

Teens Get Job Shadow Day At Old Navy Store

They learn to run cash register, stock the floor, fold sweaters and more.



Tori Hanusiak gives Peter Azzo pointers on customer service when ringing up customers. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)



Danielle Owerko shows Alan and Rachael Chambers an LRT gun, which is used for scanning prices, among other things. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)

Peter Azzo, age 11, smiled politely as he greeted a checkout customer at the Old Navy store in Niles' Four Flags Shopping Center Tuesday.

"Would you like to pay for that with your Old Navy card?" he asked, explaining it came with a 10 percent discount on Tuesdays.

Azzo isn't actually an employee at the store; he's too young to work. He and other Niles Teen Center members were taking part in a job shadow day at the store Tuesday, and catching on fast.

About 10 teens took part in the job shadow day, said Mark Williams, director of the Niles Teen Center.

Old Navy employees, who were volunteering their time, showed them how to scan prices, fold and hang clothing, run the cash register, stock the sales floor and return fitting room items back to the sales floor.

"We did an abbreviated version of the new hire orientation," said Athanaios Zacharopoulos, the store's service and training manager.

The kids learned how to assess a table of clothing, figure out which sizes were missing, and replenish it with stock, he said. They also had to figure out how to return fitting room go-backs using the least number of steps.

Williams, of the Niles Teen Center, said Old Navy approached him several months ago. The company does outreach to youth groups as part of its giving-back mission, he said.

The kids who participated ranged from ages 11 to 14, and Williams said they enjoyed it. He thought it was a positive experience for them.

"This was just great," he said.

Old Navy also gave each teen a snack and a pair of flip flops.



Aneta Aleksandrowicz, left and Cassi Krygowski put away items customers left in the fitting rooms. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)



Milica Radanovic watches as teens Aneta Aleksandrowicz, Helaine Ilacio and Cassi Krygowski organize the fitting room area. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)



Tanya Zaytseva shows Anna Matava, Parisa Abesteh and Emily Ruiz the best way to fold t-shirts. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)



Danielle Owerko points out some information on a store chart to teens Alan and Rachael Chambers. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)



Aneta Aleksandrowicz, from left, Helaine Ilacio and Cassi Krygowski listen to Milica Radanovic, an Old Navy employee, as they learn about working in the fitting room section of the store. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)