB.

What's the purpose of TAB? TAB's goal is to empower teens to take ownership of their community, to give teens the chance to work together outside of the classroom, to develop leadership skills, and to provide opportunities where teens can realize their own ideas. The possibilities are endless, and TAB hopes to give you the outlet you need to make an impact.

Is TAB a good fit for me? TAB is great for any teens (8th-12th grade) who want to have fun, hang out with other teens, and earn service hours.

The approximate time commitment for TAB is about two hours a month, which includes the monthly meeting, volunteering at library events, and occasionally some outside time spent working on projects. There is no time requirement, however, and all hours spent helping TAB officially count as service hours for school service organizations. There are always opportunities to earn extra service hours through TAB.

What do I gain from being a TAB member?

- Earn service hours and resume-boosting experience.
- A chance to turn your ideas into action.
- Fun, friends, and food!
- Learn valuable skills in leadership, organization, and communication.
- Meet new kids from surrounding areas and connect to new opportunities.

How is TAB different from being a Library Volunteer? While both TAB and Library Volunteers can earn service hours, TAB members have a more focused and active role in library planning. It is possible to be both a TAB member and Library Volunteer, but it's important to note that Library Volunteer positions are limited, while our TAB member space is always open. If you're interested in being a Library Volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at library@beecavetexas.gov.