

Students attend Spring Break Worldstrides Trip to New York City



Photo submitted

Many local students attend the Green County Schools Worldstrides Trip over Spring Break. While on their trip, students and chaperones were able to visit the Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Station, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, the Broadway Show Hadestown, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Times Square, and the 9/11 museum.

Pros and cons of students working in the school year

Adolescence is marked by various changes, including teenagers' desire to be more independent. Working may be a priority at this stage in life, as teens may find themselves with financial responsibilities, such as money needed for date nights or hobbies, or having to pay for gas and car insurance after getting their driver's license. Some teens may need to contribute financially to their household to help make ends meet.

Working can be a transformative experience for teenagers. The U.S. Department of Labor's Committee on the Health and Safety of Child Labor says having a paying job at some time during high school has become a near-universal occurrence. Some youth begin to work informally at around age 12 by doing odd jobs and babysitting. By the age of 16, adolescents are more likely to have formal jobs with consistent hours. But working comes with certain pros and cons that families must consider, particularly if kids hope to work during the school year.

The pros

The primary draw of adolescent employment is financial independence. Having a job enables teens to earn their own money. That income can be used for their own interests or to save for future expenses. This may be the first time teens learn about money management and



financial responsibility. Another benefit is teens are able to gain work experience. This helps teens develop essential skills like time management, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. Having jobs throughout adolescence can enhance a professional résumé and future job prospects. Work experience also can look good on college applications, as it shows a more well-rounded individual.

Walden University says holding down a job can give teenagers confidence and help them feel more capable. Furthermore, working gives teens something to do, helping to avoid boredom and keeping kids out of trouble.

The cons

Although there are many benefits to working during adolescence, it does come with some down sides. Working may negatively affect academic performance, particularly when teens work too many hours each week. Choosing work over study and homework can cause grades to slip. Working

long hours also may cut into the required eight to 12 hours of sleep most adolescents require to function optimally.

Jobs also may require a significant time commitment, which can cut into hours that could be spent doing other things. Many students must make a choice between employment and sports as both take up considerable chunks of time.

Taking on a job can contribute to stress and burnout for teens who have trouble juggling all of their responsibilities. Working creates a Catch-22 situation where teens need money to socialize, but then have less time to be social. Many teens also work tedious jobs that can spark a less than favorable impression of working.

According to data from ASCD®, a global leader of professional learning resources, research has found that most jobs held by high schoolers do not teach skills that can lead to any kind of career advancement. It may be better to wait to get a job that offers more substance.

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Geronimo Power to present \$10,000 donation to Exie Fire Department

Geronimo Power will present a \$10,000 donation to the Exie Fire Department on Wednesday, April 15, as part of its ongoing engagement with the Green County community.

The check presentation will take place at 5:00 p.m. at the Exie Fire House, located at 8629 Edmonton Rd, Greensburg, KY 42743. Community members are welcome to attend.

The Exie Fire Department was selected in recognition of the important role it plays in protecting and supporting the local community. With strong ties to nearby landowners and the surrounding area, the department is a trusted resource for emergency response, training, and preparedness — and one Geronimo Power is proud to support.

This initiative is being led locally by Joe Leonard, Senior Project Developer, and Noura Hennen, Senior Manager of Project Development.

“Local fire departments are a critical part of keeping communities safe, and we wanted to support the Exie Fire Department in a way that’s both meaningful and practical,” said Joe Leonard, Senior Project Developer at Geronimo Power. “As we continue working in Green County, it’s important to us to invest in the people and organizations that serve this community every day.”

The presentation will include brief remarks, followed by an opportunity for attendees to connect with the team.

As development of the Exie Solar project moves forward, Geronimo Power will continue engaging with local stakeholders and supporting the surrounding community. This donation is one example of that commitment in action.

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