

## **Accomplishments for 2003-05:**

- ✓ The advisory board was divided into sub-committees following goals of the mission statement: recreational/social, leadership/character development, cultural, education/life skills, PR/marketing/policy. The full board met every other month with sub-committees meeting on the off months.
- ✓ A Youth Center logo was designed and approved.
- ✓ Bumpers stickers with the logo and website address were distributed county wide. **[www.dareyouthcenter.org](http://www.dareyouthcenter.org)**
- ✓ A website was designed and up and running by August 2004 with over \$15,000 raised in sponsorship \$\$.
- ✓ New registration policies were established in 2003 and, with the appointment by the BOC of a special task force to look at disciplinary issues for parks and recreation fields and facilities, a Code of Conduct was written and implemented in August 2004 which subsequently reduced the number of disciplinary and supervisory problems.
- ✓ Youth Council coordinated with the Board sub-committees and supervised activities at Youth Center and Wescott Park including: Hangin' with Mr. Cooper, the Spring Fling, Coffee House Express Yourself, Battle of the Bands, 3x3 Basketball Tournament, and child care for the Substance Abuse Forum.
- ✓ Cooking Classes were started in January 2005 whereby local restaurant chefs volunteered their time and expense for teaching kids how to cook certain foods on a monthly basis.
- ✓ Comedy Camp is currently on its second summer where local comedians come and teach kids about comedy.
- ✓ A needs assessment was designed and provided in December 2004 to every student, grades 6-12, in Dare County. Findings were then incorporated into the program planning for the Youth Center. Significant among those were the interest for "more pick-up games" and more organized activities at Wescott Park.
- ✓ Individual forums were held at Manteo Middle School and First Flight Middle School in late Spring 2005 to further determine the needs and desires of the students.