

**Lansing Youth Services
Town Board Report
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Outdoor Adventure: Outdoor Adventure has finally returned to Salmon Creek and the home base students have been working since last fall. The landscape is new and exciting with many downed trees from a storm and the group has been loving the new shelter environment. The group has made fire with matches and a ferro rod, and cooked tasty treats over the fire. Spring animals have been observed and tracked along Salmon Creek's shore, examples include; raccoon, mink, and some canine tracks. The group also gave a tour of the area to our new Rural Youth Services staff members, and provided lots of laughs along the way! 13 youth served.

“Wing-it” Wednesday’s: “Wing-it” Wednesdays is a new rendition of our student led program. The group gets to plan for the following week and enjoy the fruits of their labor from the week before. So far, students have planned and executed an Ice Cream Sundae day, Board Game day, and an Open Gym day. Future plans from the brainstorming sessions include, but are not guaranteed, or limited to: trip to Florida, meet the cast of Stranger Things, go to The Rink, go to Hawaii (among many other tropical destinations), and collect food donations for people in need. 16 youth served.

Dungeons and Dragons: Dungeons and Dragons now has two Dungeon Masters as the group was too large for one campaign! Participants have been loving their fast character creations this round and have gotten into the journey early. The groups are split based on experience, allowing for beginners to gain experience and the seasoned players to dive deep into their quest. Both Dungeon Masters have catered their campaign well to their respective groups, all while maintaining some cohesiveness between the storylines to allow for occasional combined battles. 15 youth served.

Iron Chef- Italy: Iron Chef - Italy is all about making Italian food for the greater good of the group. The program is focused on preparing for this year's Lansing Youth Services Family Dinner. Participants are making ziti prior to the event to place in freezers, prepping the salad materials, planning for the evening's logistics, and creating decorations for the Lansing Community Center, where the dinner will be held. 16 youth served.

Youth Employment: Youth Employees are wrapping up their Ice-Skating season with the Lansing Recreation Department and setting their sights on the summer. Three assistants have been busy with all Lansing Youth Services programs where Dungeon Masters are in their element, and the teen assistant has been doing great with assisting activities and heading up snack distribution. Two teens are assisting teachers at Lansing High School and the Lansing Public Library group has stayed consistent, with a little variation in schedules due to school sponsored events. 18 youth served.