

Our opinion

Help wanted, desperately

A few days ago, we ran an editorial based upon a letter we received from a New Dorp reader. The reader was responding to teen-agers' complaints that there is nothing for them to do in these long summer months. Through an old Dear Abby column, the reader was suggesting that there are plenty of useful things teens can do around their own house.

Unfortunately, because of a tragic event here on Staten Island, we've been able to come up with an even better idea for how teens can occupy their time.

The search for little Jennifer Schweiger of Westerleigh, missing for 10 days now, goes on.

Police have received lots of help from volunteers, but could use much, much more. Every minute that passes may be critical, and the sooner the little girl is found, the sooner her parents, family and friends can let go of the terrible fear they must be carrying now.

Teen-agers who are bored this summer have an obvious way that they can make themselves useful. They can join in the search parties and really make a contribution to a very, very important effort. Even teens who have their days full of beach parties and other summer fun might consider taking a few days from their schedules to help out in the search.

Volunteers of all ages are urged to go to the

firehouse at Jewett and Crowell Avenues (four blocks from Victory Boulevard). The assembly hours are at noon and at 7 p.m.

It's your turn, teen-agers.



Jennifer Schweiger

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