

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report November 2022

Legos! Legos is back in action and students are extremely excited! The first day consisted of the “Full Sized Food” challenge and students made plates and meals they love to eat. Breakfast seemed to be the favorite with lots of eggs, bacon, and hash browns! Up next are structures, bridges, and the theme park creation using the real Legoland as inspiration. 16 youth served.

Outdoor Adventure: Outdoor Adventure returns with a charged energy for shelter construction as the previous group shared with their peers about what they had made so far. Primitive shelters will be followed by primitive fire making. The group will utilize friction fires via the bow drill, two person drills, hand drills, the Rudiger Roll, and the art of using ferro rods and Magnesium systems. 15 youth served.

Artisan Fair: The Artisan Fair is just around the corner and participants have the event in their sights. The group will make crafts to sell at the fair, which will be staffed by students and youth employees. In addition to some of the holiday themed crafts, the group has also branched out and made other crafts that highlight their skills and passions like preserving fall leaves in resin, making jewelry, canvas art, paper quilling variations, decorations, and dreamcatchers. 15 youth served.

Fun and Field Games: This program is all about playing games outdoors (when possible). With Rural Youth Services receiving a grant, this program made possible through new equipment and storage systems. Games like Spikeball, Kan Jam, Pickleball and Badminton will be taught and have light competitions involved with each. A Geocaching competition will conclude the program with prizes for the winners (and all)! 10 youth served.

Youth Employment: Youth Employees are entering the final stretch of the year and have been rather consistent in all of their placements. Lansing Youth Services has two assistants, two performing lighting and sound duties for the middle school musical, the Library team is going strong and at full capacity! One employee is now assisting in the high school and additional special event coming up will provide some new experiences for the employees! 18 youth served.