



THE CENTER

Junior Creative Directors Board

Where young minds help shape the future of creativity

The **Junior Creative Directors Board (JCDB)** is The Center's first youth advisory council, made up of creative tweens and teens ages 10–18 from across South Florida. The 2026 board will include youth selected through The Center program participation and an open application process, with new members inducted each year. Serving one-year terms, members meet quarterly to share feedback, shape programs, and help design experiences created *with* young people, not just *for* them. Along the way, JCDB members gain behind-the-scenes access, special opportunities, creative experiences, and recognition for their leadership, all while building confidence and skills that last well beyond the boardroom.

QUARTERLY CREATIVE HANGOUTS

Junior Creative Director Board meetings are designed to be creative, collaborative, and enjoyable. These are not typical boring meetings. Each gathering takes place at The Center's centrally located Boca Raton offices and is built to feel interactive, hands-on, and welcoming for all ages, and may include:

- **Creative warm-ups** like quick sketch prompts, build challenges, or idea games
- **Hands-on activities** tied to upcoming programs, such as testing materials, naming ideas, or shaping experiences
- **Group brainstorming** where no idea is too small, weird, or unfinished
- **Snacks and refreshments** to keep energy high and conversations flowing



Below is the tentative schedule for JCDB Creative Hangouts. We do our best to plan around school, activities, and jobs, and dates may shift based on feedback. We'll always share confirmed dates at least one month in advance.

Wednesday, April 27, 2026, 6:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, August 24, 2026, 6:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, October 19, 2026, 6:00-7:00pm

MEMBER PERKS



CREATIVE EXPRESSION & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Junior Creative Directors learn to express their creativity and what it means to be a creative leader by:

- Sharing ideas that influence real programs and events
- Helping vote on themes, concepts, or experiences in a fun, age-appropriate way
- Learning how decisions are made behind the scenes
- See how their ideas evolve from concept to real programs



RECOGNITION & VISIBILITY

Junior Creative Directors are recognized for their leadership and contributions through:

- Features in The Center's newsletter
- Spotlights on The Center's social media
- Recognition at select programs or events
- An official Certificate of Service in Creative Leadership after one year of board service



SPECIAL ACCESS & OPPORTUNITIES

Junior Creative Directors may receive:

- Exclusive JCDB newsletter packed with updates, creative prompts, and the occasional feedback survey
- Early access to new programs and ideas
- Priority or reserved spots in select youth programs
- Opportunities to attend events as ambassadors of The Center



OFFICIAL CREATIVE SWAG

Every Junior Creative Director receives a special swag bag filled with creative tools, fun surprises, and a few everyday essentials to support ideas and imagination throughout the year. It's our way of saying welcome and making sure you're ready to jump in from day one.

MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

Being on the JCDB is a responsibility. Members are expected to:

1 ATTEND

- Members are expected to attend meetings **in person** at The Center offices in Boca Raton whenever possible.
 - Exceptions may be made only for illness or other extenuating circumstances.
 - If a member cannot attend a meeting, they must notify the team ahead of time.
 - Repeated no-shows or missed meetings without communication may result in removal from the board.
- Parents or guardians may drop off members for meetings and return for pick-up by **6:50 PM**. Parents may also choose to stay nearby during the meeting.

2 PARTICIPATE

To give helpful feedback, members need to experience programs firsthand.

- Each Junior Creative Director must participate in **at least two Center programs per year**.
 - Programs may include workshops, events, challenges, or exhibitions.
 - Participation ensures feedback is informed, thoughtful, and based on real experiences.

3 SHARE

One of the most important roles of a Junior Creative Director is sharing honest thoughts and ideas. Board members are expected to:

- Share what they liked, what confused them, and what could be better
- Speak up during meetings, surveys, or group discussions
- Listen respectfully when others are sharing their ideas
- Be open and curious about different opinions, ask questions, and remember that it's okay to disagree as long as everyone is kind and respectful
- Share ideas in a helpful and positive way

