

Lansing Youth Services
Town Board Report
April 2022

LYS's next meeting will in-person on April 21st at 6pm at All Saints

1. **Monday Makers:** Participants in Monday Makers have been very engaged in projects that they were able to choose and develop week by week. Projects have included drum making and decorating, animal portraits using clay and drawing, clay self-portraits and teaching each other the rainbow loom. The group is excited to make ice cream soon! *13 youth served*
2. **Outdoor Adventure:** Participants in Outdoor Adventure have the goal of creating a large group shelter that can be used for programs in the future. Youth have been busy selecting appropriate pieces of tree limbs for framing with structural integrity. *8 youth served*
3. **Salmon Creekers:** With warming weather, participants have spent a lot of time at the mouth of Salmon Creek. This biology focused program looks at the wildlife we encounter, and youth are working on a guide book. The group is beginning to map out the creek and highlight resources and important spaces. Fishing is right around the corner and youth are excited see what fish the group can record! *8 youth served*
4. **Spaghetti Supper:** After a 2-year hiatus, the largest fundraiser is back, and the students are super excited! Although the format has changed a bit this year to a drive thru format, the group is excited as ever working on decorations and practicing their customer service skills. Learning how to operate a drive thru food service will be practiced and evaluated by students for brainstorming changes for future event planning. *12 youth served*
5. **Youth Employment:** Teens in the Youth Employment program have been very busy at each location. The teens at the Library are moving ahead full steam, Lansing Youth Services assistants have been great and looking for more opportunities. Our ice skating chaperones finished the program strong. *14 youth served*
6. **Upcoming Events:**
 - Spaghetti Supper Drive Thru Fundraiser: April 29, 5-7pm- All Saints Church
 - Lansing Youth Services Fishing Derby: June 18, 7:30am to 11am- Myers Park
7. LYS met on March 17th at All Saints. The group reviewed updates, did planning for the 2022 Youth Needs Assessment, organized for the Spaghetti Supper, and reviewed the CCE Lansing Annual Report.
8. Travis is still working with youth in programming on DEI Statement after sharing the youths' thoughts on who comes to program and why would they want to attend. More information and options will be ready for the commission at the April meeting.

9. Meghan Guerra Lyons (TCYSD Liaison) presented and reviewed the survey questions and edited the survey to fit the needs of Lansing. The survey will be pushed throughout the month of April and at the Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser. We hope the Town will support our efforts and promote the 2022 Lansing Youth Needs Assessment Adult Survey. The link for the survey is: <https://forms.gle/JCHpNAU4WRGxMw899>

QR Code for survey:



10. Meghan has drafted a guideline for Youth Focus Groups. Coordination for this is still on-going.

LYS 2022 Goals:

1. Create orientation packet for new members - outlines of fiscal revenue and funded programs. Set expectations to visit programs/uniform template to monitor programs.
2. Conduct community needs assessment (focus on impacts of the pandemic).
3. Use DEI statement to track metrics and funded programs.
4. Incorporate more youth input at meetings for feedback into program decisions.