

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report October 2022

Game On! Game on returned this year with tons of excitement for board and small group games. Participants in Game On play games in the Library of the Middle School. Board games are very popular, as well as construction games. Using Connects, one group made a rocket and created a game akin to the storytelling game where each student has an opportunity to add to the group's story. The group will also be playing small group games outdoors, like badminton, pickleball, Spikeball, and HORSE. 17 youth served.

Outdoor Adventure: Participants in Outdoor Adventure are very excited about our "group camp" construction. With the terrain changing drastically since students were there last Spring, a whole new realm of opportunities are available. Downed trees, an evolving coastline, and a new bridge view has refreshed the space and seems like a whole new wooded area to discover. 5-minute fires are a daily challenge, and improvements are obvious! 13 youth served.

Crafter's Corner: Crafter's Corner is a new program, incorporating daily fun with long term goals. Participants make crafts both for themselves and for the greater common goal of the group, creating high quality crafts to sell at the Lansing Artisan Fair in December. The group has been making Epoxy Resin paperweights and jewelry, Shrink art, paper quilling, stained glass art, and making sculptures out of Celluclay. 17 youth served.

Playscape Planners: Playscape Planners is a program that is in conjunction with the DECA Lab at Cornell, and a very fitting follow up to the PhotoVoice project. Students are looking at their outside green spaces and thinking about what features or potential opportunities could be created for themselves and their peers. Beginning at Myer's Park, participants are excited about dreaming of what their space could be, drawing up plans and working with researchers to flush out ideas and design. Trips to local outdoor spaces are around the corner! 8 youth served.

Youth Employment: Youth Employees have been busy at LYS programs as well as at the Public Library. LYS has an assistant every day, alternating between two awesome employees, with two more waiting to start in the next round of programs. Travis has presented to the Middle School Faculty about opportunities for Youth Employees and he will do the same at the High School to procure new opportunities for youth. 18 youth served.