

The age range is 13 through Young Adult or college age. The Goals of Teen Club are:  
to provide a safe place where our teens can participate in activities they relate to with other teens.

an opportunity to develop their social skills through planning and participating in those activities.

a environment to experience new situations where they can work through issues with understanding peers and mentors.

As for the upper age, our kids know when they're ready to move on. Some stay a short while others stay longer. We have a fluid group. So far by Twenty-three, they feel ready to get on with their own life. Also, by that age they can move on to Roger's *Adults with Aspergers* group if they choose to do so.

Johnny Askew is our Facilitator. PAN pays him to work with the teens on social issues. He is a graduate of Lewis and Clark College with his degree in Psychology. He works with kids on Spectrum and is a member (Keyboard) of a band currently call *Escape from Witch Mountain*. Last week, we listen to some of his band's music they are using in their first CD. His future plans are to return to college to get his Master's in Psychology/Education.

All the Co-chairs work with Johnny. He has great ideas and the Co-chairs help make things happen for the teens.

Think scout or club parent. I always tried to approach this as being "scout troop adviser". I always told the teens "It's Teen Club, not Rose's Club." As their interest change and new members come in, there are new direction the club can go.

I hope that helps some of you. The way it's reorganized, it's a once a month weekend commitment. For the "in Portland" co-chairs, we don't meet in November and December because of major holidays. May, if you want, but that is Memorial Weekend. The October meeting, so far, has been the Halloween Party. But it will be up to the Teens and how it will look.

I have enjoyed helping this program grow but as we move through life we have other tasks that come our way. Ultimately, I wish is for this club to self-sustaining with a committee made up of the Co-chairs and the Facilitator at the helm.