

Lock In Turns Teens Into Mall Rats

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Niles Teen Center staffers still have a few tickets left for their fourth annual Night in the Mall Lock In event at Golf Mill later this month.

Teens will be locked in the mall from Sunday, June 19 at 9:30 p.m. to Monday, June 20 at 7 a.m.

The event kicks-off with DJ's, dancing and snacks at 10 p.m. after teens sign in and stow their sleeping gear.

A new "highly interactive" entertainment company, M&R Music, will put DJ's behind the

wheels of steel.

Unlike in past years, this year's movie, "Paul Blart Mall Cop," will be shown at midnight on a large screen in the mall's hall rather than in the Showplace Theater.

After the movie ends at 1:30 a.m., teens will feast on sub sandwiches and soda provided by Jersey Mike's before competing in hallway relay races.

A group photo in front of a large event banner decorated by teens follows the relay races before the youths embark on more activities including the "free expression" art wall,

video game tournaments, "Guitar Hero," and other activities.

At 4 a.m., teens are free to chill out, get some shuteye or play more games.

As a note to parents, teen center officials said sleeping areas would be segregated by gender.

At 6 a.m., there'll be a breakfast buffet. Teens then pack up and receive goodie bags before the doors are unlocked allowing them to go home.

The lock in has always been one of the teen center's annual highlights since the event's inception.