

NILES

Teens take over Golf Mill Mall at Niles Teen Center's 2nd annual Night in the Mall Lock-in

Seventy-five teens turned out for more than nine hours of mall madness at the Niles Teen Center's 2nd annual Night in the Mall Lock-in party at [Golf Mill Mall](#).

The overnight party from 9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21 to 7 a.m. Monday, June 22 provided teens with a fun-filled evening of dancing, relay races, game tournaments, a movie on the big screen and plenty of food.

[The Niles Teen Center](#), located in the mall at 373 Golf Mill Center, also offered teens a place to surf the net, play Guitar Hero or just relax.

Mark Williams, Niles Teen Center director, said the event was made possible through a collaborative effort with several local businesses, which donated food, materials and money to help cover costs.

"It's a great event, and this is one of those things that really shows what a great public-private partnership this has become," Williams said. "We rely a lot on the community to put this on."

Golf Mill Mall donated about \$2,000 in materials, and Wal-Mart gave a \$100 gift card to help cover costs.

Meanwhile, the mall's movie theatre offered teens a viewing of "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" for only \$1, and a Niles village employee served as DJ, spinning tunes throughout the night.

McDonalds donated 100 Egg McMuffins and drinks, Subway provided sandwiches and the mall's Shop N Save grocery gave fresh fruit and Danishes.

Despite a full night of activity, most of the teens made it through the night without a need for shuteye.

"I think we only had about six who passed out before morning," he said.

The center also raffled off about \$1,700 in prizes, including White Sox tickets—donated by the club—iTunes gift cards, a Chicago Bears jersey and Chicago Wolves hockey hat.

Local hip-hop musician Andre B also made an appearance, dancing with the teens and signing some autographs.

For more information about the Niles Teen Center, visit www.vniles.com or call Williams at 847-375-8949.

—[Jason Lee](#), Triblocal.com reporter



Group photo of all 75 teens in attendance in front of the "Free Expressions" Art Wall.



Jalen Raya and other teens rest following the conclusion of the Toilet Paper Mummy Race.



While dancing to the music of the DJ, teens pose with local musician Andre B.



Teens attending the lock-in party enjoy appetizers donated by Subway. From front to back Jason Modi, Ajay Negi, Tilak Patel, Datianna Tolbert, all of Des Plaines and Jalen Raya, Joey Schimpf, and Seamus Concannon, all of Park Ridge.