

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report June 2025

Make It Mondays: This student designed program provides opportunities for youth to plan activities for upcoming weeks. The group is given a weekly budget, and together, quickly figured out that if they did a “free” week, they could add that money to the next week’s activities. So far, they have planned a (free) movie day and watched “The Croods”. Up next they planned a trip to get donuts as a treat, then go hiking at a local preserve. There was also a high demand for a Wii Day, so some active videogames will be played soon. 10 youth served

Outdoor Adventure: Base Camp: This rendition of Outdoor Adventure is focused on learning camping skills. With the summer camping season approaching, teaching camping skills like hanging a bear bag, tarp set up, useful knots, fires for cooking, safe travel on precarious terrain, and Leave No Trace principals to minimize their impact. This is in hopes of inspiring some of those who have never camped before to get out there and enjoy the stars! 12 youth served

Science on the Shore: This program is new and takes place mainly at Myers Park. The first day was spent at Myers Park documenting as many species as possible, flora and fauna. Some lists were rather extensive, with over 30 species, while others have room to learn more! On the rainy days, the group worked on creating a fish ID guide to learn all the species that are native (and invasive) to Cayuga Lake. The second inside day was spent researching Macroinvertebrates, to prepare for water testing taking place during the next session. 11 youth served

Game On: Game On makes a return to the line up as many students requested to have more games. Some of the students are still working on their game they created in the last round of Gaming Creation. Their rules are extensive, and their artwork is intricate. New games have also made an appearance for this round, like “Taco, Cat, Goat, Cheese, Pizza”, Exploding Kittens, and Ticket To Ride. Cards games are still popular and will be having a “Garbage” tournament with the winner getting a new deck of cards. 10 youth served.

Youth Employment: Youth employees are thriving in their various positions. We have some new faces that are starting positions at the Lansing Public Library with their training and another to start in the near future. Youth Assistants for the afterschool program are working with three programs, and each topic speaks to their strong suit and interests. The last staff meetings have covered sexual harassment in the workplace training, workplace professionalism and etiquette. Summer schedules are being finalized and the teens are excited for some more hours!

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Summer Programs – Sign ups currently open!

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/upcomingSessions.aspx?idCamp=1259&campCode=PC&InkCategory=Lansing+RYS>

Lake Life

7/7 9 AM - 7/10 4 PM

Cardboard Boat Building

7/14 9 AM - 7/17 4 PM

Iron Chef

Monday and Tuesday, 7/21 & 7/22, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Wednesday and Thursday, 7/23 & 7/24 9:00am to 3:00pm

RYS Summer Olympics

7/28 9 AM - 7/31 4 PM

Sky's the Limit!

8/4 9 AM - 8/7 4 PM

Get Lost!

8/11 9 AM - 8/13 3 PM