SPACIOUS HIGH-TECH TEEN CENTERS, EXPANDED ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHT CARNIVAL'S POPULAR 'CLUB O2' TEEN PROGRAM

MIAMI – Carnival Cruise Lines, the leader in family cruising carrying 650,000 kids annually, offers a wide range of activities and facilities for children of all ages, including a significant number of teens. To cater to this growing market, the line has created the fleetwide Club O2, designed specifically for the 15-17 age group.

Available on all 22 "Fun Ships," Club O2 was developed in partnership with the Coca-Cola Company and encompasses a variety of programming, as well as teen directors and spacious teen clubs offering a memorable setting for activities or just hanging out.

The 1,000- to 1,800-square-foot teen clubs include a dance floor with a DJ, a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system and large-screen plasma TVs displaying the latest movies and music videos.

There's also a "Coke-tail" lounge where guests can enjoy Coca-Cola products and various non-alcoholic specialty drinks. The rooms are enhanced by a distinctive décor along with plush sofas and comfortable seating.

Select teen clubs also feature a library with popular teen-oriented books and magazines, video game units, 16-monitor "video walls," and "listening stations" where teens can plug in and hear the latest tunes.

The "Club O2" activities begin shortly after teens arrive on board as they attend a "Welcome Aboard" party where they receive a complete listing of the voyage's activities, as well as a variety of promotional materials, including a mesh Club O2 bag.

Then throughout the voyage, teens can enjoy a wide range of activities such as karaoke sessions, nightly themed parties, late-night movies, video game contests, basketball, ping-pong and other sporting events.

Following the latest reality TV craze, games based on "The Bachelor/Bachelorette," "Fear Factor" and "Survivor" are played daily. Activities start in the early afternoon and run well into the evening.

Activities are coordinated by a Club O2 teen director aboard each ship. The fleetwide teen program continues Carnival's efforts at catering to this burgeoning market.

Recent enhancements include the fleetwide Y-Spa program aimed exclusively at older kids and their parents who can enjoy a variety of soothing, luxurious body and facial treatments.

Teens-only shore excursions are also available, providing older kids an opportunity to experience Carnival's exciting destinations together as a group. Outings are accompanied by a member of the teen staff and include such options as cave tubing in Belize, horseback riding in Cozumel, and swimming with stingrays in Grand Cayman.

Other fleetwide amenities popular with teens include 24-hour pizza and ice cream in the poolside restaurants and high-tech arcades featuring the latest video games. Teens can also enjoy a nine-hole miniature golf course on the Imagination, as well as a 270-square-foot outdoor television screen.

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